

May 20, 2019

Dakota Ringnecks April Meeting

Celts Pub, Farmington, MN

Attendees (15):

- Mark Delebo
- Bill Wiseman
- Mark McGinty
- Bob Chamberland
- Sean Sullivan
- Pete Bohlig
- Duane Kappes
- Jim Kleve
- Chad Harmer

Meeting called to order at 7:02.

Minutes were not read. They are posted on our web site and copies were available for review. Duane motion to approve minutes. Mark M second. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report - Duane.

Chad motion to approve treasurers report. Mark M second. Motion approved.

A check for \$250 was given to the Randolph High School trap team for helping at the banquet.

Habitat Report

No habitat report as Mark Henry was not present. A check for \$500 was issued for seed for food plots in the Vermillion Highlands.

Old Business

Meet and Greet

Looking at holding a Meet and Great event at Lakeville Brewing on the lawn so dogs would be welcome. Other groups may also be using the lawn. Tuesday evening is the slowest night so there would be lee chance of a conflict with another group. We need to talk to them about a firearm raffle. We could do this without the firearms on site. August would be a good month.

DU Bingo Event

Flint Hills Resources possibly underwrote the event. Estimate they made \$4000 profit, most on raffles and add on cards, not the actual bingo games. A suggestion was made that we should have a prize specifically for women, such as a spa. There was discussion about possible only having a limited number of guns, one per game or raffle instead of choices. TLB provided a choice of guns and FFL service. Bill will talk to TLB about the event.

Banquet Planning

Sean, Haley, Pete and Bill met to discuss upcoming banquet. Decided on March 21, 2020 for the date. Set a goal of 190 attendees and \$15,000 profit. Will look at doing check in better. Will likely need more volunteers. Will have different sponsorship levels. Would like to have an emcee. Corey Ramsden from Bird Bustin Babes was recommended. Jim Kleve said that Cabela's would donate. Need to develop a target list for sponsorships.

Constant Contact Marketing

Sean is willing to take on "Social Messaging" for the chapter. Sean discussed Constant Contact as a marketing tool that we should consider. Options and costs were presented. The feeling is that we should move forward with this. Sean will set up a trial. We will vote to allocate funds at the next meeting.

Hunt Challenge Update

The need for a better name to help sell the event and get donations was discussed. Ringnecks Reload Classic was suggested. We will have pheasants instead of chukars this year. The entry fee will be increased to offset the additional cost. We need to review the rules and point scoring. We need to be able to preregister for the following year's event at this year's event. The date is September 7th, 2019 at Traxler's. Bob will contact Traxler's to lock in the date.

Youth or Beginner Hunt

The date will be September 8th at Traxler's. We will contact the DNR and high school trap teams for possible youth to participate. We discussed putting out 2 – 3 birds per kid and charge for the birds. Lunch will be provided.

New Business

West End Gun Club Work Day

The West End Gun Club has some brush in front of the trap houses that they would like removed. We will contact Heidi, the manager of the gun club to set a date. We want to document this event with photos, etc. Can be used for marketing, etc.

Youth Chairman

Pete is stepping down as youth chairman. Jim made a motion to elect Bob as our new Youth Chairman. Duane seconded. Vote to elect Bob was unanimous.

Pheasant Fest

Pheasant fest will be in Minnesota this year, February 14 – 16, 2020. Mark D is looking into how our chapter can get involved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13