

This is a recap of minutes for the January 29, 2018 meeting of the Cedar Valley Conservation Club.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge was read. The Secretary Report for the previous meeting were read and accepted as was the Treasurer's Report. The funds in the savings account were down because we had gotten a truckload of clay pigeons and all bills associated with our range improvement project were paid. Once the fencing part of the project is done we will have that bill to pay, but half of all the improvement expenses will be reimbursed through a Minnesota DNR grant.

OLD BUSINESS -

The hand trap was taken down to the company in Iowa the originally made it and was refurbished to basically new condition.

The wireless controls for the skeet range have been purchased and are now in place.

We received a truckload of clay pigeons on Dec. 13th. Thanks to Randy South for the use of his forklift and all others who assisted in getting them off the truck and put away.

The VFW Youth Shoot has been pushed back to a fall shoot. Nathan will be talking to people on his end and then update us on possible dates at our March meeting.

The Don Hanson Memorial Shoot was also discussed. No decision made to when it will be held.

The volunteer sign-up sheet the everyone gets when they either renew or get a new membership are being forwarded to Davin Alan and he will put together a master recap list so all individuals who need to recruit help have a copy.

The fencing part of the range improvement project was discussed and some clarifications agreed on to where or where not fencing would be needed. We will be talking to Rolling Green Fencing regarding this so once spring is here the improvement project can be completed as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS -

The first order of business was the election of officers, board of directors, and committee members for 2018. The slate was approved as presented and it as follows: President - David Raffelson, Vice President - Randy South, Secretary - Dick Gunderson, Treasurer - Arlen Schamber. Board of Directors - Carl Hanson, Paul Jenkins, Dean LeRud, Bruce Bates, and Larry Bakken. Trap Committee - Howie Zimmer, Bruce Bates, George Moore, and Paul Jenkins. Range Committee - Al Fimon. The Kitchen and Grounds Committees are team efforts.

A site drawing of the pistol range was handed out showing a proposed placement for the steel tip over targets that were approved at a previous meeting. The proposed spot would be north of the existing north pistol range. However, in order to insure the safety of people using the north pistol range some type of barrier would need to be built. Any action was tabled until a future meeting to allow for discussion. Once more discussion has taken place we can put a plan in place and call for bids for any work that would need to be done. This project could be a project that would also qualify for DNR grant funds but cannot be submitted until the range improvement project is complete.

A suggestion was brought forward to have some type of fun shooting competition for club members that would include all current activities at CVCC - pistol, rifle, trap and skeet. This was also tabled for a future meeting to allow for discussion.

Our current supply and access cards is about used up so a new batch will be ordered. Arlen Schamber will be filing the IRS 990 form which basically recaps funds both coming out and going out for the past year.

The Cedar Valley Conservation Club is considered a tax-exempt organization. However, under current state law, we are required to pay sales tax on all rounds of trap. Arlen is putting together a form letter and we will be asking all members to individually send emails to Sen. Sparks and Rep. Poppe urging them to pass legislation that would exempt organizations such as CVCC from this sales tax. Last year this tax amounted to around \$6000.00 for the club.

We will be making a \$300.00 sponsorship donation to Pheasants Forever and will be a Gold Sponsor.

It appears there may be a problem with the county tile out by the 100- yard range. We will alert the county so it can be checked out come spring and corrective action made to allow drainage.

There will be Community Education Shooting classes for ladies interested to shooting trap on May 18, 20, 25, and 27. Paul Jenkins will be handling these classes.

There will be approximately 70 4-H kids shooting trap this year.

A discussion was held regarding having safety shooting classes for anyone interested in shooting sports. Because we are not certain just where we would sit regarding insurance liability and what type of classes we would be looking at - pistol, rifle, shotgun and whether or not people interested would have their own firearms. Although this was tabled as a future discussion topic the general conscience appeared to be that there are other resources available for people wanting to see if shooting sports are something they would like to pursue - DNR on-line gun training, shotgun instructors, Mark Stevens conceal/carry classes, Coyote Creek in Rochester.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

David Rafflelson - CVCC President