

## **Birch Hills Sportsman Club Fall Meeting Minutes, Sept 8, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Rachel at 6:32 pm and members were asked to join in with the pledge of allegiance. Members were also able to pick up an agenda, club financials and spring 2018 meeting minutes. A work day was held this morning which was focused on the new food plot inside gate 3. Special thanks to Elie Harb for bringing in his drag which did a great job of removing the small brush. 13 members participated in the cleanup!! A new bench was also installed in this area by Chris and Susan Madej (thank you!).

**Badge sales will take place after the meeting however if you were not able to attend the meeting, these can also be purchased from Bob Grignon (lot 58) or from Steve Graves (lot 117).**

Spring 2018 meeting minutes were handed out at the beginning of the meeting and were accepted as written. Ron Vasich (lot 6/7) presented the treasures report. Income from badges was \$1,100 and from the wood cutting inside gate 3 was \$19,000. The club spent last year a total of \$6,303 compared to a budget of \$10,666 so we were substantially under budget. The report included a list of all items purchased and who purchased them. Current accounts are: Checking \$2,601 Savings \$8,595 Four CD's of \$11,991, \$3,580, \$2032 and \$19,368 for a club total of \$48,166. The club gained about \$601 in interest through these CD's. Financials were accepted and approved as written.

### **Old Business**

**Food Plots** –Highland Forestry and Food Plots frost seeded the two east side plots (2.1 and 2.2) this spring with clover to try and improve the coverage. They also mowed both plots this summer to knock down the grass and allow the clover to grow better. Clover plots in the future really need to be mowed 2-3 times each year so there is maintenance and cost required for perennial plots. The west plots (2.1, 2.2 and 2.3) were also planted with rye this spring and then tilled under to try and improve the soil conditions. These were planted with “killer instinct climatize” seed blend which looks to be taking off well for this fall. Brent Weston and Rick Whisler walked all the food plots in August to develop a plan for 2019. The recommendation was that both east food plots be sprayed with roundup and replanted next spring with clover since the frost seeding didn't really improve much. Also, we should consider focusing on perennial plots instead of annuals which have to be planted once or twice a year. Randy suggested planting plots 1.1 and 1.3 with clover since they have the best soils (least amount of sand). We could also plant some annuals around the perimeter with clover in the center?

A suggestion was also made to consider bringing in some dirt or dairy doo to improve the sandy plots. We'll work to get some pricing and options on this.

**Forest Management** – The regrowth in the recently timbered area inside gate 3 is amazing!! The softwoods have grown 8-12 ft tall in many places. This is a huge success in proving both a food source with the new growth as well as bedding areas for the wildlife. The proposed 3.1 food plot has been cleared and could be planted with winter wheat or something similar with no further prep required. There is minimal sand and almost no rocks!! It was agreed that we could spend about \$100 to fertilize and plant winter wheat in this new food plot for this fall and next spring. Brent Weston will follow up on getting that done.

**Club Documents** – Todd has continued to work on getting the club documents signatures back so we can tie the documents together with our deeds. The club has worked with three separate attorneys since 1991 and all agreed that this needs to be done to tie the commons area rules to each of our lot deeds. The covenants that each member received with their deed only pertains to their lot, the bylaws pertain to the common area. Once these documents are tied together, when a lot is purchased the owner would then receive their deed, the covenants and the bylaws in their document package. The club needs at least 80% of these returned but ideally, we would want every lot owner to sign and return their documents.

**Information Boards** – New “parking” sign purchase was approved, and these will be placed by the information boards so folks entering through the gates know where the designated parking is. Todd will purchase and install these.

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## New Business

**Officer Elections** – Ballots with the proposed officers and directors were handed out. The following were unanimously approved as officers/directors for the 2018/2019 calendar year.

President	Rick Whisler (lots 5/27)
Vice President	Steve Graves (lots 107, 108 and 109)
Secretary	Kristi Teall (lot 92)
Treasurer	Ron Vasich (lots 6 and 7)
Director	Randy Vasold (lot 14)
Director	Bob Grignon (lot 58)
Director	Brent Weston (lots 145 and 146)
Director	Todd Rachel (lots 15 and 102)

## **Meeting adjourned 7:21 PM**

Badge sales were completed after the meeting.

**Thanks to all members and guests for attending!!!**

**Your email addresses are needed!!** The club spends approximately \$100 for each mailing (twice a year). In an effort to conserve our club money, we ask that every lot owner share their email address with the club if you have one. **All emails addresses are confidential** and are not shared outside the board of directors unless permission has been provided by the lot owner. If you have a new or updated email, please send a note to me at “hunter19301@yahoo.com” so that we can send our meeting communications electronically. Thank you, Rick Whisler, Secretary (Lots 5 & 27)