

**2019 ANNUAL FISH AND GAME CLUB MEETING
FEBURARY 19TH 6:30 p.m. LOWER LEVEL LIBRARY**

Call to order by Treasurer Greg Eichten.

Introductions.

Reading of the Secretary's report, Quint Lohse.

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Agenda items:

1. High School Trap Team-Mike Lisowski.
2. League Trap Teams.
3. Mower maintenance-Steve Prinsen.
4. New club house sign-T.J. Schroeder.
5. Paint club house potty.
6. Dumpster for club trash.
7. New or repair club grill.
8. Shooting hour's signs-Ryan Forbes.
9. Mole elimination.
10. 3-D shoots dates-Brad Stephans.
11. Electronic membership sign-up.
12. Firearm safety and club clean up dates.
13. Mowing, Thursday trap/wobble schedules-Quint Lohse, Mike Lisowski, Ryan Forbes.
14. Any new agenda items.
15. Election of 2019 officers and board members.

Attending meeting: Quint Lohse, Steve Prinsen, Greg Eichten, Ryan Forbes, Mike Fryer T.J. Schroeder, Steve Schmit, Brad Stephans.

Treasurer Greg Eichten called the meeting to order in place of President Dave Lawson who was unable to attend this meeting.

The secretary's reading of the last annual meeting and recent board meeting were waved as most members in attendance were at those meetings. Memberships for 2018 totaled 348 paid members which included the High School Trap Team and the Chatfield Police Department which are granted paid memberships by the club.

Greg gave the treasurer's report showing \$16,461.20 in checking, \$5,786.68 in savings and \$4430.50 in CD's. Thanks to all members for continued support of our club. The port-a-potty billing was discussed and a reminder to everyone that we purchased the unit at the rifle range from On Site Sanitation so the club now owns both units.

Mike Lisowski was unable to attend the meeting but sent the High School trap schedule to the officers and board members on 2-20. The season will start 3-31 with two practice weeks and end 5-26. The introduction and sign up meeting was held at the High School recently and students have until March 2nd to register. Shooting will be held on Sundays starting at 1 P.M. (except Easter) and Thursdays starting at 6:30 P.M. A detailed list of all shooting dates will be posted on the club's web site at www.chatfieldfishandgame.club. The rifle range will be closed during these hours, the pistol (short range) and archery range will remain open. As always during the summer, **CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR ACTIVITIES BEFORE GOING TO THE CLUB.**

It is assumed the club will have at least one trap team in the Southeast Minnesota league that will be funded by the club. Ryan will order two pallets of birds to supplement our existing 1 ½ pallets. If anyone is interested in starting a new team to shoot in this league (maximum ten people), contact Quint for details.

Steve Prinsen again volunteered to take care of getting the mower maintenance completed by St. Joe's implement. He also can be contacted for training of any new mow team member. These details will all be posted on the mow schedule when it is put together for this year.

T.J. got two estimates for a new club house sign replacing the existing 4X10 now on the south side of the club house. Both estimates run in the 750.00 dollar range and it was decided to table this item till the next board meeting when we hope to have more estimates.

The club is still looking for a volunteer who has a paint sprayer to sand and paint the port-a-potty located by the club house. This unit should be painted green to match the club house and the unit by the rifle range. Let Quint know if you are interested in taking on this project.

It was decided to place a dumpster in the parking lot for all club trash, please use this unit. Trash will be picked up the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. If you notice a trash can in the club house or on the ranges that needs emptying, please put trash in the dumpster.

Ryan volunteered to buy a new grill for the club.

Ryan has also had two new signs made to inform club members that shooting can't start before 9 A.M. He will have them placed when weather permits; refer to club range rules when using the ranges.

Mike Fryer volunteered to trap moles and gophers on the club property. Quint will purchase two more mole traps to go with the two now in the club house. Mike will flag any trap that is set to alert anyone mowing club grounds.

Brad would like to hold two 3-D shoots this year, one in the spring and one the weekend before Western Days. He will need help with these shoots from the club membership so keep this in mind to help support these great events. He also mentioned the possibility of holding an event under the lights sometime.

Sometimes your secretary gets frustrated trying to read names, emails and even phone numbers on the membership sign-up sheets. Seems a lot of people think they are doctors writing out prescriptions, **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**. For this reason, the group brainstormed other ways to collect this information for club records. Seems any electronic device would be too expensive, maybe we have to use a typewriter? Ryan did have a paper format suggestion that he will explore and report back to the group.

Firearm safety field training at the club will be April 27th. The club will be closed all day for this event. The club clean-up day will be April 20th at 9 A.M. For all members who wish to help with this important event, mark your calendars.

The mowing schedule and trap/wobble schedules will be published in the spring with input from Quint, Mike Lisowski and Ryan. Ryan mentioned that the wobble league will start July 11th and run for eight weeks, look for a future notice for sign-up.

T.J. suggested we may want to think about a storage shed down by the ranges for storing material and tools to make targets. Steve Prinsen will also check on a towing arrangement for the mower so we could pull a cart to haul material. T.J. also reported that the CRP contract is good through 2020 and the DNR indicated we do not need a burn on this acreage yet. It was noted that some members are not doing a good job of picking up brass, hulls etc. around the firing positions. Also, live rounds have been observed in the garbage now and then, follow the range rules and take these rounds home and dispose of them properly.

Officers and board members for 2019 were elected:

President-Dave Lawson

Vice President-T.J. Schroeder

Treasurer-Greg Eichten

Secretary-Quint Lohse

Board members-Ryan Forbes (1st year), Steve Prinsen (1st year), Brad Stephans (2nd year), Steve Schmit (2nd year).

Meeting adjourned at 9 P.M. by treasurer, Greg Eichten.....

Minutes by secretary Quint Lohse