

Conservation Partners of America

June 9th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Kipp Jr. and Lindsey Trebesch, Sam Myhro, Heidi Grams – Anderson, Brandon and Tara Becker, Dan Kranz, Al Gruenhagen, Dustin Reid, Scott and Wendy Scheidt, and Roger Holmquist.

Meeting called to order by Sam Myhro – President.

Motion made by Kipp Trebesch Jr. to approve the minutes and 2nd by Al Gruenhagen.

Treasurers report.

- \$450 check to Hamburg for a deposit for last years banquet was never cashed. Money is put back in account by Heidi.
- \$609 check to Central Sibley May of 2022 was never cashed. Money was put back in to account by Heidi.

Money Totals:

Central MN & Green Isle	\$ [REDACTED]
Central Sibley	\$ [REDACTED]
Main Account	\$ [REDACTED]
Grant Account	\$ [REDACTED]
Total	\$ [REDACTED]

Kipp brought up that all chapters need to pay out their banquet to corporate between 30 and 60 days. Gaylord chapter is last one that needs to do this still.

It was brought up that chapters can keep 60% for project money. It was talked through that that was never actually voted on last meeting.

Talked about corporate overseeing the money.

Scott brought up bylaws and bylaws may have to be rewritten.

Kipp is fine keeping it the way it is. Chapters can use their own money, but all projects should be brought to corporate. Should not be doing all private projects like a past chapter had done. It is a good way to keep track of what we are doing.

Heidi brought up that 60 days after a banquet will need to be settled with her. She will do the split.

60% to	Chapter
30% to	Corporate
10% to	Grant Account

Wendy brought up reminder to fill out project forms.

Scott brought up Green Isle Sportsman’s Club about accounting headaches. GISCS is currently separate from CPA. GISCS account and tax numbers are still in place. Kipp said to keep it in separate. Scott asked if they still wanted the Green Isle (CPA) chapter or to close it. It was said to keep it. Kipp said it is technically 2 corporations. CPA and Sportsman’s club, CPA has 3 chapters and Sportsman’s club is its own. It would be Central MN and Green Isle CPA Chapter would be together and the Sportsman’s club would be separate.

Discussions of who can be on certain boards, so there is no conflict of interest. Kipp mentioned he stepped down from the board for time on the water.

Heidi asked if was voted on to disband Green Isle CPA chapter and accept GISCS. Scott said the Green Isle members voted to disband it. Corporate did not. Paperwork was never filed to disband.

GISCS can not donate directly to CMN directly. They can donate to corporate and corporate can disperse as they see fit. Can earmark it for a chapter, but corporate has to approve it.

Heidi brought attention back to keeping the Green Isle Chapter.

Sam – Can I get a motion to keep the Green Isle CPA chapter.

All motions, it was 2nd. No nays. Ayes have it. Keeping Green Isle CPA chapter passes.

Kipp needs to borrow money from corporate for prizes for bingo at the New Yorker. Will reimburse after event.

Friday, June 28th is the bingo event. Kipp says we need all the help we can get. Members present were told to let other members know about it.

Heidi wants to make sure its in the minutes that Sam needs to be put on to the checking account. Wendy mentions it is in last months minutes that he was voted president and he can use a copy of that to get put on to the checking account and to take Dave Sell off of it.

Scott talked to Dave Sell about insurance. It is a work in progress. The GISC needed to find new insurance policy because they started selling guns. Sam brought up if Dave Sell knew if the chucker challenge was still on the policy. Scott says he talked to them about that stuff. It was advised that the policy would get rewritten anyway and to leave it now until we know what we need.

Heidi mentions she forgot about cancelling the corporate credit card machine. Will work on that.

Kipp asked what we wanted to do about corn this year. Maybe shell corn. Storage for corn. It was asked if we were even allowed to feed the deer because of CWD. DNR says we can't intentionally make deer feeders.

Wendy made a motion to not do corn because of CWD. Brandon 2nd it. No nays. Ayes have it. No corn for the winter.

Scott says he has a long list of crap. Scott received a letter from IRS. \$1200 fine for not filing taxes for the 2023 year. 990z form was never filed. He took it to Jeff. He sent a letter to the state and he is hopping the letters got crossed in the mail and the \$1200 fine will be dropped. Names and addresses are messed up and weren't properly given to Jeff. There is a lot to straighten out and get updated. By February 15th of every year the list of board members, main corporate, and chapters for the previous year need to be given to the tax guy. A lot of information not properly given.

Scott brought up we might need to seek an attorney about the Glencoe chapter (who voted to leave in April) about their name and their use of CPA checking account. It is still connected to corporate and registered to CPA. Brought up concerns that they should be setting up their own stuff, instead of using our numbers to start a new organization. Heidi brought up to draft a formal letter before seeking an attorney. Letter to say please show proof of cancellation and change of name or intentions of name.

Kipp brought up we needed to find a day to make a float. One main float for each chapter to use. Needs to be done by July 13th. First parade is that day. A lot of ideas were thrown out about designs and what we would need. Make sure signs are on the float. Maybe make some "save the dates". It was decided to work on it Friday the 21st at 5 at Kipp's shop.

Sam set the date for the next meeting for Sunday, July 14th at 6 pm.

Kipp motioned to adjourn. Dustin 2nd it. Ayes have it. Sam closed the meeting.