

This is a recap of minutes for the March 26, 2018 meeting of the Cedar Valley Conservation Club.

The March 26th meeting was called to order at 7:00 and was followed by the pledge being read. **Dick Gunderson** read the Secretaries' Report which was approved. **Arlen Schamber** gave the Treasurer's Report. The checking and savings balances are down from last month due to paying for a truckload of clay pigeons and a new supply of member scan cards. Treasurer's report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS -

As soon as the frost is out of the ground, Rolling Green Fencing will be back to complete the fencing portion of our current DNR grant.

The CPA firm that handles all of our tax reports has completed and sent in the IRS 990 for 2017.

Until we get further into spring we will not know for sure if there is an issue with the tile line which drains the rifle range. If there is a problem we will have to contact the county office and let them know there is a problem.

The **Don Hanson Memorial Shoot** will be in the fall but an exact date has not yet been set. It was a very good fund raiser for youth shooting last year so we want to keep it going.

NEW BUSINESS -

Several members of CVCC sent emails to Rep. Jeanne Poppe and Sen. Dan Sparks seeking relief from the sales tax the club currently has to pay on thrown clay pigeons. Rep. Poppe responded back that she had introduced a tax amendment - HF3646, that would do just that and she also asked if it would be possible for members of CVCC to come up to St. Paul and testify before the House Finance Committee on Tuesday March 20th. In response to her request four members - **Davin Alan, Steve Klementson, Don Wendorf, and David Raffelson** do go and testify. The amendment still has to be attached to a bill, passed by the House and Senate, and signed by the Governor, but we are hopeful that this tax and the work it creates for the club will soon go away.

The family of a former member Duane Patton asked about donating a marble sitting bench to the club in his honor. There was lots of discussion regarding this and although the club appreciates what they are wanting to do, there is concern about perhaps getting too many donations of this sort when in fact the giving of money to the club would allow us to make better use of the money and still have a permanent memorial to the individual.

Arlen Schamber has been selected the Outdoor News Magazine "Person of the Year for 2018". Our congratulations go out to Arlen for all of the work he does at CVCC plus is work involving conservation and shooting sports with other groups as well. Arlen is currently being featured on the CVCC website.

There are perhaps other members of the club that should also be recognized for accomplishments during the year. If you are aware of any individuals please let us know and we will highlight their accomplishments on the CVCC website.

Tom Suter will check with a timber company to see if there are any trees suitable for harvesting out beyond the trap and skeet ranges as some of these trees are currently line of sight obstructions and if harvested could be of value to the club. Tom will advise what he found out at a future meeting.

Randy South brought up the need for the club to have some type of plan in place detailing just where we would like to be and what we would like to look like is say five years. Part of this plan will recap upcoming needs / expenses for the club as well as look into how we could better use the club's 40 acres so that activity on one range does not affect activity on other ranges at the club. There are clubs with less property than our club that do not have these issues. Until this plan is completed and discussed no further changes will be made on club property. This includes the steel pistol target range.

There was also discussion regarding things that could be done to encourage more people shooting more rounds of trap and skeet each year. One of the things discussed was to get a ticket for each round shoot and then once a week a winning ticket or tickets would be drawn for some type of prize. The prizes discussed included a free round or a box of shells. There was also discussion on what could be done to increase interest in existing trap leagues. Members of the trap committee will be discussing this further and deciding on a course of action.

Carl Hanson had been notified that the price of birds had gone up. We just received a truckload in December but in order to offset the price increase on future purchases a motion was made and passed to increase prices for each round. **Effective May 1st the price for members will be \$4.00 and for non-members it will be \$5.00. Until the end of the current school year the youth price will remain at \$3.00 but starting next year that will increase to \$3.50 per round.**

The annual workers feed will be on Saturday April 21st starting at 5:00. **David Raffelson** will be contacting those on the list for this year to let them know it is coming as well as extend an invite.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
David Raffelson – CVCC President