

Conservation Partners of America
December 10th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Dave Sell, Heidi Grams-Anderson, Grant Henkelmann, Kipp & Lindsey Trebesch, Al Gruenhagen, Dan Kranz, Brandon Becker, Bob Reid, Adam Dammann, Dave Dammann, Joyce Baumgartner, Jenny Demers, Scott and Wendy Scheidt

Meeting was called to order by President Dave Sell

Minutes were approved by Kipp Trebesch and 2nd by Grant Henkelmann. Approved by all

Treasurers Report:

Balance: \$ [REDACTED]

Still waiting to do settlement from Central Sibley

Approved by Adam Dammann and 2nd by Grant Henkelmann Approved by all.

Adopting a WMA. Joe Stangle was at our last meeting and each chapter was supposed to pick 1-2 areas that they would take care of by doing the Parking lot, informational signs. GI/CMNSA Chapters will be doing Foxhill and the Project by the Hunt Club, MFWA will be doing Lindemann Project, Central Sibley needs to pick out their area yet.

Time on the Water: We would like to form a committee group to work on getting the individuals who are going on the CPA Trip together. This is a way to get everyone comfortable with each other and a chance to get to know one another before the trip.

Prebix Project is done, not sure if completed or not.

Mike Muhling stated that there is more work that needs to be done on Mudd Lake yet. Not doing Private land anymore. \$1400 seeding on property. Kipp Trebesch made the motion to cover seeding. 2nd by Grant Henkelmann. Approved by all

Renewal to the state is done.

Central Sibley has taken over the storage unit in Gaylord. CPA has 2 containers now. MFWA will be having their event at the Glencoe City Center. MFWA used to have a table that was donated to them stored at Pla-Mor. Merv is working on getting this back for them. Once they get it back it will need to be stored in 1 of the storage containers and each chapter would be able to use it if they would like to do so. They just need to be aware that the Table is very heavy and you have to be aware/careful of legs.

TOTW Hunt: 2 guys from Redwood Falls were here to do the hunt along with Chris Hansen, Dave Schmidt, Grant Henkelmann, and Scott Scheidt. Would like to do another hunt yet this year but not able to make it work. They went to the Lindemann and Foxhill Projects. Veterans who did participate would prefer to hunt a project that we have done versus going to a game farm. Discussion about doing more hunts next year.

Discussion on Pinfeather gifts. Corporate will no longer be paying for the Pinfeather gifts. It is each chapter's responsibility to do this now. Motion made by Joyce Baumgartner and 2nd by Jenny Demers.

Corporate needs to do something for Sponsors. Whether its something little like Pizza Cutters, Key Chains, Bags, Can Coolers, Ice Scrapers, Microfiber Golf/Fishing Towel. Heidi will look into merchandise that we can give to each person coming to the 2024 events. Sponsor gifts will be each chapter's responsibility for 2024 as there is not enough time to get this settled for the 1st banquet of the year coming up in January. Dave Dammann will come up with some ideas for Sponsors for 2025.

Tax Accountant is missing some information. Dave Sell will call him, Jeff Scharpe, and see if he can come to the January Meeting to talk to everyone so everyone is on the same page with what information that he needs for the end of the year. Suggestion for each chapter to have their end of the year paperwork done by then instead of by April.

Green Isle Sportsman Club is looking into getting land purchased for doing Trap and Dog Trails. PF/DNR are willing to pay up to the appraisal value. PF will split the cost on land. It is in writing with the DNR that GISC will get the 10 acres that they are requesting plus a note that they can have Dog Trails as well. Kipp will be meeting with land owner after the new year.

MFWA would like to sell merchandise that they have left over from the last couple of years with their chapter name on and also would like to get their own credit card machine instead of using the CPA one. Each chapter that holds an event or sells anything besides their main fundraiser they can keep that money and don't have to turn anything into CPA except for the sales tax

Next Meeting: Sunday January 14th, 2024

Motion made by Dave Dammann and Adam Dammann