

Berthoud Gun Club General Membership Meeting Minutes 10/2/19

Location:	Longmont Moose Lodge, 2200 Pratt Street, Longmont, CO 80501
Date:	10/2/19
Time:	7:00pm
Attendees:	Board Members - Kevin Lamar; Tom Lund; Garrett VonGunten; Ty Moore; Rick Johnson; Eric Baum; Members – Mark McNeill, Angelovich, Jared, Barksdale, Tim, Brockman, Michael, Buderus, Nicholas; Caster, Daniel, Chambers, Mason, Clark, Steve, Jim Crowley, Daniel Draper, Bill Egan, Kirk Fallon, Paul Fletcher, Misty Gwin, James Hamilton, Nick Harris, Dennis Hanes, Jay Hiller, Richard Jehnke, Damon Jones, Wandee Kirkland, Todd, Klimkowsky, Bill Knight, Mike Lamuut, Tom Lopeman, Bill Ludwig, Marc Miller, Scott Milner, Daniel MOnchak, Bernard Newcomb, Fred Nichols, Clement Osborne, Billy Oskarson, Kevin Riesenberger, Dave Scoby, Lawrence Stanton, Larry Sudemeier, Kevin Sunberg, Kevin Sweeney, Brady Taipale, Don Wader, Alex Wright, Gregg Wheeler

Agenda items

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:15pm by Kevin Lamar, President. 49 of 101 members present. We met the quorum of voting members (20% needed).

Meeting was facilitated with PowerPoint slide package, which contains supplemental information to these minutes. These will be sent out with the minutes.

President's Report: Kevin Lamar gave the president's report. Kevin reported the club is in a good financial position and a strong membership position. We have some exciting new leases to talk about today and we welcome any ones input into potential new leases they may be aware of.

Secretary's report: Tom updated the membership and informed the group that we have 101 paid club memberships so far to date. This is the best position we have been in for over 4 years. We have signed up 15 new members since the last spring meeting mostly through sponsored memberships. Tom encouraged the membership to continue to bring in people they know so we can maintain the culture and values of the club. Tom discussed the current wait list of 7 members (who do not have sponsors and came in through our web site) Kevin asked for the memberships approval to maintain these individuals on the wait list until the spring where

we would re-evaluate their applications. Principle reason is they don't have sponsors and the board wants to be sensitive to the hunting opportunities in the fall for the existing membership. A motion was made and passed to accept the current wait list. Kevin pointed out that membership is not closed to any new members who come in with applications that are sponsored by an existing member and encouraged the membership to continue to sponsor potential new members who they know and trust would be a good fit. Tom updated the group that we have 24 people who have worked this year and if there are any updates to work days, to let him know so he can update the records. Tom also indicated that we are missing waiver forms for various individuals in the club and if you have not filled one out for this year, to do so before you leave tonight.

Treasurer's Report: Garrett gave the treasurers report. See Power point for highlights of our financial position. Larry S asked about the legal fund and wanted to know if we were continuing to put any money aside for the legal fund each year to build up the reserves in this account. Kevin indicated that we have not, of late done so, but will discuss it as a board.

Waterfowl Committee Report: Mark McNeill gave this report. Mark introduced the new members of the waterfowl committee. He discussed the outside leases with locations listed. Many pits have been dug in the field leases and they will be scheduling the blinds to go in within the next few weeks. We have 6 field leases overall with 7 pits total. More detail will come out on the locations and parking for each one once we have final access defined. He also covered the parking for the lake blinds; New roofs have been assigned to the lake blinds that will add to the life of the blinds over time. Blind Captains are busy at work preparing the blinds for the fall hunting season. (See Marks PowerPoint for additional info). Mark also mentioned to the membership that he personally is looking at a possible snow goose opportunity lease out by Julesburg and if there are any members who may want to participate in this on an individual basis, to reach out to Mark directly.

Lake Update - Tom and Garrett gave this presentation. The board recently contracted with Rod Beavers to perform a lake shocking of all 3 lakes to get a more detailed view of the fish levels in each lake. The cost of this shocking was approx. \$1000. Damon Jones and Dave Wilson assisted the shocking. The overall report was very detailed with its analysis and its suggestions for the go forward. The board and the fishing committee will be evaluating this report over the next few months to determine next steps for the lakes and to perhaps develop a strategy for the 3 lakes moving forward (i.e. with a focus of certain species of fish in each body of water to maximize life potential and fish levels of various species). The board also enlisted the help and support from one of our members - Dave Wilson to do some initial testing and evaluations of the water quality in all 3 lakes (especially the north lake) in light of the algae Bloom that occurred this summer and that has been a continuing issue over the years. Dave did a water quality test on all 3 lakes and provided a summary report to the board. The board has agreed to invest money and time into on-going analysis of the issues we are facing to ensure the long-term viability and survivability of the water. We will continue to work with Dave on developing a more thorough analysis of the problems and how we can mitigate going forward with the idea that we improve and enhance the water quality of all 3 lakes in the future for the benefit of our membership. Garrett and Kevin discussed the need for cooperation and understanding this fall and winter season on the south lake in that Fisherman who want to ice fish, have first right during waterfowl season. We really haven't had too many issues this past winter (though there have been some in years past), so it was just a reminder to all to be careful and mindful.

Web Update - CD Osborne - CD gave an informative update to our web site and what enhancements he has made to the web site recently. His PowerPoint is attached - He has added a new feature "Find a Hunt Buddy" for those members looking to join up with another member on a hunt. Please go to the web site and check it out. He also mentioned that there are forums available to post pics or comments and that the membership should take advantage of this as a tool to help communication. CD also mentioned that only approximately 70 members out of our 101 have actually logged into the web site and set up a password for access. If you haven't checked it out, please go to the webs site <https://berthoudgunclub.com> and sign up for member access. There is a box that will allow you to go in and gain access to the member's only section (once you do for the first time, it may take 24 hours to receive a password, so be patient.) CD also introduced a Calendar feature that is in development to update the membership on blind reservations. This is still in development and we will review with CD if this could become a potential tool of benefit. The Calendar can also be used to update the group on meetings, hunting dates and seasons, etc.....

Trap Club Report: Jerry gave the report. See power point for details presented. Lots of new changes and enhancements to the club including some clubhouse improvements, 22 and archery range improvements and general improvements to the grounds. Jerry mentioned that overall ATA participation is down all across the board, but they are still positive for the future of the trap club as they have good relations with leagues; 4H; CYT; and the Boy Scouts.

Special Drawing: Door prize drawing was conducted followed by raffle ticket prize drawings. Big thank-you to Garrett for bringing in some exciting new raffle prizes. Garrett also recognized Cabelas for their continuing support and efforts to our club with raffle prizes, etc....they have become an important partner to our club and we encourage all of our membership to support them when possible.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM