

Prickly Pear Sportsmen's Association
Association Meeting Minutes
East Helena VFW
April 09, 2019

Board Members:

Chairman of the Board: Jason Swant

Assoc. President: Neil Horne

Assoc. President-Elect: Rick Yearry

Assoc. Treasurer: Annette Rinehart

Assoc. Secretary: Vacant

Website Mgr.: Vacant

Range Mtnc. Officer: Jordon Alexander - EXC

Director: Keaton Santos

Director: Larry Cole

Director: Cory Olson

Director: Scott Swingley

Director: Kerry Bartlett

Director: George Schiller

Meeting Start: 7:05 pm Meeting End: 8:02 pm

There were 12 members of the Association present in addition to the Board, for a total of 22 members present.

Minutes from the January meeting were read.

- Motion to accept: Kerry Bartlett; 2nd, Keaton Santos; all in favor, motion passed

Treasurer's report. Note that some figures have been rounded.

- Monthly (03/01/19 – 03/31/19) report

Beginning balance:	\$34,126
Deposits:	+\$6,355
Routine Expenses:	-\$2,735
Pay back balance of skid steer loan	-\$28,119
Ending balance:	\$9,627

Note: We had borrowed money from ourselves (CD's) to pay for the skid steer in 2017. This March, 2019 payment back to ourselves finishes our commitment to pay back that internal loan in full. This last payment was deposited in our checking account so that we have ready monies available to pay for this summer's shaping and milling of parking areas and the access road to the long ranges.

- Motion to accept: George Schiller; 2nd, Keaton Santos; all in favor, motion passed

Annual Board of Directors' Reports

- Larry – List of 2018 Accomplishments: This was summarized, and is contained in a document titled '2018 Accomplishments' dated 04/09/19, and posted to our website.
- Larry – Forest Service Communications Committee: Actions involving the PPSA/FS over calendar year 2018 and the first quarter of 2019 were reviewed.
 - The PPSA and FS held their annual winter meeting on 04/01/19.
 - It was noted that the PPSA has now submitted what they feel is a complete package requesting renewal of our Special Use Permit that is scheduled to expire in December of 2020.

- Annette – Recap of Financial for 2018:
 - The PPSA will again offer scholarships to selected graduating seniors in the greater Helena area this spring. The deadline for submittal of applications has passed, and we have 7 to consider. We are offering two scholarships for \$500/each.
 - Membership numbers are in a bit of flux as members and guests consider an annual membership versus the relatively new guest pass option. Our annual membership numbers were down roughly one hundred (1729) comparing 2018 to 2017, but guest passes for that same period were up roughly one hundred (534).
 - Note: Dave Tobol stated that he has had several new or guest members share with him that they are pleased with the quality of the PPSA range.
- Rick - Recap of Events for 2018:
 - Rick thanked Capital Sports for their leadership, contributions, and help over the past year.
 - Appleseed, Concealed Carry (Rick Davis), and Elk Camp (Capital Sports)/Open House were all successful this past year. The sale of a few annual memberships usually results from each of these events.
- Cory – Still have hats for sale. Will continue with emphasis on Range checks.
- Keaton – Safety; say something if you see something.
- George – Northern storage unit’s condensation problem may need to be vented to be resolved.
- Scott – See’s good compliance when he is conducting membership checks.
- Jason – Several topics:
 - We suspended our stated limits on donating to worthy causes in order to make a contribution (\$1000) to PLWA in the late Jim Manning’s name.
 - Jason has been serving on the Spotted Dog Working Group with Neil for several years. After polling the PPSA membership, he submitted comments to the MT FWP in the PPSA name sharing concerns over the lack of perceived improvements in public access or wildlife habitat as the FWP considers upping the private grazing capacity on the Spotted Dog WMA.
 - See’s steady and meaningful work being provided to PPSA by the current Board.
- Neil – Wanted to thank the general membership and the Board for all their hard work!

New Business - Election of Officers, facilitated by Kerry Bartlett

- There were seven vacancies to be filled for the upcoming 2019-2020 year. Officers are elected for one-year terms, and general Directors are elected for three-year terms.
 - Chairman of the Board – No new nominees were submitted. Current Chairman Jason Swant is available to serve another term.
 - Motion to accept: George Schiller; 2nd, Rick Yearry; all in favor, motion passed. Jason Swant re-elected.
 - President – No new nominees were submitted. Current President Neil Horne is available to serve another term.
 - Motion to accept: Rick Yearry; 2nd, Scott Swingley; all in favor, motion passed. Neil Horne re-elected.
 - President-Elect – No new nominees were submitted. Current President-Elect Rick Yearry is available to serve another term.

- Motion to accept: Larry Cole; 2nd, George Schiller; all in favor, motion passed. Rick Yearry re-elected.
- Secretary – Sherri Lionberger’s name was submitted, no others.
 - Motion to accept: George Schiller; 2nd, Rick Yearry; all in favor, motion passed. Sherri Lionberger elected.
- Treasurer – No new nominees were submitted. Current Treasurer Annette Rinehart is available to serve another term.
 - Motion to accept: Rick Yearry; 2nd, Cory Olson; all in favor, motion passed. Annette Rinehart re-elected.
- Director George Schiller’s spot – No new nominees were submitted. Current Director George Schiller is available to serve another term.
 - Motion to accept: Scott Swingley; 2nd, Rick Yearry; all in favor, motion passed. George Schiller re-elected.
- Director Keaton Santos’ spot – No new nominees were submitted. Current Director Keaton Santos is available to serve another term.
 - Motion to accept: Jason Swant; 2nd, Dave Tobol; all in favor, motion passed. Keaton Santos re-elected.

New Business – 04/27/19 Range Day (Cabin Fever Breakout), 10 am through 2 pm

- Hosted by Capital Sports. Ruger, Springfield, Kimber, and Savage dealers present. Mainly hand guns, but long guns and suppressors also available to try.

New Business – 08/24/19 Open House, time TBA

- Co-Hosted with Capital Sports, who will arrange for vendors. Emphasis will be on youth and new shooters.

Next Association meeting will be September 10, 2019, at 7:00 pm, East Helena VFW.

Motion to adjourn; Keaton Santos; 2nd; Cory Olson; all in favor, motion passed.

/s/Larry Cole, Scribe

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