

Pennsylvania State YHEC Council Meeting
February 7, 2010
Miller's Gun Shop, Mill Hall, Pennsylvania

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Fox. In attendance were; Charles & Ursula Fox; Paul & Sharon Swales; Dan Reichart; Wes Walden; Steve & Connie Petris; Beth Bason; Bill & Mary Alice Bower; and John Kernan.

There were no minutes available from the last meeting.

Because of inclement weather, Treasurer Darlene Marshall was unable to attend. She relayed to Chairman Fox by telephone that the balance in the council accounts is \$3105.00. All bills are currently paid. Chairman Fox advised the meeting attendees of the 501-C approval by the IRS. Treasurer Marshall will be responsible for preparation and submission of the appropriate tax documents to satisfy the IRS requirements.

Chairman Fox advised the council of future changes to the NRA grant process. It is probable that by next year all grants will need to be applied for on-line. NRA intends to have a warehouse for most of the equipment necessary for YHEC. If your grant includes a purchase request for equipment, this request will be fulfilled through the NRA warehouse. The NRA is hopeful that this will hold down costs as they will purchase items at the best possible price available. At this time there is no warehouse inventory list. The NRA is in transition this year working toward utilizing this system and having more control.

After a request from Valley YHEC, discussion was held regarding changing the date of the State competition back to Father's Day weekend. It was decided that the date of the 2010 State YHEC competition will be June 19, 2010 at Scotia Range, State College, Pennsylvania.

Chairman Fox announced the implementation of a YHEC program in the Williamsport High School called the Millionaire Marksman. This is a groundbreaking event for our state. It is hoped that more High Schools can be recruited in the future, with support from local sportsman's clubs. It was also announced that Dave Halchek from United Sportsmen #271, is planning to hold a regional event at the Wilkes Barre Rifle and Pistol grounds on May 22, 2010. He is requesting volunteers that are interested in helping with this event.

Chairman Fox will be in touch with the people providing the food for the state event, as well as the port-a-johns. Steve Kluk will be in charge of the volunteer notification. Mr. Walden will be responsible for door prizes, indicating that donations are gratefully accepted. The Public Address system will be provided by Kory Enck. Terry Bridges will provide photography for the event. The winning participants and teams will be photographed following the presentations of awards in an effort to conserve time.

Chairman Fox informed the council that Jim Nylon is unavailable to direct the Shotgun event this year and that John Kernan has graciously agreed to fill in temporarily. As in the past, Lambs Creek Sportsmen will be assisting with traps and set up. After a complaint made by a participant, a lengthy discussion was held regarding the ammunition for the shotgun event. At the present time, the state

provides the ammunition for the shotgun event. The pros and cons regarding this procedure were discussed including the money that could be saved by the council if participants were allowed to utilize their own ammunition. It was argued that by allowing this, it could open up the opportunity for unethical behavior. The matter will be handled this year as in the past, the state council will provide ammunition. The brand is to be determined at a later date. Also in an attempt to be more consistent, the volunteers will be instructed to give the participant the benefit of the doubt on the first occurrence of a malfunction with a lost bird on the second occurrence.

The .22 event will once again allow the participants to use their own ammunition. The event director will have a supply of ammunition for those that do not bring their own.

Mr. Walden suggested a change in the score card for the Archery event showing the proper markings to be used in scoring and an indication that ink be used by the scoring volunteers. The council was advised that there are new archery targets available for use. The juniors will have a closer peg to shoot from at the longest target.

Mr. Swales advised the council that he is getting some additional spools to be utilized as loading benches at the Muzzleloader event. It was suggested that it be implemented in the rules that components for this event should be supplied by the participants and indicate that only a limited amount of supplies will be available at the event. It was also decided that only sights that are used in a hunting situation will be allowed. (Post and bead or blade, no enclosed or globe front sights)

The Tug of War competition will include a five person Junior or Senior team with their registered coach for a total of six people per team. Prizes will be hats and pins.

The host of practice weekend will be informed of the budget of \$1250.00. A grant has been received in this amount. The host club will be responsible for any amount over \$1250.00 grant amount.

A report was given by Beth Bason regarding a recent meeting held at Cabela's in which 12 people were in attendance. Of these 12 people, 4 current YHEC teams were represented. The substance of the meeting was suggestions to be given to the Pennsylvania YHEC council. The recommendations were discussed and taken under advisement.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned to enjoy refreshments provided by Mrs. Miller and Beth.