

WOCAV Minutes 03.07.2017

Present: Layne Giering, Dave Cole, Stacey Wolbert, Joe Lowrie, George and Jane Schmader, Jim Ross, John Daugherty, Lee Swoger

Due to Jackie's absence, Layne presided over meeting.

Minutes for the last meeting, approved

Treasurers report:

Previous balance	\$1,911.72
Income	\$379.68
Expenses	\$409.28
New Balance	\$1,882.12

Members --- 63

Treasurer's report, approved

Old Business:

Bob Carlberg contacted John to get his email corrected on the WOCAV website. Information was passed to George and email address was corrected.

Venison program feedback was positive. Lots of information shared along with plenty of venison. Thank you notes sent to presenter and club members for their help. Discussion about sending appreciation certificates, but in the end the Thank you notes won. Stacey suggested that we could have prepared a little better and if we have a similar program we need to confirm that we have enough cooking devices.

PA Landowners conference in Altoona scheduled for March 24-25, 2017.

New Business:

Gene Matcalf elected to the WOCAV board.

Elimination of refreshments passed.

George presented a little information on an online registration website (EventBrite.com). Service is free for free events and reasonably priced for chargeable events. Dave Cole & George Schmader to continue research into website / service.

Stacey informed the board that Lisa Williams (PA Game Commission Biologist that presented program @ 2017 Forest Landowner's conference in Clarion) had been contacted by someone @ The Derrick who requested further information on WOCAV programs. This person would like to publish program information in the Derrick's 'Good Times' section. Dave Cole was going to

email the woman from the Audubon society who was doing a woodcock program @ the Clarion Library, so that she could promote the WOCAV woodcock program on April 13, 2017.

WOCAV newsletter distributed to 27 members @ the 2017 forest landowner's conference, will be mailed to remaining members who did not attend conference.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the WOCAV facebook page. In the end George agreed to make Stacey an administrator so she could assist with page updates. Stacey & George also to research Geolocation advertisement thru facebook for future WOCAV programs. (May be a cost involved)

Program Committee updates:

Woodcock at the Beaver Ponds

Thursday April 13th, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

The Beaver Ponds, Route 208, Knox, PA (About 2 miles west of Knox on Rt. 208)

Program will start with a talk on woodcocks by Stacey Wolbert, Game Commission Diversity Biologist. As dusk falls attendees, will listen and watch for woodcock doing their mating ritual. No cost to attend.

Growing your own mushrooms

Saturday May 13th, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Clear Creek State Forest maintenance garage, 12622 Route 949, Sigel, PA (directly across road from Clear Creek State Park)

John Plischke from Greensburg will be the presenter. He is a mushroom expert, and has done many of these workshops.

Each participant will inoculate a log with spores for Shitake mushrooms. They can then take the log home and harvest fresh mushrooms as they grow. Everything needed, will be provided.

There will be a cost for this, but WOCAV will accept donations in lieu of charging a fee to attend.

** - Quick discussion concerning Mushroom growing program. Dave needed to order spores soon. Order must be in increments of 25, decision was made to order 50. Dave indicated Gary had volunteered his interns to cut the necessary logs. Jim also volunteered again to get his ironwood removed from property. Lee also volunteered to cut logs from state forest land.

A day on the farm; restoring the American chestnut, Timber management, and pond management.

Saturday, June 24th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Freeman farm, Freeman Road Emlenton, PA. (Accessed directly off Route 478, gather @ red barn approximately 1/2 mile back Freeman Road.)

Program will discuss all things Chestnut. There will be a field tour to follow up on the talk at the Conference. Attendees will see trees of various backcrosses, both healthy and diseased trees. Learn about the backcrossing and genetic engineering programs. Be able to examine the 'Restoration Chestnut' trees that are 4 years old, over 15 feet tall and bore nuts last fall. The trees should be in flower so hand pollination with pollen from different backcrosses will be demonstrated. There will also be separate talks and tours on timber and pond management. Lunch will be provided. Program will be free to WOCAV members with a small charge levied to non-members, including MCWOA members.

** - Program is on hold. Due to health issues, George Freeman will let the board know in the future if program is still possible.

Annual WOCAV picnic

September 9th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

John Daugherty's property, 5024 Route 208, Knox, PA (overlooking the Beaver Ponds, 2 miles west of Knox)

Consulting Forester and WOCAV board member John Daugherty will give a tour of his Christmas tree farm, Innovations include a double cropping system that maximizes his production area. O'Neil's will cater picnic again this year, will be setup in barn so no concerns about weather. Cost has not been determined yet.

Annual WOCAV Holiday party

December 14th, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Stacey will provide a video program on Eagles.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Next meeting May 2, 2017

Ideas for the future:

Picnic at Fox and Fox Surveying, Rt. 68 just below Clarion at Reidsburg. Brian Fox has a portable sawmill, and does custom sawing and makes unique products with his mill. We can have the picnic there and a major program that will include a chainsaw woodcarver.

Habitat project tour at the home of Bob Schmidt near Hazen. Bob has done extensive habitat work with food plots, warm season grasses, pollinator habitat, border cuts, and cutting of pine plantations for early successional habitat. Jim knows him, and Bob has had other tours in the past. This would be a program that would last several hours, and we could bring in presenters from the PGC, NWTf, BOF, and others to talk about various things.