

VIKING SPORTSMEN MINUTES December 16, 2010

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Baxter Bill Maynard Steve Henry Cliff Emmert Curt Flesner
Gregg Baxter Roger Wittmer Dwain Schuette Todd Lanners Arlene Bosek
Dale Flesner Syl Schmidt, Jr.

Guests Present: Paul Hanson, Chuck Nettetstad, Chuck Kaley, Jeff Parkin, Gus, DeWayne Bisek, Kevin Weisel, Ron Hoffman and Mark Dybdal.

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

Gus introduced Jeff Parkin to the group.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roger moved to accept the secretary's report, seconded by Gregg. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Checking	\$5,221.65	Thrivent General Fund	\$5,002.53
Habitat Day	\$2,159.71	Property Fund CD	\$8,460.81
Engelbrecht Scholarship CD	\$42,390.19	Prudential	\$8,833.95
Jr. Viking Account	\$3,701.06	Engelbrecht Scholarship CD	\$3,595.51
Fish Stocking Account	\$18,764.83	Ice Fishing Challenge	\$114,226.19

Jim Stratton stated that in order for the bills to be paid the person charging needs to mark on the invoice what it was for (e.g. Habitat Day, Hides Program or banquet)

Jim Baxter moved to approve treasurer's report and pay bills, seconded by Steve Henry. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Thanked Jim Stratton for showing us the canoe that his Ventures Boy Scout group is working on.
- Status on stopping the automatic payment from the Prudential account. Nothing new at this time, Bill Maynard will meet with Dale about this.
- Pheasant Hunt – Membership drive. There were 16 hunters and they had a great time hunting. Lunch was served after and a brief explanation of what we do as a club was given to those present.
- Ice Fishing Challenge update – Glen passed around the volunteer list from last year to have people sign up for this year, we still need help with this event. Push the raffle tickets. There are going to be some events on ice for the kids before the challenge begins.
- Annual meeting – meeting will be at the Elk's Lodge on Thursday January 20, 2011. Social will begin at 5:30 with dinner and speaker to follow. Mark Anderson reported our speaker this year will be Roger Tietz.
- Banquet – Jim Baxter went over what has been done to date, solicitation letters are going out on the 20th, and members have their lists from last year to begin getting donations.
- Ideas for additional fundraising – the property committee has been looking at the excess stuff we have in the back room along with the prints that were donated to us. They would like to sell these things maybe on e-bay or Craigs list. Roger moved the property committee sell said items, seconded by Jim Baxter. Passed

NEW BUSINESS

- Annual Meeting – Elks Lodge, Thursday January 20, 2011. Directors up for re-election to the board are: Chad Weisel, Jerry Krebs, Cliff Emmert, Syl Schmidt, Jr. Stephen Henry, Mark Anderson and Roger Wittmer. Chad has said he would like to step down as director.
- DNR Round Table is January 7 & 8 at the Earl Brown Center in the cities, there will be 3 sessions to attend, fisheries, wild life and environmental. Arlene Bosek, Steve Henry and Kevin Weisel would like to attend this year and represent Viking Sportsmen.
- Pheasant feeding – We talked about the need to feed pheasants as there is quite a bit of snow out there this year. The cost of corn is \$5.93/bushel and at this time there is no money in the budget for feeding. If anyone wants to purchase the corn, we have feeders available. Contact Roger Wittmer 320.760.9096
- Future speakers – Mark Anderson is setting up speakers for our meetings.

Arlene Bosek moved to adjourn, seconded by Jeff Parkin. Motion passed.

Guest Speaker – Mark Dybdal - Natural Resources Conservation Service spoke on the farm bill out there to help promote conservation of land and water. There are a variety of programs for the farmers and people who own land in our county. Reinvest in MN – Wetlands Reserve Program (RIM-WRP), Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) were some of what he spoke of, if you missed this and are interested in any of the programs available you can contact Mark at 900 Robert Street NE, Suite 102 Alexandria, MN 56308 320.763.3191 Ext. 3

Next meeting January 20, 2011

Elk's Lodge 115 15th Ave W.

5:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting, Speaker

FYI – Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting – January 20, 2011

Ice Fishing Challenge – February 12, 2011

Banquet – March 31, 2011

Speaker for annual meeting is Major Roger Tietz who serves as the DNR Enforcement Specialized Operations Manager. He grew up in New Prague Minnesota starting with the DNR Enforcement Division in 1982. He started as a field Conservation Officer, promoting to a district supervisor, standards and training manager, as well as the regional manager in Bemidji before accepting his present position. He presently lives with his wife and son Nicholas in Baxter, Minnesota.

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