

**2022 ANNUAL FISH AND GAME CLUB MEETING
FEBRUARY 8TH, 6:30 P.M. LOWER LEVEL LIBRARY**

Call to order by President Tim Schroeder.

Introductions.

Reading of Secretary's report-Quint Lohse.

Reading of Treasurer's report-Greg Eichten.

Old business:

1. Add fourth camera to surveillance system, Ryan Forbes and team.
2. Stain wobble and archery towers, T.J. Schroeder and team.
3. First aid kits, Roger Richardson.
4. Rifle range sign, Steve Prinsen.

New business:

1. Mole eradication program.
2. Cement ground level range markers for rifle range. (50, 100, 200, 250)
3. Target making status.
4. Chatfield Youth Sports Association donation.
5. High School Trap Team fund raising, etc.
6. Mower maintenance & mowing schedule.
7. Club clean up date. (4-16).
8. Miscellaneous.
9. Election of officers and board members.

Attending meeting: President T.J. Schroeder, Vice President Ryan Forbes, Treasurer Greg Eichten, Secretary Quint Lohse, Board members Brad Stephans, Steve Prinsen, club members Bob Coe, Lanny Isensee and High School Trap Team member Caden Nolte. Absent were board members Roger Richardson (out of town) and Steve Schmit (health issues).

Prior to opening the meeting T.J. read a list of accomplishments done by club members in 2021. (Attachment). He thanked everyone present and all club members for another successful season.

President Schroeder then called the meeting to order and everyone introduced themselves. Quint read the minutes of the 9-9-21 board meeting and with some clarifications the minutes were approved. Greg presented the Treasurer's report showing the club has \$14,110.51 in checking, \$15,827.68 in savings and \$4592.81 in a CD for a total of \$34,531.00. He also stated all outstanding bills have been paid. He listed the major expenses for 2021 were the two waste stations, the dumpster fee and the liability insurance which runs about \$1300 per year. He will provide us with a more detailed expense summary soon for 2021.

Old Business: As stated in the last board minutes Ryan and his camera team will have the fourth camera in operation this spring. T.J. and his team will stain the wobble and archery tower this

summer. Roger will hang the two first aid kits at the club house and rifle range when weather permits. Steve Prinsen will have the rifle range sign made which will state: IF THE RANGE IS BUSY LIMIT TIME TO 30 MINUTE INTERVALS.

New Business: The mole situation at the club is getting out of hand. Trapping efforts in the past have not been successful. Quint suggested we hire a pest specialist to use treated artificial worms to eradicate them. Discussion then turned to a new mole trap that Bob Coe has used with success in the past. Bob volunteered to give it a try at the club this year. If he is unsuccessful, we will have to try something else. Mike Fryer has said he will continue to trap gophers on the club grounds.

Quint also suggested that we install ground level cement range markers on the rifle range. This suggestion was not approved as the group felt most shooters use range finders and the current targets for the most part are in the correct location.

With the current health issues that Steve Schmit has had the future of him doing much target making work is in question. Hopefully Steve can return to doing some of the great work he has done in the past, but that depends on his recovery from his recent surgery. Other people have helped with target making, but Steve has been the driving force for many years. We will hold a target making session during club clean-up day on April 16th and see how many club members participate. If this is successful, a number of these events can be held during the year. Of course the more people who bring their own targets, the better this situation will be.

Ryan received a request from the Chatfield Youth Baseball Association requesting a donation from the Fish and Game Club for dugout fence construction. After some discussion, a motion was made and approved to send them a check for \$500.00.

Lanny handed out a Chatfield High School Trap fundraising form (attached). He has volunteered to help fund raise with other people to help the students and team coaches with this important function. A quite long discussion took place on this subject and a motion was made and approved to donate \$1500.00 to this effort on behalf of the Chatfield Fish and Game Club. Notice, individuals can also donate to this fundraising program. Lanny also requested and was given permission to hang a banner at the club which will recognize organization's/people who donate. Ryan and Quint also told Lanny about the Midway USA Foundation (www.midwayusafoundation.org) that provides matching funds to shooting organizations. This may be a program that the coaches and team would be interested in as many other trap teams use this throughout the state and nation. Lanny will do some research and have his fund raising team decide if they want to use this program. High School Trap shooting starts 3-27 with practice week. Dates and times when the rifle range will be closed during their shooting will be posted on the club web site when this information is sent to Quint by the trap team coaches.

Steve Prinsen will again take care of the mower maintenance and Quint will make out the mowing schedule for the year. Steve told the group that St. Joseph's will be doing the major

work this year and the cost will be four to five hundred dollars. Steve and Ryan will take the mower to them early this spring and have the mower ready for service by 4-23.

Club clean-up day will be April 16th at 9 A.M., hope to see many people there. Anyone helping will be given a \$20.00 discount on their 2023 dues. (See attachment for duties).

Brad volunteered to add some weight to the bases of the five trap shooting voice activated speaker stands to prevent them from blowing over. He also would like to be contacted on 951-8891 if anyone is interested in helping with the clubs annual 3-D archery shoot. Two or three people are needed for set up the night prior to the shoot and after the shoot for placing and taking down targets.

Officer and Board member elections: President Schroeder surprised the group by announcing that he would be unable to serve again as President due to new job responsibilities. He was thanked for his year's work and his strong leadership skills. He will continue to take care of the CRP funding and will complete the staining projects. The following nominations were made and approved: President-Ryan Forbes, Vice President-Brad Stephans, Treasurer-Greg Eichten, Secretary-Quint Lohse, Board members for two year terms, Steve Schmit and Tom Bush. Board members with one year remaining, Steve Prinsen and Roger Richardson.

The meeting was adjured at 8:30 P.M., minutes by Secretary Quint Lohse.