

Helena Trap Club Board Meeting March 5, 2009

Board Members Present: Russ Watnam (President), Val St. Clair (Treasurer), Seth Carlson (Secretary), Rick Neiss, Jennifer Finnegan-Carlson, Larry St. Clair, Buck MacLarin, Paul Cartin, Russ Wolfe

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Russ Watnam

Minutes Read: Minutes from the February 13th meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Report: Checking account has \$3,640 balance. Meat shoot has made \$736.00 so far. We still have plenty of meat so the rest of these shoots will be pure profit. Treasurer's report was approved by the board.

Old Business:

There is approximately \$3,000 left in matching funds left from the FWP grant. Hopefully by end of April/early May that we can build the 2 remaining shelters and do the tin on the roofs.

Pops:

Pops will start again on March 26th to be ready for league. Still will be Thursdays starting at noon.

Program: Seth passed out draft of the outline.

- We have 2 open spots for ads. Russ Wolf will talk to Budweiser/Val will talk to Park Plaza. Additional space will be available on future programs.
- Decided to just do prizes for each of the classes in each event.
- Capital City Pots: previous programs and what Seth got from Val don't match up. Russ decided to go with the history on the pot setup and Val will change names on her report.
- Will have Mark Keller and Willie Price proof the program for finalization.

Donations

We still need to find more sponsors for trees and for advertisements for the back of trap chairs.

Credit/Debit Machine

Val talked to Wells Fargo and they are the best deal on the credit card machine. Val will have the credit card payment system by March 25th.

Kitchen

Val has kitchen help set up for leagues and registered shoots.

Cell Tower

Russ talked to Michael Simms on the cell tower last week. Russ said we want \$13,000 per year and an interim lease of half. Michael said he will get back to Russ if terms are accepted.

Boy Scout Contract

Russ is meeting this Saturday, March 7th to setup contract for the work for league and registered shoots.

Old business was motioned and accepted by the board.

New Business:

Prizes for April Shoot

Jennifer presented the prizes for the April Shoot. The silk screen design was also presented and Jennifer will give the ok to MT marketing. There will be 2 sample coats and vests in L & XL at the shoot.

Sporting Clays

Buck would like to run a practice area back beyond trap 8 for those that would want to shoot sporting clays. He proposed to do it Wednesday night at the same time as league. Buck would bring his traps in and let the club use with the club just supplying the targets.

For this first spring league, we will just set it up for practice only for an introduction. The price for a sporting clay round would be \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 and non-members.

The proposal was motioned and accepted.

Squading Computer Program

Seth has learned the squading program and we have now 3 loaner computers (Frank, Seth, and Russ Wolf). All that needs to be purchased from the club is a wireless router (about \$85) and wireless keypad and mouse for each computer, which are about \$20.00 each.

It was motioned & accepted for Seth to spend about \$150 to get the router and keypads for the April shoot.

Meat Shoot Advertisements

We would like to run an advertisement for the meat shoot. Paul is getting the information to the radio stations for the public service announcements and we will run ads in the IR.

Hunter's Ed, Exhibition shoot & Lifetime Sports

Need to have volunteers to sign up to cover these events. Russ will try and be here for the exhibition shoot. Willie Stephenson and Bob Docktor will be asked to do the lifetime sports, but still need to get volunteers for the hunter's education.

Target Costs

Scholastic target costs: \$0.06/target cost.

Target Costs for other organizations: \$0.20/target but looked at again later in the year.

Inventory

Russ will talk to Frank about researching what we should stock as far as components. Also Frank could be able to coordinate if people would like to order non-stocked components and put in an order once or twice a year.

Re-Claiming Lead

A Helena guy contacted us about reclaiming our shot who has experience doing it. Russ is waiting for him to call back and see what kind of deal we can for it.

Quarterly Newsletter

Needs to be done and sent out within the next week or so. Seth will design it and it needs to advertise the spring league and also should include Buck's Sporting Clay information which will be starting as well.

Field Captain

We need to try and recruit an individual or group to take over field captain duties. Wayne said he would help whoever takes over the position.

Meeting was motioned and accepted to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Next meeting will be Thursday, April 2nd unless otherwise notified.