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Yamhill County Chapter

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Next Chapter Meeting Thursday May 11, 2017

American Legion

126 NE Atlantic, McMinnville
6:00 pm Dinner 7 pm Meeting

Speaker – OSP Game Trooper Tayler Jerome

He will update us on recent public record cases he has worked on.

At this May meeting voting will occur for two officer positions and four board member positions

May 2017

This is a very tough and yet exciting time in my life. Over the last 3 years as President I have watched our Chapter grow in memberships, projects, fundraiser and overall enthusiasm for OHA. Every day of our lives we have the opportunity to affect someone's life. Being a part of and seeing how many lives our chapter has touched and what we have done to help others and make a difference in the local area has been awesome. I have been very blessed to be involved with such a fantastic group of people.

Some of the members know that I had applied for the Field Director position with OHA. I am very excited to announce that I have been chosen to fill the Field Director position. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to be working with all the Chapters around the state. The bad part of this blessing is that it would be a conflict of interest to hold the State position and the Presidents' seat. With that said I will be resigning as the President of the Yamhill County Chapter effective May 31st. I will still be an active part of the YC Chapter and look forward to our upcoming projects. We will be taking nominations at our May meeting for the position of president with a vote at our June meeting.

Moving on to regular newsletter stuff.

Please look over the information in the newsletter on wolves. If you want to take a day off work for a worthwhile cause there will be a hearing on Wolves on Friday May 19th. Not to get into the whole political theme, but hearings like this seem to be a 5 to 1 ratio with us outdoorsman being the 1. This is a great chance to help make a difference.

Due to the extreme weather and high winter kills ODFW has issued some emergency tag reductions and unit closures. Please take time to look at the website before applying this year. DON'T FORGET MAY 15th.

Happy Hunting,

Bryan Cook-YCOHA President

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General Meeting Synopsis
April 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by chapter president Bryan Cook. All officers, 8 board members, 24 chapter members, and 2 guests were present.

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Fundraiser

- Although the results of the March fundraiser are still being calculated, the results appear to be quite good. It is possible this could be the best fundraiser, to date, for the chapter.

Chapter Elections

- The following positions will be open during the chapter election in May:
 - Vice-President
 - Treasurer
 - Four board members
- Parker Guy is will not run for the vice-president position he has held for the past two years. Instead, he will serve as banquet chair, devoting his time and energy year round toward the annual March fundraiser.
- Ron Niehus will not run again for the board position he is vacating, but will continue with the chapter newsletter, the Sportsman's Show, and the Yamhill County Fair booth the chapter will man this year.
- Chapter members wishing to run for a position or wishing to nominate another member for a position should contact Bryan Cook, chapter president.

New State Position

- Bryan Cook informed the chapter he has accepted the state's new half-time field director position.
- He will be resigning his chapter president's position at a later date, but will still be active in chapter events. When his resignation has been accepted by the board, a chapter member will be appointed to fill the remainder of the term of chapter president. The president's position will again appear on the May 2018 election ballot.

Chapter Projects

- Chapter members are asked to think about possible chapter projects that will help meet OHA's purposes and goals, both on the state and local levels, and to bring their ideas to the next meeting. They may also contact chapter officers and board members with their ideas.

Fair Booth

- Yamhill County Fair administrators have approved a booth manned by the chapter during this year's fair.
- Volunteers will be needed throughout the days and hours of the fair. Those willing to work the booth should contact Ron Niehus.
- The chapter is leaning toward a bow for the booth's drawing.

Elk Project and Spotlight Deer Count

- Amy Darr, ODFW assistant district biologist, is working on the Elk Project in the Mt. Hood region. She is seeking volunteer help for that and other wildlife projects, including the spotlight deer count.

The evening's speaker was Randy Hoop, who described his Artic Circle hunt as "long, cold, and hard," though successful for caribou, musk ox, and artic fox.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be May 11th, 7:00 PM, at the American Legion post in McMinnville. Peg Morris, Chapter Secretary

Attention OHA members!

We need you to support the NEW Oregon Wolf Plan language, in particular as it respects wolf recovery, but also supports management through controlled take in Phase III, which the Eastern Oregon Zone just entered. Send emails now and/or attend and/or testify at upcoming Commission meetings in Klamath Falls and Portland. You can attend and show support without testifying. (We have stylish stickers you can wear!)

Portland meeting

Friday May 19, 2017 - Time TBD
7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97220
Agenda TBD

OHA needs a respectful show of support for the new DRAFT Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. Allowing hunting as a tool for controlled take is critical.

The meeting will include opportunity for public comment.

To send written comments:

- Email: odfw.commission@state.or.us
- In the subject line of the email use the words: Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan
- State that you are a member of OHA.
- Make your email original and stress just 2 or 3 points. (Examples listed below).
- Do not use a form email. Please make it your own.

To attend and/or testify:

- To testify, you must register at the meeting.
- Please be concise and specific. Time is limited to 2 to 3 minutes.
- Be respectful of others; please represent us well.
- State that you are a member of OHA.
- Testimony must be factual and lean toward the professional and scientific need to properly manage the wolf population. We must protect other wildlife and livestock.

Points to Consider:

- * Wolves have successfully re-established in Oregon and ODFW has been proactive in planning for them through an effective management plan process – supported by OHA.
- * Oregon's wolves (approximately 150) are a western extension of a much larger Northern Rockies population (over 2,000), which needs to be considered when assessing abundance and viability.
- * Oregon's wolves have "special game animal status" and are part of an experimental population – brought from Alberta to Idaho in the 1990s.
- * Any controlled take (very limited hunting) would be done with close concern for the species abundance and effect on other economic interests, such as livestock raising.
- * ODFW's proposed plan allows for continued growth and health of the wolf population, yet considers other very important concerns for Oregonians, such as hunting for deer, elk, and other big game, and the agricultural activities of Oregon.
- * OHA is not proposing hunting at this time.
- * Hunting is part of the management tool bag OHA wants the ODFW to be able to use when/if the need arises.
- * Single year population results are not an indicator of long-term success or failure.
- * When and where ever needed, hunters can aid ODFW in controlled take, lowering financial impact on ODFW's strained budget, most of which now comes from hunters and anglers.
- * Elk and deer populations are under increasing pressure from a variety of sources; predation levels are increasing the management complexity.
- * It's mostly rural Oregon that is currently feeling the impact of predators (cougar and wolf) that adversely affect the local economies, family livelihoods and safety.

Thank you for your support of OHA and our mission of protecting Oregon's wildlife, habitat and hunting heritage!

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