

Hartford Conservation and Gun Club Board of Director's Meeting
Version 1.1

Meeting was held on 11/04/2024

Call to order by Scott M. at 19:00

Board Members: Rob Myers, Guy T, Jeremiah M, Candy S, Mary M, Bob B, Dave H

Officers: Scott McFarren, Peter Habel, Brad Schultz

Excused: Jeremiah M, Chris R

Other Members: Dave DeSmidt, Gary DeSmidt, Elida Erovick

Approval of October Minutes:

Motion to Approve: Peter H, second Mary M. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Approval of October Financial Report:

Motin to Approve: Peter H, second Guy T. Motion passes by unanimous vote.

New Business

1. Cribbage League: Dave DeSmidt runs the cribbage league. He would like to know the date of the annual meeting so he can schedule accordingly. The Annual Meeting will be January 6th.
2. Spring League scheduling: Gary DeSmidt would like to know why there wasn't any communication for the extension of this year's spring leagues. Several shooters were not happy about the lack of communication from the BOD regarding this decision. According to meeting notes, an email was sent out to the spring shooters regarding the schedule extension. Gary would like a copy of this email once it is found.
3. Captains Meetings. At the Winter Leage Wednesday Captains meeting, the captains were told that the traps could not be adjusted once shooting started. This was an error. IF the traps are throwing illegal targets, the traps may be adjusted. Further discussion followed regarding the rules and rule changes for shooting leagues. These should be done by the captains. Example would be the team shooting fee. The BOD decided to raise the Team shooting fee for winter of 2024. Their reason was that the cost of the end of the season banquet had gone up and last year's allowance didn't cover the expense. The captains understand the rise of the prices, but they want to discuss it amongst themselves and decide to either pay more or possibly eliminate the banquet food portion. Again, this is just an example.
4. Youth workers and their jobs. Due to rising costs, we need to be diligent with the use of our youth workers. Sending them home when they are not needed, having the desk workers enter scores & verifying scores etc. While they are here, we need to keep them busy.
5. Our web page needs to have the Fees page updated.
6. Dec. 50 bird shoot is shown on the calendar as Dec 1st. This needs to be changed to Dec 8th. Follow up email needs to be sent to S.E Shooters Calendar (Neil Schuler) to correct the date.
7. Gary P Financial Seasons: According to Data Gary has been looking at, the club has 2 financial seasons. From May through August the club is making money. From September to April the club loses money every month. We need to be aware of this with regard to purchases and expenses.
8. FFL Transfers: Please put the date and the dollar amount on the transfer forms so Peter can put the date in the correct spot in the books.
 - a. Gary P will be removed from the FFL effective Jan 1st. Randy S. will be the new contact. Gary will stay on as a Responsible Person (RP). Club will only continue to offer this service as long as we have volunteers to run the program.

Old Business

1. Piece of property for sale adjacent to the gun club. Hartford is selling the well pump property. 15 acres, 85% of it is wetlands. The city was supposed to let Scott know prior to listing the property. They didn't. Scott was working with Ducks Unlimited to try and put the property in a Wetland Conservation Easement. DU would then hand it over to HCGC to manage. Scott will meet with the DU Conservation Biologist. The City of Hartford put us in a bind by not alerting us to the sale. If the city accepts a bid on the property it puts them in a bad position as well because there is no access easement. However, the city could force us to court for an easement. The City is asking \$100,000 for the property. Currently the property is in the City of Hartford, however, they could and would annex it into the Town of Hartford. The bid process closes tomorrow (November 5th). Currently they have 2 bids. DU would offer fair market value, considering no legal easement. The City of Hartford has right of refusal. We will not know a final decision until the next City Council Meeting.
Advertising: Nothing new to report. Please post spots open back onto the website.
2. New Trap Manager: Elida Erovvick. Mary M asked if Elida should be considered for/as a Board Member position. Currently there are no positions open. Discussion followed with reasons for and against having a trap manager.
3. Brad S—Trap Committee. Brad volunteered to run a Trap Committee. The idea is to meet a few times a year to discuss Trap issues prior to captains' meetings. Future notices will be sent to team captains. Hopefully this will improve the communication between the board and shooters.

Motion to Adjourn-Rob M, seconded by Peter. Motion passes by unanimous vote.
Meeting adjourned at 20:38 pm.