# **Membership Meeting Minutes**



April 4, 2024

## **Officers Present:**

Vicky Diller – President Dick Jackson – Vice President Rocky Narney – Treasurer Joe Riddle – Secretary

## **Trustees Present:**

John Faber, BealTraister, Fred Blevins, Clint Fryman (proxy)

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- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vicky Diller with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 29 members and guests present.
- 2. Last month's Membership Meeting Minutes were posted to the BWCC Website. There were no questions or concerns raised regarding last month's meeting minutes.
- 3. The Treasurer's Report for March was read and approved. See attachment for report.

# 4. Membership Updates

- 4..1. New Full Member(s)
  - 4..1.1. Scott Bell
- 4..2. New Probationary Member(s)
  - 4..2.1. None
- 4..3. New Member Applicant(s)
  - 4..3.1. Vincent Alessi
- 4..4. Updated Membership Numbers
  - 4..4.1. 34 Club Veterans
  - 4..4.2. 22 Life Members
  - 4..4.3. 122 Full Members
  - 4..4.4. 13 Probationary Members
  - 4..4.5. 135 Total Dues Paying Members (53.3% In District)
  - 4..4.6. 15 Openings
- Probationary Members are encouraged to become familiar with the BWCC website (<u>https://www.bigwalnutcc.com/</u>), the BWCC Facebook Page, the Club Bylaws, Range Rules, and upcoming Club events and to sign up for any of the free Learn to Shoot and Fishing Programs.

## 6. Committee Reports

- 6..1. Wednesday Skeet (Rick)
  - 6..1.1. Shooting depends on the weather. Things seem to be picking up. Rick thinks we're going to have a good year.
- 6..2. Sunday Skeet and 5-Stand (Roger)
  - 6..2.1. No report. Good turn outs in March. 67 rounds in March.
- 6..3. Trap (Rocky, John Faber)
  - 6..3.1. 34 rounds last Thursday. Trap machine seems to be working better since John's last repair a couple of weeks ago.
- 6..4. Thursday 5-Stand
  - 6..4.1. Doing OK
- 6..5. **Sporting Clays** (Ben & Vince)
  - 6..5.1. Pretty good. The weather slowed things down a little in March.
- 6..6. **Conservation** (Dick)
  - 6..6.1. No report.
- 6..7. **Grounds** (Randy/Jackson/Faber)
  - 6..7.1. Going to start getting busy when things dry out.
- 6..8. **Pond** (John R/ Don)
  - 6..8.1. Would like to stock minnows. Grant money will not pay for minnows.
- 6..9. **Grants** (Doug, Larry, Felecia)
  - 6..9.1. The Learn-to-shoot and fishing events have been submitted and we should hear about approval in July.
  - 6..9.2. We asked for just under \$14,000 to cover 6 events.
  - 6..9.3. We have a new grant event called Outdoors Quick Response Triage
- 6..10. **Communications** (Doug, Larry, Felecia)
  - 6..10.1. No report.
- 7. We still have some **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BWCC hats** left. If anyone needs a hat, please see Vicky or Joe R.
- 8. The proposed **Bylaws revisions** have been sent out for all members. Vicky read the proposed Bylaw revisions which will be voted on at our April Membership Meeting. There was some discussion about the annual dues amount and the cost of Life Membership, but no one expressed any concerns about the proposed revisions.
- 9. The Trustees have approved the sponsorship of two high school students, Quinn Nine and Troy Blair at \$450 per student for the **Camp Canopy Program** again this year.
- 10. Vicky, John, Tim, and Matt attended the recent **Trenton Township meeting** for residents. The township is planning to update/revise their 20-year-old master plan. There did not seem to be any issues or concerns for the Club. Nothing they discussed will affect the Club.
- 11. Tonight was our first re-established Range Safety Orientation. The next one will

be at the July Monthly Meeting at 6:30pm. Another will be held before the October meeting at 6:30pm.

- 12. The **July Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9**<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflicting with the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.
- 13. Aaron Dickerson has volunteered to conduct an Outdoors Quick Response Triage Class (aka, "Stop the Bleed" emergency first aid class) to address accidental gunshot wounds. The first class is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> and will only be offered to the Club Learn-to-Shoot Instructors. Future classes may be scheduled to include other Club Members if we receive the requested ODNR Grant funding.
- 14. Larry Sheppard's son is proposing an **Eagle Scout Project** at no cost to the Club. They will meet with Vicky and other Club Members this Saturday to discuss options for the project. They may consider permanent bench(es), a warming fire pit near the Clubhouse, repairing one of the rifle sighting benches, etc.
- 15. Ben is interested in establishing and maintaining **bee hives** on Club property. The hives will probably be located close to the NE corner of the property away from most activities.
- 16. The first **Youth Trap Team** shoot was yesterday, Wednesday 4/3 at 5:30PM. We are assuming the trap machine worked properly.
- 17. August 24<sup>th</sup> has been set for the **Club's annual picnic** more information to come.
- 18. Rob suggested they we will need professional help to drain the "Sporting Clays Pond". We probably need a power auger to clear the drainpipe. Members to investigate it again as the grounds dry up.
- 19. Warren requested that the **lighting in the parking lot** be upgraded. Apparently, lighting was eliminated when the power line went underground, and a power pole was removed. Rob suggested that we add exterior lighting to the clubhouse when we repair the clubhouse eves and siding. Vicky to regenerate a workday schedule and wish list.
- 20. The proposed **Bylaw Revisions** as prepared by the Bylaws Committee, as approved by the Trustees, as distributed to membership for review, and as presented and discussed in previous meetings were brought to a vote and were accepted unanimously.

# 21. Upcoming events:

• Learn to Shoot – Trap, April 6, 2024 – Free Event

- Learn to Shoot Skeet, April 20, 2024 Free Event
- Fly Fishing for Beginners, April 27, 2024 Free Event
- Learn to Shoot Sporting Clays, May 4, 2024 Free Event
- o Learn to Shoot Intro to Rifle, May 11, 2024 Free Event
- Learn to Shoot Intro to Safe Pistol, May 25, 2024 Free Event
- Youth Fishing Derby June 2024 All ages welcome Free Event
- More info and signup links on the website on the Events page: <u>https://www.bigwalnutcc.com/?page\_id=1932</u>

## 22. Other Events:

## 8th Annual Women's Outdoor Weekend

Mid-May 2024 - 3 Day Event (Friday Evening until Sunday after Breakfast) Fairfield County Bird Dog Club in Ohio 6621 Miller Siding Rd., Rushville, Ohio, 43150 Registration Required, No Fee. -more to come

- 23. **Members who are active on social media** are encouraged to share information about the Club and the Club events to help increase awareness and participation in the Club's Programs.
- 24. **Close of Meeting**: There being no other business, a motion was duly made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM.

THESE MINUTES REPRESENTS MY UNDERSTANDING OF THAT WHICH SHOULD BE RECORDED. IF CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE, PLEASE PROVIDE COMMENTS SO THAT AN ACCURATE RECORD CAN BE MAINTAINED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL.

Submitted on April 5, 2024, by Joe Riddle, (404) 354-5531, jriddle5510@gmail.com

ATTACHMENT

# **BWCC Treasure's report for March 2024**

### **Check Book**

\$1,729.48 Beginning Balance Deposits \$700.00 Wed. Skeet \$170.00 Trap \$335.00 Sunday Skeet \$743.00 Sunday Spt.Clays \$280.00 5 Stand \$69.00 Kitchen \$1,275.00 Dues \$11.00 Shells \$75.00 Keys \$0.00 Donations \$3,658.00 Total Deposit for month 
 Total Credits
 \$3,658.33

 Total Debits
 \$410.77

 Change
 \$3,247.56

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\$71.25 Total spent in petty cash in March

### Expenses

AEP
Service fee
Direct to petty cash
NAPA charge account
Trap parts, Faber

\$407.77 Total Checking Expenses for month \$4,979.71 Current Balance

### Savings

\$47,993.94 Beginning Balance

### Deposits

\$0.00 Wed. Skeet \$0.00 Trap \$0.00 Sunday Skeet \$0.00 Sunday Spt. Clays \$0.00 Kitchen \$0.00 Dues \$0.00 Shells \$0.33 Interest \$0.00

### Kitchen

\$44.40 Expenses <u>\$69.00</u> Income \$24.60 Total Gained

\$132,970.98 Total in Both Accounts

\$0.33 Total Deposit for month

### \$3.00 Service fee \$47,991.27 Current Balance

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