

VIKING SPORTSMEN MINUTES January 19, 2012

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Hoskins Mark Anderson Belinda Wink Jim Stratton Glen Wink Barb Wittmer

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Jim Baxter Roger Wittmer Todd Lanners Gene Sullivan Dwain Schuette
Bill Maynard Gregg Baxter Stephen Henry Syl Schmidt, Jr Mike Moore

Others in Attendance: 15 members were also in attendance at our annual meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Steve Hoskins

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion by Jim Baxter to approve minutes as printed, seconded by Roger Wittmer. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Checking	Thrivent General Fund	Habitat Day	Special Projects
\$21,018.09	\$0.00	\$2,159.71	\$39,942.00

Junior Vikings	Prudential Scholarship	Engelbrecht Scholarship	Property Fund CD
\$1,000.00	\$7,711.86	\$44,184.74	\$18,990.83

Jim went over the report done by Lee Hockert year-end financial report. Motion by Roger Wittmer to accept treasurers' report and pay bills, seconded by Gregg Baxter. Motion passed.

Denise Jorud – Milona Science Magnet School was here to request a donation to help with advertising of an event taking place on February 18th, fishing fun for everyone. First 100 kids can make their own ice fishing “juggle stick.” There will be training on how to tie a fishing knot, ice safety and fish identification.

Theresa Schmidt came to see if there were any service projects the 4-H shooting park kids could do for the community. She can be contacted at 320.760.3764

OLD BUSINESS

- ⇒ Highlights from the committees for the year
- ⇒ Fishing Piers/docks/fish stocking – Gene Sullivan ½ of the chain is stocked; trouble trapping fish, Darling is next. Hold off until spring or warm weather. Will be done before fry stocking.
- ⇒ Bemo Pond – Mark Anderson Sign still needs to be put up, Roger will work on it.
- ⇒ Senior fishing day – Gene Sullivan was out of town during this but Jim Baxter and Kevin Weisel took over to work with Arlene on this project. This year was a big success again, thanks to all the volunteers. Served about 400 people this year. Event is scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday in July 2012.
- ⇒ Jr. Viking Sportsmen – Mark Anderson & Todd Lanners Habitat day is Saturday February 18th at the Viking Plaza Mall. Everyone welcome to come out, there will be wood duck and bluebird houses to build and various other things for the public to do. Garfield Truss will again cut the wood duck house for the event and ATC will cut the bluebird houses. There are about 40 JV's at most meetings. JV's will again be building nesting platforms and putting them out.
- ⇒ Land Acquisition – Bill Maynard reported we are not currently pursuing anything. The building site at Art Engelbrecht WMA has been taken down being restored back to nature.
- ⇒ Property Maintenance – There are a few situations that need to be taken care of, the sign on the Emily Johnson property is tipped over.
- ⇒ Pheasant release – Pheasant counts are down, we have had 2 bad winters and 2 wet springs. Working on food plots in both the Roger Holmes and Art Engelbrecht WMA's.

- ⇒ Wildlife Conservation Award – 2011 recipient was John Esbjornsson, will be working on this years recipient, if you have someone in mind contact Mark Anderson, Steve Henry, Dwain Schuette or Cliff Emmert.
- ⇒ Art Engelbrecht Scholarship/ Banke Scholarship – Bill reported last year’s winners of the scholarships; Bill Banke scholarship recipient was Danielle Parkin and the Art Engelbrecht scholarship recipient was Bob Guetter, Jr. Applications for both scholarships are available online at vikingsportsmen.org; closing date is March 1 so we can give the Art Engelbrecht scholarship at our banquet. Both recipients will be announced at honors night in June at the school.
- ⇒ Kid’s food plot – Dwain Schuette, Glen & Belinda Wink reported there were 96 kids participating this year with 225 acres of standing crop. Working on the kid’s food plot banquet.
- ⇒ Firearm safety – Class sizes are down 45% in the last 10 years due to the fact that students can now take the course online. Alexandria does not off the all day field day required for those who take the course online. Courses will again be offered this spring. There will be a class in February in Miltona.
- ⇒ Fair Booth – Fair attendance was good but sales of Ice Fishing Challenge tickets were down this year. Sold some Fish stocking hats, and answered questions. It takes 30-35 people to run the booth during the fair.
- ⇒ Habitat Day – February 18, 2012 at Viking Plaza Mall.
- ⇒ Ice Fishing Challenge – Turn in your raffle tickets to Barb by the 26th of January. Brainerd moved their contest to the same date as our. Check with Steve Hoskins or Steve Henry about volunteering for this year. Steve will be setting up an area in the mall to sell tickets the next couple of weekends, if you can help, contact him.
- ⇒ Conservation Grants Committee – Lessard Sams Legacy Grants: Kevin, Chuck and Steve Henry went to Fergus Falls and met with Shawn Papon USFW to see about how to get started. Habitat work on private land programs – set amount of dollars spent. 70-90 million given out through grant applications. Conservation partner grants (small grants). Looking for projects to partner with brainstorm projects Federal waterfowl projects, private lands. Conservation easements. There is a project west of Inspiration Peak by Spitzer Lake, donated to land truss native grass, Tim Cullen’s land, this is a 10-15 thousand dollar project to restore to native grasses. No money from our group, just apply for the grant. We get funds, pay contractor, private lands; we would be applicant to restore land back. Public land also needs work, apply for money for seed mix and prep work; we would provide match funds of 10% in kind.
- ⇒ Banquet – Jim Baxter banquet will be March 29th at the Holiday Inn. Meeting Tuesday night January 24th, 5:30 Bemo building. We will be going over the arrangements for the banquet. Permit is at City Hall now for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

- ⇒ Election of Board of Directors: Up for re-election: Belinda Wink, Dwain Schuette, Dale Flesner, Arlene Bosek, Curt Flesner, Mike Moore and Jim Baxter. Dale would like to step down at this time. Mike Moore would also like to step down at this time. Jim Baxter nominated Chuck Kaley and Roger Wittmer nominated DeWayne Bisek, motion by Steve Henry to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot, seconded by Mark Anderson, motion passed. Welcome Chuck and DeWayne.
- ⇒ Round Table report – Steve Henry talked about legislature funding, Chuck Bokinskie reported that there is a need for raising license fees to help operation capital. Chuck would also like the new commissioner to speak in Alexandria and invite neighboring sportsmen groups.
- ⇒ Request for donation from Parkers Prairie Sportsmen for their banquet in February. Motion by Mark Anderson to donate \$500.00, seconded by Chuck Bokinskie. Motion passed.
- ⇒ Barb Wittmer moved to donate \$250 to Miltona Science Magnet School to help with the advertising for their fun fishing day, seconded by John Peshek. Motion passed.
- ⇒ 4-H request for a service project, ideas were brought up that they could possibly take over the upkeep at the Lake Geneva pier. We will see what is involved and if it is something they could do.
- ⇒ Steve Henry moved to partner with USFW for grant, seconded by Mark Anderson. Steve will be the contact person. Motion passed.
- ⇒ Thanked the cooks for this evening’s meal.

Motion to Adjourn by Jim Baxter, seconded by Gregg Baxter. Motion passed.

Mark introduced out guest speaker Larry Martin from USFW services in Fergus Falls

Respectfully submitted
Barb Wittmer
Secretary

Next meeting February 16, 2012 Bemo Building

Eddy's Interlachen Inn will be serving tonight's meal. Please support the business that help and support us.

FYI – Upcoming Events

Habitat Day – February 18, 2012

Banquet - March 29, 2012

Please bring in your donations. Thank you.

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Meeting Agenda for February 16, 2012

Call meeting to order

Introduce guests

Secretary's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

Old Business:

- I. Ice Fishing Challenge
- II. Annual Banquet

New Business:

- I. Election of Officers
- II. Lauren Engebretson empty bowls project
- III. Donate the electrical equipment used in past IFC to diesel mechanics at ATC

Adjourn