

MEETING MINUTES FOR Kent County Conservation League

I. MEETING DETAILS

Chairperson; Carol Seacord
Secretary: Mat Peabody
Date: April 18, 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, Brant Erbentraut, David Held, Mark Jacobson, Larry Mennetti, Carol Seacord, Jim Widdis
Mat Peabody

III. CALL TO ORDER.

Members Meeting

The Members meeting was called to order by Carol Seacord at 7:00 PM. Discussion centered around the decision to revoke Bob Jordan's membership. There was also some discussion regarding;

- Elections and how they were handled
- Written code of ethics for the club was requested and will be presented at the next Board Meeting, which will also be the club's Annual Meeting
- 501 C3 status additional information is expected by the next board meeting
- Term limits for board members

The member discussion was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

The regular board meeting was called to order by Carol Seacord at 8:10. The minutes were read. There was a request to change Section VI. Motion was tendered by Thad and seconded by Jim. Section VI was approved as amended.

IV. OLD BUSINESS.

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 results were presented. There were four candidates: Jim Widdis, Larry Mennetti, Mark Jacobson and Natasha Vesluys. Jim, Larry and Mark were all reelected with the vote tally as follows;

- Jim Widdis 51
- Larry Mennetti 43
- Mark Jacobson 41

- Natasha Versluys 30

Natasha was appointed to the vacant position.

Manager's Report

Sales YTD are tracking last year's numbers. As part of the election preparation, we ran an email of all members. After removal of duplicates and non-valid email addresses, we had a tally of 746 members to whom the ballots were sent. Complaints on Winter League have been minimal, there is still some misunderstanding on the late shooting and its penalties. However, when one considers that shooters can shoot 3 weeks ahead, there is really no excuse for late lines.

Shoots for Salvation Army, Ducks Unlimited, Boy Scouts MUCC, Innovia Wealth have been finalized. Shoot for ABC is in the final planning stages.

The hardware for the new Point of Sale system has all been received. We will install the new Clover System the week of March 27, 2023.

A new optiplex computer for the Long Range System has been scoped out and will be installed in early May.

The MSCA shoot went very well. We launched over 7000 birds with no machine malfunctions. The score chaser system proved to be quite user friendly and all scores were posted and vetted by the next day. Mark DeKam came in and helped set the course. We received a lot of compliments and had shooters from Indiana, Detroit Gun Club, Kalamazoo and Escanaba. The teams from Kalamazoo liked the course so much they came back and shot it the next week.

President's Report

The banking switch is proceeding well, and we expect to have it completed by mid May.

We will 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.

Jim met with Dean Reisne, an attorney who can help us set up the KCCL Foundation as a 501c3 corporation to enable members to make tax deductible donations. The cost is \$4500.00. Mark made a motion, seconded by Thad to engage Dean, and move forward with this project. Motion approved.

Scott Treichel asked that his resignation be acknowledged. Done

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

VI. OTHER ITEMS.

We need to look into lead recovery. Also, we need to look into a Midway Grant for a Shotscreen.

We will use contract labor where possible to look at better controlling costs.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM

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	Insurance considerations for non-member SC shooters	JW	TBD	
3	Excel Financial Model for Outings	MP	TBD	Done
4	Overall CPL Accounting	MJ, MP	TBD	
5	Inventory any remaining EZ pull equipment in Skeet/Trap and SC installations	MP, HD	ASAP	Done
6	Change hasp on Ammo room	MP, JW	ASAP	Done
7	Post upcoming Members meeting for 5/16/23	MP		Done
8	Code of Conduct	CS,JW		Done
9	Mail by-laws to members	JW,MP	5/15/23	
10	Order T shirts for Sparta shoot	MP	4/30/23	Done
11	Pb Mining	JW		
12	Midway Grant for Shot Screen	DH	5/16/23	

