

Frankenmuth Conservation Club
Board of Directors Meeting
April 14, 2021

Present: Dennison, Hetzner, Remender, Bickel, Castle, Bennetts, Pickelmann, Kribs, Bamberg, N Palmer, C Palmer, B Blegen, Schultz, Rhodes, Pomaville, J Blegen

Absent: Davidek, Welchli, Krumnauer, Duncan

Guests: Adam Rice, Bill Fischer, Tom Wanless, Jeanna Rogner

Call to Order: Vice President Castle called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Agenda: The agenda was discussed, no additions. Motion to accept agenda made by Bamberg, supported by Schultz. Motion passed.

Minutes: The minutes for March meeting minutes were discussed. Correction to minutes – Youth account should state General account for scholarships. Motion to approve by Bennetts, supported by Kribs. Motion passed.

Treasurer report: No report as Welchli was not in attendance.

New Member Applications: Ten new member applications - Michael Keyes, Cody Moreau, Rex Rushton, Nathan Flynn, Cliff Huff, Brianna Thompson, Brendan Thompson, Wilfred Swartz, Martin Peterson, Frederick Coenen Jr. Motion made by Bennetts to accept new members, supported by Kribs. Motion passed.

Old Business

1. Website Design – Jeanna Rogner from Premier Promotions spoke on the services she can provide, along with the costs. Domain name \$20 – \$40/year; Hosting – \$109/yr; Build new website \$1500 - \$2000. Any additional work/changes she needs to make for us will be billed at \$46/hr. (She keeps a tally of her time then bills). If we use the same information from the current site it would take about 2 months to get up and running. We will be able to look at the progress on a temporary site and see if changes need to be made. She explained how we would use a Google calendar and we would be able to change it anytime. We would have the ability to add credit card payments, registration forms and surveys. A Google form can be imported or Eventbrite. It would be a HTML 5 site so we can send pictures to Jeanna to add to our site. We are able to track hits on the site, visits – from where, new, old, from mobile. SSL – security settings would cost \$99.00. Kim Dennison will be the communications leader to relay questions and such to Jeanna. Bamberg made motion to accept the proposal from Premier Promotions, supported by Hetzner. Motion passed.
Once Smokers are being held have Jeanna come and explain the new website.

2. Scholarships - Norm reported that the committee met and accepted a total of 6 applicants. Three were from Frankenmuth High School (there were a total of 5 applications) and three were from colleges. Total \$3900.00, \$650 to each. Norm will be present the certificates at the High School on Honors Night by video.

3. Facebook – Bill Althaus is not interested in running the Facebook page. Chris Palmer agreed to monitor and post as he has access to the gmail account.

Committee Reports

Grounds – None. Bamberg reported there were plenty of targets.

Shoot House – Castle reported on Friday night shoots. Ammo is still an issue. Regulars are coming out but not new members due to lack of ammo. May 4th Fox Club starts, every Tuesday night through June 8th from 4p – 6p. Tuesday Night shooting is also back for 6 weeks from 6p – 8p. Only trap, wobble and 5-stand. DEA needs to change the August 16th date to August 9th. ATF requested range for September 9th from 8a – 4p. Bennetts made a motion to accept the dates, Schultz supported. Motion passed.

Kitchen – None

Cook – None

Scholarship – Chris Palmer is now on the committee.

Clubhouse – Bennetts reported the post was replaced and will be painted. Not changing lights at this time. Schultz reported on the parking lot sealing. He got a quote from Norton Sealcoating in Bay City. They would do the Shoot house first, asphalt patch for \$1560.00. The remainder of the parking lot would be completed for \$6250.00, cracks filled with cold patch and filled with rubber. Striping included. Should last 6 – 7 years. Bennetts mentioned sealing around posts and concrete pads. It could be broken up into 3 sections to split the cost. Bart Blegen mentioned getting a 2nd bid, possible 3rd. Table until May meeting. Remender stated he would donate \$50.00 to parking lot sealing.

Raffle – Chris Pickelmann reported on the raffle tickets. 380 sold out of 700. 275 tickets are out for sale, 45 not distributed. Get those sold back to him ASAP. Post on Facebook and send email stating tickets still available and can be purchased at Reinert & Bender.

New Business

Bill Fischer requested dates for Hunter Safety Field Days. Those that have completed the online class now need to complete field day to get certificate. There is a backlog of students needing field days. Requesting two days – May 15th and 22nd. Will have around 50 - 75 students in the morning and afternoon. Would use the Clubhouse, front lawn and 1 skeet field. May 15th is open but the 22nd is reserved for Shelley. Bill will check with Shelley to see if they are able to work around each other.

Tom Wanless with Department of Natural Resources Recreational Education requested use of facilities and up front area to run field days in 4 hour blocks. He is still gathering information and has no specific dates. They will provide staff with volunteers and clean up. He could do nights but Saturday and Sunday would work best. Pickelmann made a motion to approve Fischers dates conditional to Shelley and Wanless coming back with dates, supported by Bennetts. Motion passed.

Bamberg reported on club mowing. The person mowing last year is no longer interested. He received several bids for cut only from \$180 to \$270. Lowest bid at \$4320 for the year. Bids include the 200 yard line and side of building. Castle received quotes on commercial lawnmowers from \$8000 - \$15,000 (passed out info sheet). Lowe's has one for \$4000 but it is not commercial. Schultz mentioned price of gas, a mowing crew with members and the cost of maintenance if we decided to purchase our own. Kribs mentioned Al Weiss, a member may donate something toward a mower if we decided to purchase. Jon Blegen made a motion to accept Paradise Lawn bid of \$180/mow and discuss other options later, Bamberg supported. Motion passed. Bamberg will contact them. There was a discussion on paying someone not licensed to mow but they would need a license and insurance.

Castle mentioned that Duck Sprowl has a 60" finish mower that can attach to tractor, he is willing to sell for \$800. Many questions were raised, Jon Blegen asked to have Duck bring out to the club to be looked over. Castle will contact him.

Schultz will teach CPR class for the cost of the cards. August 11th after the BOD meeting will be the one hour recertification class.

Discussed Smokers starting back up in September if we can meet at full capacity. Need to look at getting things ready for start up.

Norm Palmer mentioned pistol raffles – are we going ahead with. If so, Russell will need to get permits. Decided to hold off, if we do have September Smoker there will be no raffle.

Discussed requesting agencies that use the range to leave the brass for the club. Castle stated the BOD needs to make a motion/policy for this to happen.

Correspondence – None

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Pickelmann and supported by Bart Blegen to adjourn. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kimberly Dennison
Secretary