

Hartford Conservation and Gun Club Board Annual Meeting
Version 1.0
Meeting was held on 01/07/2024.

Call to order by Gary P. at 19:03

Board Members: Rob Myer, Randy S, Bob B, Chris R., Guy T, Candy S, Dave H

Officers: Gary Poindexter, Peter Habel, Brad Schultz (5 min late),

Excused: Scott M, Jeremiah M, Mary McCluskey

Year In Review:

1. Financial Report- Dick Heesen/Peter Habel
 - a. Expenses Close to 2020-20-21
 - b. Property taxes and semi load of targets have not been paid yet.
Motion to Accept Treasures report: Bob Helmer
Second: Gary Desmidt
Unanimous Vote.
2. Secretary Report-Brad Schultz
 - a. See Attached notes.
 1. Regarding Used Trap purchase, is there any consideration to purchase a MEC Trap? Tom T, said they are unreliable. It was then pointed out that West Bend has all new MEC traps that are 2-3 years old. MEC is closer in case or needed repairs or replacement. Tom T explained the idea was to purchase a used Pat trap, rebuild it, then replace an existing Pat Trap, rebuild that one and continue on down the line. All traps are in ok condition at this time. More discussion followed regarding MEC and or PAT traps.
3. Price Increases:
 - a. Targets-up 44% compared to 2017 with a new increase coming since White Flyer was purchased by Winchester. The increase is expected to be around 12% which would be roughly \$.012 a target.
 - b. Bar supplies-=26% increase since 2020 (3% increase since 2022)
 - c. Shells-inventory is up but prices remain up from pre-covid.
 - d. Utilities-\$1245 which is up 8% from 2022.
 - e. Shooting Fees: Waukesha is \$9 member/\$11 non-member, Boone \$8.00/\$11. Discussion to raise league fees for trap pistol archery \$1.00 each, to cover the rising costs of birds, labor, utilities, repairs, etc. Discussion from the members asked to look at other clubs in the area before raising prices. The second question brought up was do we need to raise prices by a full dollar? Why can't we raise it a \$.25 or .50? Discussion followed regarding the number of teams on leagues this year compared to last year. Are numbers down due to trap price increase, Covid, lack of interest? Are other clubs seeing similar results? Some members who shoot at other local clubs such as Beechwood & Saukville said their numbers are steady.
4. Projects
 - a. New Lights
Why are we looking at new lights? Mainly the cost to operate our current lights and the cost of current replacement bulbs. This is a long-term project.
 - b. House on the southeast side of the driveway is for sale. Club could have the first option to buy if we are interested. Why would the club be interested? Range Protection, even though it is not legally necessary. What would the club do with the home? A second rental property or VRBO? Most of the discussion was negative about purchasing this

- property.
- c. Advertising Opportunity. (Rob M). Gun club is offering Advertising opportunities on the back of the scorer's huts, scores stands, pistol range and 3-D archery range. Some spots are already taken. Forms can be picked up at the back desk in the club for those interested.
- 5. Grants-the club did not receive any money from any of the grants applied for in 2023. We will be applying for grants again in 2024. Anyone who is willing to help apply for grants or knows of any other grants available, please contact a board member.
- 6. Accomplishments
 - a. Youth Trap
 - i. 137 members-largest team in the state
 - ii. Back to Conference Champions
 - iii. Looking for help, both coaches and volunteers
 - b. Youth Archery
 - i. 46 members this year
 - ii. Practice on Friday nights.
 - iii. Had members participate in state and nationals last year.
 - c. Youth Pistol-SASP
 - i. Joint venture with Daniel Boone Gun Club
 - ii. Had 28 members last year
 - iii. Team State Champions last year and National Champions.
 - d. New Furnace for the pistol range (see secretary's notes).
 - e. Members attempted to straighten trap house #4. (see secretary's notes).
 - f. Wednesday Morning league is still going strong.
 - g. Club has its FFL for gun transfers for Members.
 - i. During leagues & shoots, we cannot sell trap ammo to anyone under the age of 18. This does not affect the youth trap program.
 - h. Reconstruction of the club website (see Secretary's notes). Question asked if during league nights we could have live scores entered. Gary said we couldn't at this time, but it could be looked into. Gary doesn't want to post our data on anything outside of the gun club. He doesn't want to link our system to the cloud. Also, members would like to see more pricing structure on the website (trap, pistol, archery member and nonmember prices).
 - i. New trap manager going well. Stephanie
 - j. Club rental: more members are renting the club than before. \$350 rental fee, \$20/hr for RSO and Bartender. Clubhouse is also being used for Cribbage, Youth Fish Fry, shoot for a cause so the footprint is growing.
- 7. Questions/Discussion:
 - a. Recruiting
 - i. How are we generating Pistol Memberships?
 - ii. How are we generating Trap teams?
 - iii. How are we generating Archery Shooters?

Discussion on all 3. Establishment of new member category for 18-24 year olds at a reduced membership rate.
 - b. Member questions and discussion. Question: Any possibility of forming different committees for the different club activities. Yes, always looking for others to help out.
- 8. Board Directors Nominations.
 - a. Up for renewal

- i. Scott McFarren: President the last 2 years. Does a lot behind the scenes. New job with Ducks Unlimited. Would serve another term.
 - ii. Dave Hanrahan: In charge of the Youth Archery Program. Has been in charge of the Shoot for a Cause the last 2 years. Dave would serve again.
 - iii. Mary McCluskey: new one year term member. Has worked with Gary P on the new website. Would be glad to serve another term.
- b. Motion to Close the Nominations: Bob H.

Second: Gary D.

Unanimous vote in favor of closing the motion. Since there are only 3 spots open and 3 nominations, there is no need for a vote. 3 members are elected to the board.

Motion to Adjourn made by Jacho Hess

2nd by Bob Helmer

Unanimous vote to Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 21:17