

VIKING SPORTSMEN MINUTES January 20, 2011

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Anderson Belinda Wink Jim Stratton Glen Wink Barb Wittmer

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Jim Baxter Roger Wittmer Curt Flesner Todd Lanners
Bill Maynard Gregg Baxter Arlene Bosek Stephen Henry
Gene Sullivan Syl Schmidt, Jr.

Others in Attendance: 22 members were also in attendance at our annual meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Mark Anderson

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion by Gregg Baxter Bosek to approve minutes as printed, seconded by Arlene. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Checking \$3,981.56	Thrivent General Fund \$5,002.53	Habitat Day \$2,156.71	Engelbrecht Scholarship CD \$3,595.51
Prudential Scholarship \$8,833.95	Property Fund CD \$8,460.81	Property Fund CD \$1,756.00	Engelbrecht Scholarship \$43,403.81

Ice Fishing Challenge \$114,226.19

Jim went over the report done by Lee Hockert year-end financial report. Gene gave report on fish stocking account, and Bill Maynard reported on the Engelbrecht Scholarship account.

Motion by Jim Baxter to accept treasurers' report and pay bills, seconded by Roger Wittmer. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- ⇒ Highlights from the committees for the year
- ⇒ Fishing Piers/docks/fish stocking – Gene Sullivan 5,267 pounds of fingerlings were released in 16 lakes including the chain.
- ⇒ Bemo Pond – Mark Anderson No longer used for rearing bass, it is being used as a sediment pond for run off of County Rd 42 to help keep Lake Darling clean.
- ⇒ Senior fishing day – Arlene Bosek This year was a big success again, she thanked all the volunteers. About 150 seniors went fishing, served about 400 people this year. Event is scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday in July 2011.
- ⇒ Land Acquisition – Bill Maynard reported we are not currently pursuing anything, two properties have been finished up. Work on the Roger Holmes WMA is being done, 250 acres seeded into natural grasses. The building site at Art Engelbrecht WMA has been taken down being restored back to nature.
- ⇒ Junior Viking Sportsmen – Mark Anderson reported it is going well; they have had some great speakers. The numbers are down but have a great group of young people. Habitat day in 2010 was a success and they are planning for the 2012 Habitat day. Working with Pioneer Heritage on the Hen House project.
- ⇒ Property Maintenance – We are still in the process of turning over some of the properties to the state.
- ⇒ Pheasant release – As of tonight we have received about 900.00 to help feed the pheasants, corn will be going out into feeders on Saturday. Viking Sportsmen helped to put in two food plots this year, one on the Roger Holmes WMA and one on the Engelbrecht WMA.
- ⇒ Wildlife Conservation Award – Steve Henry reported that the committee will meet to decide who will get this year's award. If you have suggestions contact Steve Henry.
- ⇒ Art Engelbrecht Scholarship/ Banke Scholarship – Bill Maynard ratified \$1,000 for this year's Engelbrecht scholarship. Applications for both scholarships are available online at vikingsportsmen.org, closing date is March 10 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 was not here tonight but is working on this year's kid's food plot banquet, good job to all who participate.
- ⇒ Firearm safety – Gus reported the date has been set for the classes this year. Feb 28th is the start date, check with Community Ed. We use the indoor range at the Technical College for our final day.

- ⇒ Fair Booth – Belinda Wink stated that a lot of people came through the building where we are and we sold raffle tickets for the Ice Fishing Challenge, also sold clothing for the fish stocking and picked up a few new members. Thanks to all who helped again this year at the fair booth.
- ⇒ Habitat Day – Habitat day in 2010 was a success. No habitat day in 2011 will be doing it again in 2012.
- ⇒ Ice Fishing Challenge – Glen and Belinda Wink, in 2010 about 2300 people fished. This year we are having it on Lake Agnes and going to all cash prizes. Date is February 12, 2011. Outdoor life has the top 10 fishing contests listed; Ice Fishing Challenge is #9.
- ⇒ Conservation Grants Committee – Will be meeting to see what projects we can get involved with.
- ⇒ Banquet – Jim Baxter banquet will be March 31st at the Holiday Inn. We are on track to having a great banquet, prizes to be turned in at next meeting. We will continue to meet.
- ⇒ Mike Shelden thanked the Viking Sportsmen for their help with the Log into Lakes project this past year, he also thanked the group for frying fish for the students and teachers.

NEW BUSINESS

- ⇒ Election of Board of Directors: Up for re-election: Chad Weisel, Jerry Krebs, Cliff Emmert, Syl Schmidt Jr., Stephen Henry, Mark Anderson & Roger Wittmer. Chad and Jerry have asked to step down from the board. Kevin Weisel and Gus Gustafson have agreed to take the positions. Motion by Roger Wittmer to cast a unanimous ballot for Kevin and Gus, seconded by Jeff Parkin. Motion passed. Welcome Kevin and Gus.
- ⇒ Round Table report – Chuck Bokinskie reported that there is talk of raising license fees, zebra mussels a real problem. Jim Stratton spoke about the clean waters part of the Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council needs an advisory board. Also touched on the U of M 25 year plan, ground water and the ditch law. Kevin said it was his first year there and sat in on a few sessions. They all agree Education not Legislation is the key.
- ⇒ Request for a donation from Ground Water Festival. Motion by Arlene Bosek to donate \$250.00, seconded by Roger Wittmer. Motion passed.
- ⇒ Request for donation from Parkers Prairie Sportsmen for their banquet in February. Motion by Syl Schmidt, Jr. to donate \$500.00, seconded by Arlene Bosek. Motion passed.
- ⇒ Thanked the cooks for this evenings meal.

Motion to Adjourn by Arlene, Bosek, seconded by Jeff Parkin. Motion passed.

Bill Maynard introduces our speaker Major Roger Tietz who serves as the DNR Enforcement Specialized Operations Manager.

Respectfully submitted
 Barb Wittmer
 Secretary

Next meeting February 17, 2011 Bemo Building

FYI – Upcoming Events

Banquet March 31, 2011

Please bring in your donations so we can begin getting the program book ready. Thank you.

Steve Henry asked me to put in here to have our members start thinking of \$5,000 to 50,000 projects that we could be applying for.

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Meeting Agenda for February 17, 2011 7:00 PM

Call meeting to order

Introduce guests

Secretary's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

Old Business:

- I. Ice Fishing Challenge
- II. Annual Banquet

New Business:

- I. Request from Pioneer Public TV
- II. Election of officers
- III. Stephen Henry – Grants from the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund
- III. Volunteer to serve next months meeting

Adjourn

Speaker