

Conservation Partners of America
August 18th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Members present – Heidi Grams-Anderson, Tara Becker, Brandon Becker, Lindsey Trebesch, Kipp Trebesch Jr., Bob Reid, Dean Reid, Sam Myhro, Kipp Trebesch Sr., Wendy Scheidt, Scott Scheidt, Dan Kranz, Jason R.

Meeting called to order by Sam Myhro – President

Kipp Jr. makes motion to approve minutes and 2nd by Brandon.

Minutes are approved.

Treasurers report.

- Main Account	\$	██████████
- Grant Account	\$	██████████
- Central Sibley	\$	██████████
- Central MN & Green Isle	\$	██████████
- Total	\$	██████████

Heidi has not received a check from Central Sibley as of the night of the 18th.

Discussions about keeping bylaws or changing bylaws dealing with each chapter's money.

Kipp Jr made a motion to amend the bylaws that each chapter gets to hold on to \$5,000 up from \$3,000 and corporate would hang on to the rest. Brandon 2nd.

Ayes have it and the motion passes. Bylaw is amended.

Any private projects need to be voted on. Make sure project forms are filled out and given to Heidi.

A question was brought up about Time on the Water and Glencoe. It was resolved before the night of the meeting.

Kipp Jr. said he received an email about possible land coming up in Dryden township for purchase. Nothing else is really known about it at this time, but he is expecting more information later on.

A 3 ring binder was passed around, showing past articles that we published and it was said we really need to get back to what we used to be. Things got too lax during covid. We need to get some more active members in and our name back out there again.

Kipp, DNR and Pheasants forever will be meeting with the landowner next to the club to talk about the 110 acres.

Idea was thrown out to cut down the 2 pine trees by the entrance and put up a new sign.

Discussions made about possibly getting a new logo.

We will keep the original logo for letterheads.

Kipp Jr. made a motion to get new design/logo ideas. Bob 2nd it.

Ayes have it. Motioned passed.

Wendy reminded everyone to email pictures of any projects so that they can be added to the website.

Kipp Jr. would like ideas to keep building running. Insurance has gone up on the building.

Scott mentioned that if that land expansion would go through, it would help a lot. We could get high school trap teams in and build a trap house.

Heidi brought up the idea of pull-tabs. Sam asked about pull-tab machines. Lots of discussion, but no agreement was made.

Since we are not in city limits, we cannot sell hard alcohol without a commercial kitchen.

We can have a handicap accessible porta-potty for an accessible bathroom.

Sam asked if corporate ever has had one big banquet with all chapters. Arlington Event Center was mentioned as a possible venue. Concerns about it stealing people from the chapters banquets were voiced. A showcase banquet was another idea. Have companies bring products out to show off. Caribou was another possible venue. The idea of having an open house at the club instead of a big banquet was brought up.

The kids banquet was brought up and it was said that it has the potential to grow. Sam asked if setting up a large tent and heating it would work to expand space. Kipp Jr. says its possible to do that.

The idea of bringing back the newsletter was brought up. We would like to start doing it again and do it quarterly. Bulk mailing and bulk emailing were ideas brought up. Two to three people will be needed to start the newsletter once again. Will need recipes, pictures, and information for it. Give info to chapter members and each chapter can submit recipes. Jan 1st 2025 will be when it starts.

Kipp Jr. made a motion to look into information for bulk postage. Brandon 2nd it.

Ayes have it. Motion passed. Corporate will take care of it.

Wendy brought up that there should be one master list for all chapters and corporate. All members from all chapters will receive newsletters and banquet invites.

Sam asked if Brownton needs help at their banquet on Sept. 14th. Brownton members responded that yes they will need help the 13th and 14th. They will start meeting weekly.

Corporate meeting is set for Sept. 8th at 6 p.m.

Kipp made a motion to adjourn meeting. Dean 2nd.

Ayes – all but 1. Nay – 1. Ayes have it.