

WOCAV Minutes – 9/5/2017

Present: Layne Giering, Max Lowrie, George Schmader, Jim Ross, Gene Metcalf, Lee Swoger, Duane and Launa Harriger.

President Max Lowrie called the meeting to order at 6:30

Minutes from the 7/11/2017 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report:

Previous Balance	\$2318.17	
Income	\$300.00	(renewals and picnic)
Expenses	\$50.00	(Jim Elliott memorial)
New Balance	\$2567.17	

Members renewed for 2017-2018 56Renewals

Old Business:

- Walk in the Woods - Sunday October 1st at 9:00
At the Cook Forest Log Cabin Environmental Center
Stacy and Dave will lead discussions for the walks

Advertising is in place through facebook, explore clarion, and penn state extension website

- Holiday Party – Thursday December 14th from 7:00-9:00
At the Bureau of Forestry office in Clarion
Stacy will provide a program on eagles.

New Business:

The Program Committee met on August 29th to begin planning for next year's programs and beyond. The minutes from their meeting are follow these minutes and topics were reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28

*****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE*****

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 8th 2017.

WOCAV Program Committee meeting to plan 2018 programs

August 29th, 2017

Present: Jim Ross, Stacy Wolbert, Dave Cole

January 2018--Turkeys, including predators of turkeys, including raptors

Rimersburg Rod & Gun Club

February--- Conference at Clarion University on Saturday the 17th

March--- Pruning Workshop (annual event put on by BOF and PSU Extn)

Possibly at the Keystone's Sportsman's Club, Creekside (Armstrong County)

June--- Field Day at the Schmaders

8:30 to 12:30 OR 9:00 to 3:00 with lunch (charge for lunch)

Including, but not necessarily limited to:

- Mark a high-grade with flagging to demonstrate how destructive it is
- Show TSI, thinning, and group openings, and talk about them.
- Invasive control
- Maybe Gary Gilmore demonstrate making charcoal, talk about uses (*confirmed*)
- Food plots, using log landings for food plots/pollinator habitat (fields too)
- Maybe talk about sugar bush management & maple syrup production
- NRCS & PGC programs for landowners (Greg Kane & Jesse Bish)
 - Includes invasive, fern control, prescribed fire for warm season grasses
- Timbersale process, consultants, E & S plans, permits, retirement of sale
 - Conservation District will do E & S plans and permits talk

August--- Tour of Timber Management at SGL 266 Near Corsica (and the Waldorf's house) with an emphasis on Uneven-Aged Management---that is what landowners want to do.

Presented by Game Commission Forester Scott Wolbert, who has presented before at the conference and at this house last fall. Excellent presenter!

September-- Picnic

At Brian Fox's place just south of Clarion on Rt. 68 in Reidsburg

Program on sawing lumber with portable sawmill, chainsaw carving, making products from wood including inlays. Shoot for later September, not early in the month.

December--- Holiday Party

Stacy will work on getting a wildlife video for us to watch again.

Ideas for 2019 programs:

- Growing Your Own Mushrooms again, maybe new location
- Border cuts & group openings for wildlife, Rimersburg R & G Club
- Deer and Chronic Wasting Disease, emphasis on various aspects of CWD
- Picnic at Bob Schmidts place, Hazen. Field Day event
- Full blown invasives workshop, outdoor, practical, comprehensive

Ideas for 2020 and beyond programs:

- Smoked venison again, new location
- Pruning again, new location
- Tour of Clear Creek State Forest timber & wildlife habitat management work

NOTES:

- Mushroom program preparation---starting next summer at the Field Day at George & Jane's place, take mushroom logs we made this year and brag it up. Force fruiting of the logs so they have mushrooms at the programs. Create interest in new people who might not normally think of it. Take logs to every program next summer to show.
- At the actual mushroom program in 2019, have an experienced & qualified cook to prepare mushrooms that we have growing on our current logs from this year. Be sure to have a recipe with garlic to get the aroma going. I can smell the excitement already!
- Charge at least \$5 for mushroom program for members, \$10 for non-members, maybe more. We lost money with the donation approach, and people are willing to pay.
- Have a program every year on timber management/wildlife habitat management
- Stacy will create a spreadsheet to list all the WOCAV programs we can remember, as far back as we can remember. Info included will be:
Title/subject of program, Year & month, Location, Presenter(s), # of attendees
This will help us plan ahead. We can repeat some programs, avoid missing good ones, and avoid duplication if we don't want to repeat something.