

Prickly Pear Sportsmen's Association
Association Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
VFW, East Helena
7:00 pm

Jason Swant, Chair
Neil Horne, President
Rick Yearry, Vice-President **AB**
Marcia Snyder Secretary
Jim Manning, Treasurer
Greg Guthrie, Director **AB**

Keaton Santos, Director **AB**
Larry Cole, Director
Tim Snyder, Director
George Schiller, Director
Darrell Harris, Director

President Neil Horne called the association meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Members attending: 19 including board members.

Secretary Marcia Snyder read the minutes of the November meeting. George Schiller moved and Kerry Bartlett seconded a motion to accept. Motion passed.

Treasurer Jim Manning reported that at the end of December, there was a balance of \$14, 587.96 in the checkbook. Tim Wheel moved and Tim Snyder seconded a motion to accept. Motion passed.

OFFICERS/DIRECTORS REPORTS

Forest Service communication – Larry Cole was late in arriving but reiterated what Neil Horne had reported in his stead, that being that an annual meeting will be held in February with the Forest Service and that short and long range plans will be discussed, to include watching for availability of recycled asphalt when US12 is repaved in the future. It was also shared with the membership that we have also received a map of the perimeter of the range.

RMO report – Jason Swant reported for Jordan Alexander, RMO. In one word – snow! There has been a lot of snow and drifting the past 3 weeks and members are asked to help with this, showing patience and maybe doing a little shoveling, if necessary, when using the range. There was a major snow removal event January 5th and every effort made to keep on top of it.

OLD BUSINESS

Golf Cart – Neil reported that efforts continue to be made to replace our Range Cadi. Through Joe Speiker we can get a golf cart for \$1500 - \$2500, depending on age. The Board will continue to look at this for the upcoming year.

Events – Marcia reported that additional information for this year’s events would be forthcoming in the next month. Applesed dates are as follows: April 22-23, July 15-16, and September 23-24. Concealed carry class dates should be available shortly as well.

Budget & Audit Committee – Neil reported that we are moving ahead with an accounting system to make budgeting and auditing a reality. Jason will present more under New Business.

Legislative Committee – Board Chairman Jason Swant that although called for in our by-laws, we have no legislative committee, per se. There are members who regularly watch the legislature for bills that might be of interest. Jason reminded the membership that while members are free to identify themselves as members of PPSA, they are not to speak as if representing the association.

NEW BUSINESS

Accounting & Budgeting – Jason reported that the Board is moving ahead to modernize our financial system to provide for planning and budgeting the association’s finances in a consistent and easily understood manner. The Quickbooks programs will be used and the process should be completed in the next month.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Donations – Jim Manning brought up the subject of donations to various groups that we have supported in the past, those being the Wildlife Federation, Trout Unlimited, and the Public Lands, Public Access programs. Bill Covey provided background on the support of the PLPA Coalition, and mentioned in the past that there had been a link on the website to keep the membership updated on their (PLPA) activities. Darrell Harris moved and Bill Covey seconded a motion to give the coalition \$500. Discussion followed. Jason mentioned that he did not have a sense of tracking how effective the groups are that we have donated to in the past. Jim Manning said that we have never donated more that \$500 to any one group to date. Neil Horne stated that we do not have a budget yet and he wanted to have a budget before proceeding. George Schiller called for the question on the motion and the motion passed.

New target at 400 yards – Justin Covey asked the Board to consider a new or more target area at 400 yards. What is there now can only accommodate 2 shooters at most and it is heavily used. Neil said a bigger frame could be made.

There being no further business to discuss, Bill Covey moved to adjourn; Larry Cole seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Snyder, Secretary

