

Council Bluffs Fish and Game Club  
Annual Meeting and Election of Officers: October 20, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Jon Barnes at 7:00 PM, and introduced himself to the attendees.

Board Member Absent: Mark Conway and Jay Wilson

Board Members Attended: Jon Barnes, Sam Barta, Paula Woodard, Nich McVay, Larry Cooper, Bill Campbell, Mary Kay Peters, Roger Amburn and Ryan Campbell were present at this meeting. The ten board members, plus 20 Club members were present for a total of 30.

Tom Tews led as we recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Jon Barnes dedicated a moment of silence for those club members who have passed away in the last year.

Jon asked all present members to review the minutes from the 2021-2022 Annual Meeting. Nich McVay made motion with Larry Cooper second to accept the minutes as presented. All present approved.

Jon Barnes provided “The “Presidents Report” which is also the Club Scorecard. He provided the information on the “Club Scorecard” to help let our members know how their member payments were utilized, and described the six different areas on the report which explains how the club engages with members and our community.

The “Membership” section explains as of last year’s October 2021 Annual Board Meeting membership was at 657 members, and it is currently at 709.

The “Education/Conservation” section notes an ongoing fish habitat project with the scout group and the Trailblazers club access to the property for their fishing day, as well as boy scout troops camping on the property. Jon noted that we would like to hold some different education type classes at the club.

The “Member Engagement” section explains that we hold monthly potluck dinners, monthly board meetings, February Valentines dinner, the Kid’s Easter Egg Hunt, the McElderry Kid’s Fishing Derby, the Annual Fish Fry, the Kid’s Halloween Trunk or Treat, the Annual Soup Supper, Bingo nights, the Annual Crappie and Catfish Tournaments, a July Hog Roast/Boat Parade and the Kid’s Christmas Party. Regular rentals of the upper level are used by members throughout the year for their social events. More club merchandise is to be ordered with the addition of sweatshirts in the near future.

The “Community Engagement” section explains that the Scouts, FOLM, DNR, Gun Club, Pott Cty Conservation Board, and Condo HOA hold meetings at the club. This year we approved for the Prairie Gates Retirement Community to periodically enjoy nature at the club. The club also provided a 1 Year Membership donation to Midlands Humane Society, IWCC Black Tie, Jennie Ed Spirit of Courage as well as other school and charity raffle auction charity events.

The “Site/Capital Improvements” section explains the boat dock by the boat ramp was repaired, and there were HVAC upgrades. Additional picnic tables and new trash cans were obtained. Volunteers trimmed trees and removed vines from fences. The Eagle Boy Scout’s did a project in the kids playroom. The club obtained 2 new paddle boats, installed a kayak launch, did gutter/vinyl upgrades to the back entrance and concrete replacement at club foundation and sidewalks, as well as paint touch ups on the foundation.

The “Online Presence” section explains we continue to update our Facebook and Web Site with events, and continue to accept membership payments and applications as well as club merchandise sales online. We also send out email blast mailings to our members for important club news and notices of events.

Paula Woodard presented the Secretary Report. She noted that we approved 107 new members from January 2022 to October 2022. The club currently has 709, and we are accepting New Member Applications. A total of \$91,527.80 was collected this year for new and renewal applications. She noted that it helps our bank account when members use the website to pay for memberships, as the money hits the bank faster.

Paula thanked Roger Amburn for doing the rentals of the upstairs rooms, Mary Kay Peters for creating and sending out the quarterly news letters along with sending the email blasts to our members, and also Ed Washa for all of the assistance he has provided her and the club with all website, computer and printer issues.

She said the Board would like to thank the members who have supported the kitchen. Your support of this kitchen helps to keep it open. Courtney is sorry that she recently had to raise her prices, but her vendors have been charging her larger amounts as well as special freight fees the past couple years. She also appreciates the club members support at this time. We appreciate that this is the first increase she has done in the five years she has been part of this club.

Paula also mentioned that many members rented the upstairs area for social events, and how much they appreciated the Kid’s Playroom. It helps entertain the children while the adults socialize.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Report: Sam Barta presented the financial statements as of September 30, 2022 which included the YTD income and expense. 90% of the income

came from Membership dues. This consisted of 661 paid renewals during period ending September 30th, with a 35% online renewal rate so far this year as well. We have been able to maintain that high level of memberships that again has allowed for a handful of replacements and upgrades around the club. Some of this spending is more visible and apparent such as residing of the back porch, the dock extension and the purchase of additional picnic tables that completes the replacement and upgrade of the outside tables. However, there was significant spent towards things that are not so much seen or known, such as new HVAC unit for upstairs. All of these purchases are long term investments to the club and its members, as they should be there to use many years to come. All funds and spend were managed along side of our anticipated income, as to not deplete our available funds beyond comfortable levels. Of the YTD expense.....70% of this was related to operational expense, which is needed to maintain the club on a month to month basis. As long as we can retain a 75% renew rate, the club should not experience any financial stress going into the new fiscal year or have to withdrawal from the Edward Jones inventory account. The Edward Jones investment account has lost about 17% of it vested balance, of which majority of that loss has been over these last last 3-4 months. We will be inviting our Edward Jones Account Rep to an upcoming Board Meeting to discuss other investment options to mitigate this loss and see a better return moving forward. Overall...he feels the club finances and forecast is looking good moving into the new year.

Sam also presented the total Cash and Investments amount.

Larry Cooper made motion to approve the Treasurers report, and Nich McVay second. All present approved.

Presentation of Honorific Lifetime Members: Jon Barnes awarded a Honorific Lifetime Award at the meeting to Blake Nelsen. Jon noted it is well deserved for all the things Blake has done for the club through the years. Blake thanked the club and said he enjoys coming. He especially loves watching the young kids enjoying themselves.

2022 Member of the Year: Jon also introduced Chris White as the Member of the Year and showed the name tag that will be put on the plaque. Chris has volunteered to help with several of the manual projects that have been done to the building, the docks and the grounds.

Visitors Comments: Jon Barnes thanked those members for attending this meeting to see what we do and said he appreciated that they care. Jon asked the visiting attendees for feed back on what they feel the club is doing well and what they feel are improvements that could be made.

Roland Lynch asked if the utilities portion of the Financial Report could be broken down by each utility vendor name, as well as the expense portion for the Taxes, Insurance & Fees. Sam Barta, Treasurer, explained that all expenses are broken down by vendor and each amount on the monthly financial reports that are provided at each Monthly Board

Meeting. This information appears on the second page of those reports. They are then hung on the bulletin board in the dining room for availability to all members. He explained that the annual report does not include the individual breakdown by vendor as it would be a lot of information to take in.

Blake Nelsen asked if the insurance liability is the reason that the club does not allow swimming at the dock area. Jon Barnes explained that it is for safety reasons as there are so many boats coming and going.

Don Pike noted that he would like to see the new July 4<sup>th</sup> boat parade and BBQ event continue. He felt the fireworks are also beneficial, and asked about them being held on the Saturday prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> as they had been in the past. He also asked about allowing the community to attend. Jon Barnes explained that we intend to continue holding the boat parade and BBQ. Bill Campbell explained that he had personally gone to several of the local business and was allowed to put up fliers at their establishments inviting nonmembers to attend as well. It was also explained to him that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks event is not hosted by the club although we do contribute financially towards it, so we do not have a say into the chosen dates. However, we are happy to help out.

Julie Bowen noted that Dan Bowen was the Grand Marshall of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade, and that her family had a lot of fun and a great time.

Marge Shoemaker noted the new campground in the park is successful, and could bring in more business for the kitchen. Paula Woodard noted that it had been explained to her by a prior club President that we are a private club, and not allowed to let the public utilize our kitchen. If we did, the City of Council Bluffs would change the building codes and we would have to make a lot of expensive changes. Such as the parking lot would not be able to remain as gravel and would have to be paved. That would be a huge expense.

Terry Hansen stated that the paddle boards are difficult to get off the docks for use. Bill Campbell explained that we are working to purchase a lift so they can be cranked up and down, and hope to have at least one soon.

Larry Cooper presented two new applications for approval that were received today. This is for Frank Griffis & Linda Schulte and Gonia Kris Jasrecki. Roger Amburn made motion for approval, Bill Campbell seconded and all present approved.

#### Election of Officers:

Voting ballots were provided to all attending members. Twelve club members signed up on the sign up sheet. Jon Barnes had each existing board member introduce themselves, then Jon asked if there were any other nominees that need to be included in the vote, and none were forthcoming. Paula Woodard asked Kathy Baker & JoAnn Tews to tally the

voting ballots. Once the totals were obtained, Jon thanked the ladies for their assistance, and announced the new board members for the 2022-2023 year.

The Board Members chose which office the elected Board Members will hold. The following are the 2020-2021 Board Members and the position they now hold:

President -	*Jon Barnes
Vice President -	*Jay Wilson
Treasurer -	*Sam Barta
Secretary -	*Paula Woodard
Director -	Roger Amburn (for 1 years) ?
Director -	Mary Kay Peters (for 2 year) ?
Alternate Director –	Jim McVay
Alternate Director –	Ryan Campbell
Warden of the Building –	Nich McVay
Warden of the Grounds -	Larry Cooper
Warden of the Boats & Dock –	Bill Campbell

\* Executive Committee

Call for additional discussion: None was forthcoming.

With no further business, Nich McVay made motion with Larry Cooper second to adjourn this annual meeting. All present approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Paula Woodard  
Secretary 2021-2022

The Board would like to thank all of the members for their continued support of the Club and for their participation in Club activities. We especially appreciate the members that attended this meeting and provided such good input.