

Council Bluffs Fish and Game Club
Board of Directors Meeting
April 11, 2023

Vice President Jay Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present: Jay Wilson, Sam Barta, Paula Woodard, Mary Kay Peters, Jim McVay, Ryan Campbell, Roger Amburn and Nich McVay.

Board Members Absent: Jon Barnes, Bill Campbell and Larry Cooper

Other Members Present: Marcy Lucas

Minutes for the Board Meeting of March 14, 2023 were provided by Paula Woodard and were reviewed. Nich McVay made motion to approve the minutes with Roger Amburn second. All present in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Sam Barta, Treasurer, provided the accountability statement for the period ending March 31, 2023. He reported income and expense for that month. Sam noted the two large expenses were for the property tax and the annual payment for the leased property next door. Sam noted that the club has received the 2023 Assessed Value from the Pott County Assessor. The value of the caretaker dwelling and the commercial portion of the property has increased. Sam explained that Iowa pays in arrears, so any tax increase will not be due until September 2023.

Sam noted that the Edward Jones account has increased about \$2,000 since last month. The current total Cash and Investment amount was provided. Ryan Campbell made motion to accept the Treasurer Report with Nich McVay second. All present in favor.

Presentation of Vouchers: Sam Barta presented the February vouchers which appear in detail in the financial report for approval. Nich McVay made motion to accept the vouchers with Roger Amburn second. All present in favor.

Approval of New Members: Six applications were reviewed for approval. We welcome new members Randal & Susan Wilson, Joshua & Melissa Walker, Michael & Estelle Nichols, Jamie Kudym, Joseph & Ammie Foster and Doug & Brandi Nice.

At this time we have 711 members after late pay members were deleted from the data base listing. February and March late pay members are being contacted at this time. Motion was made by Nich McVay to accept approval of the report, Sam Barta second. All present in favor.

WARDENS REPORTS

BUILDING: Provided by Warden Nich McVay:

Basement Pipes – The replacement of the water pipes downstairs were completed.

Ladies Restroom – The replacement toilet for the ladies restroom has been purchased, and will be installed.

Kitchen Grease Traps – The two new grease traps for the kitchen have been obtained and are ready when the kitchen needs to replace them.

Power Wash Outside Building – The outside of the building will be power washed this coming weekend. An articulating boom lift has been rented so the upper story can be reached.

BOATS & DOCKS: Presented by Warden Bill Campbell via telephone:

Boat Ramp Dock – Bill Campbell noted that the broken dock shall be taken out this weekend.

Dock Bubblers – The dock bubblers have been taken down for the season.

GROUNDS: Provided by Warden Larry Cooper:

Pea Gravel – Tim Lustgraaf has smoothed the parking area and added new pea gravel.

Memorial Plaque on Picnic Table – The weather finally warmed up enough that Bill Campbell was able to attach the plaque for Richard Price to the picnic table. Paula Woodard has notified his family.

Jim McVay made motion to accept the Wardens Reports with Roger Amburn second. All present in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Power Wash Building – This item was discussed above under the Warden of the Building section.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt – The club held the annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8th. There were so many kids we couldn't get an accurate count, but there was a bucket load them. The little kids hunted for eggs in the fenced playground area, and the older kids hunted them in the leased property next door. We had over 1,450 stuffed eggs. Some had chocolate, some had quarters and 16 had notes saying they won a prize. The club wants to thank Josh Stuhr for once again being the Easter Bunny, JoAnn Tews for presenting the prizes that were won and Bill Campbell and Jon Barnes for putting out all of those eggs. Like last year, many of the kids had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. All in all, it was a huge success.

Updated Picture of board members for the website – We were unable to do this again as not all board members were able to attend this meeting.

Bingo March 24, 2023 – Ryan Campbell reported that the Bingo Night held March 2023 was a success with around 30 adults and 15 children attending. This will be the last bingo for the season, but we plan to hold them again in 2024. The club thanks Nich McVay for the use of the popcorn machine, and Jim McVay for popping it. The popcorn is a huge hit with the crowd. We also had candy bars, chips, water and ice tea available again. Gift cards and club merchandise were given as prizes. Jay Wilson noted the three bingo nights were a success and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow members.

Budget Planning – The board decided to discuss this next month when the other board members are able to attend.

Outside Trash Cans – Three new outside trash cans have been ordered and should arrive soon. These cans are suppose to keep wild animals from getting in them.

Annual Spring Crappie Fishing Tournament – The tournament will be held April 22. Mary Kay will send out reminder email blasts and put it on Facebook

again. Paula noted that the scale is in the office, and Jay and Nich said the buckets and other necessary items for running it are in the basement. Paula noted that the team applications are in the dining room so members can sign up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Club Property Assessment Increase Notice - This information was noted by Sam Barta, Treasurer, in his above report.

DNR Iowa Walleye Challenge – Paula explained that we have received a request for support from the Iowa DNR for their upcoming “Iowa’s Walleye Challenge” being held May 1 to June 30, 2023. The board agreed to notify our members of this event on our Facebook and by the email blast. We also will hang up their fliers in our building.

GOOD OF THE ORDER (Comments from Board Members and visitors):

July 4th Fireworks – Paula Woodard noted that she saw the annual Fourth of July Fireworks will be held Friday, June 30th. Since some of the board members were unable to attend this meeting, we shall determine the final plans for the Boat Parade and food as well as security at the May meeting. Nich McVay will also try to set up the Boy Scouts to assist at this function.

Fish Habitats – Nich McVay will do a prototype for the fish habitats that the Boy Scout Troop will be creating. Jay Wilson stated that he will be checking available tubing for this project at the Habitat for Humanity. Nich believes they will do this project the third weekend in May.

Adjournment: With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm by Ryan Campbell and seconded by Roger Amburn. All present in favor.

Respectfully submitted by: Paula Woodard, Secretary