MEETING MINUTES FOR
Kent County Conservation League

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I. MEETING DETAILS

Chairperson: Carol Seacord
Secretary: Mat Peabody
Date: February 21, 2023
Time: 7:00 PM

Location: KCCL Banquet Room
Address: 8461 Conservation St.
City: Ada
State: MI   Zip: 49301

II. ROLL CALL

Thad Bembenista, Judd Carroll, Mark Jacobson, Larry Mennetti, Craig Priebe, Carol Seacord, Jim Widdis, Mat Peabody

Absent: David Held, Brant Erbentraut

III. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Carol Seacord at 7:01 PM. The Minutes from the January 2023 meeting were read. Motion by Widdis and second by Jacobson to approve—Unanimous approval.

IV. PRESENTATION BY MUCC

Amy Trotter, Executive Director; Mikayla Carter, Club and Special Events Coordinator; Justin Tomei, Policy Assistant; and Ed Moore, Board Member visited the BOD and made a presentation on the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, which was founded in 1937 and has a mission to protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage. It has over 200 affiliated local clubs around the state and represents over 40,000 hunters, shooters, anglers, trappers and conservationists.

MUCC will help us get our Hunter Safety Program going again and will guide us along the benefits of having a forest plan. They talked about the upcoming gun bills. Our dues would be $5.00 per member.

Jim made a motion to rejoin MUCC; Thad seconded. Motion passed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

The memorial plaque has been delivered and is in the clubhouse.

The township ordinance is up for modification and all signs are that we can get the ordinances changed so that we can be open all days and have different shooting hours, if desired.

Board elections are up next month. Candidates should submit their names and bios to either Thad Bembenista or Mat Peabody so that the elections can be held in March.

Point of Sale has been streamlined. There is still some work to do and that will be undertaken when the new system is put in from LMCU.

Safety rules have been revised and have been posted on-line. They will also be published in the upcoming Newsletter. A Safety Video, designed to be run on a continuous loop basis has been commissioned and is in the final review.

Carol has just about finished recapturing all the old minutes.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports:

Shotgun Committee—No abnormal occurrences. Stakes on Skeet and Trap fields need to be re-surveyed to ensure that they are in the right place. This will be done this Spring when the ground is soft enough to drive new stakes.

Pistol and Rifle—No abnormal occurrences were reported.

Treasurer's Report—Transition for Mercantile Bank to Lake Michigan Credit Union is almost complete. Jim is driving this.

Inventory is being conducted on a regular basis. Checking and Savings $97K

The importance of the Long-Range System is paramount, and we should have a dedicated computer. Craig Priebe introduced a motion to purchase another computer for the Long-Range System. Jim seconded. Approved

Manager's Report—Kim Williams has resigned as Manager of KCCL to pursue other opportunities. He has offered his services to help us finish crafting the Policy and Procedures Manual. Hunter Derenski is on board as Assistant Manager. We have hired four new pullers. Winter League is in progress with about 150 shooters. About the same as last year. Sarah DeKam came back to help us with the scoring and the scores are posted on the white board and on the website.

The lockers have all been inventoried and those with past due accounts have been notified. We have the potential to rent 13 lockers. Put a notice in the newsletter.

The Sporting Clays course is receiving a lot of compliments, and we are getting a lot of non-member shooter participation. Non-member shooting rates have been upped to $0.52 per bird. Member pricing continues at $0.40 per bird.

The Pistol Range backer boards have been replaced and the compliments have been gratifying.

Year-end inventory has been completed. We also inventoried month-end January and will continue to inventory on a monthly basis. We have analyzed our target and field costs to ensure we are providing the best service possible at a reasonable price. Costs of targets and ammo are increasing. We are getting 12 ga. ammo and some 20 ga..

President's Report—Extremely happy to say we have paid off the loan on the skeet machines. We have paid off the Mercantile Bank note. We interviewed another Manager candidate and are actively looking. As mentioned, we shot a KCCL Safety Video that will be run on a continuous loop and will have a portal on our website.

We will take a look at the Range Preservation Act to help us with our ordinance petition(s) to the Ada City Board. We will go through Ed Skinner to get him to recommend a lawyer.

There are some nice things and some not so nice things to discuss. This is potentially a not-so-nice topic and has to do with the transfer of our old EZ PULL system to Grand Haven. A discussion ensued that resulted in the board going into Executive Session. The Secretary and one board member were excused from the discussion.

A motion was made to accept the committee reports as presented. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

VI. OTHER ITEMS.
   a. **Loan Payoffs-**Already handled in the Treasurer's Report (above)
   b. **By-laws review-**this was captured as a "To Do" (Number 10—led by Carol Seacord)
   c. **Board Elections—**Elections to be held in March.
   d. **Miscellaneous**
       Job Descriptions- Assigned; not done.
       Next meeting date- March 20, 2023

VII. ADJOURNMENT

   The Executive Session effectively ended the board meeting at 8:30

Meeting ended at 8:30

Minutes submitted by: _____ Print Name: Mat Peabody_____

Approved by: _____ Print Name: Carol Seacord_____

January 18,2023

TO DO LIST FROM 2/22/23 BOARD MEETING

No.	Description	Responsible	Date	Status
1	Look at tax benefit(s) of a forest plan	JW	TBD	
2	Audit Chip Wood targets	MP	2/23/23	Done
3	Insurance considerations for non-member SC shooters	JW	TBD	
4	Revisit TO DO # 7	LM/CP	2/23/23	Done
5	Excel Financial Model for Outings	MP	TBD	Will be ready for review on 3/20/23
6	Overall CPL Accounting	MJ, MP	TBD	