



Clatsop County Chapter

Meeting Minutes Golden Luck Restaurant, 159 W Bond, Astoria November 12, 2008 Taken by Dane Osis

Attendance: Wendell Locke, Norma Locke, Dane Osis, Herman Biederbeck, Joe Fisher, David Richards, Paul McDonald, Norm McLaren, Alan Schumacher, Wes Paget, Pat O'Grady. *Due to extremely wet weather and flooding in the county a number of board members were not able to make the meeting, along with the guest speaker who was coming up from Tillamook.*

Secretary Report- Since Kate will not be able to attend meetings due to her new job, Dane Osis will fill the role as note taker for the meetings. Wendell said that he would be sending the newsletter to the OHA headquarters office for printing and distribution. The goal is to have one newsletter per month sent out. There has not been a newsletter out in quite some time now.

Safari Trailer Report- Wendell reported that he was looking into the purchase of a safari trailer to be used for display at schools and special events. He reported that the trailer he was looking into was about \$12,000 and that the Grand Ronde tribe may be interested in helping out. He will look further into this matter after the banquet.

Shooting Range Report- David had met with the county to discuss possible options for setting up a gun range somewhere in the county. Unfortunately, all of the sites that were proposed were either too small, too expensive or otherwise unfeasible. One site near Simmons Field had a \$600,000 plus asking price. This is something that will require some grants as well as more funding from the group and other partners. Norm reported that Weyerhaeuser would be supportive of such a project as much of their land has seen damage from people shooting signs, etc.

OHA President Meeting-Wendell reported that there will be an OHA chapter president meeting held in Bend in December 2008. Ty has been talking with Shaun about attending, and the chapter will put up necessary funds to pay for expenses if needed.

God's Valley Gate-Norm reported that he has been doing some research about this project. The current system they have to lock this area is not sufficient. They need a swinging gate to keep vehicles out. Getting some sort of gate fabricated from sopro welding or other local business might be the best and

cheapest option. The Tillamook County chapter may be interested in partially funding this project with us. Norm will try to get some quotes we can share with Tillamook and make a decision sometime after the first of the New Year.

Weyerhaeuser Clean Up- Pat O' Grady was in attendance at the meeting, and he is interested in helping to organize a cleaning of Weyerhaeuser property. Much of the land that the company opens up to the public during hunting season get trashed with beer bottles, pop bottles, and most recently cappuccino cups. A tentative date was set for this clean up of Saturday January 17, 2009. More details of the clean up will be discussed at the next meeting, but Norm will make arrangements with Weyerhaeuser, Pat will make arrangements to advertise in the newspaper, Dane will contact WOW about a dumpster and arrange for garbage bags. Wendell will check to see if the Portland Chapter would be interested in participating and try to get something in the December newsletter.

4-H Shotgun Club Report- Alan was joined at the meeting by Wes Paget from the 4-H shotgun club. Alan and Wes reported that there are now 19 youth signed up in the club with 8 new members. They have purchased a hand trap thrower as well as an electronic thrower. Their goal is to acquire more equipment so they can set up for sporting clays as well as trap. Alan reported that the kids enjoyed it more and did better overall when they were challenged and the addition of more equipment would be helpful. A motion was made and approved to allocate \$500 to the 4-H club for purchase of more equipment.

Checking Account Report- A motion was made and approved to put Duane Dungannon as a signer on the chapter's checking account.

ODFW Updates-

The Commission adopted new sport fishing regulations which had a change that allows anglers to keep 2 cutthroat trout from local streams. It was formerly catch and release only, this will be good for families and children looking for more opportunities to catch trout.

ODFW still need samples from harvested deer and elk to monitor chronic wasting disease. The samples can be taken from the nodes underneath the jaw. In Clatsop County, the Jewell office is the best place to take your deer or elk for samples. Herman said that Troy and he would be coming up to the area quite frequently, so hunters could arrange to meet them if it would be more convenient.

The Department is looking at some issues of lead in game meat and the environment. There is concern from some groups that the lead from wounded or killed animals could harm endangered species such as the California condor. Some states' food banks have even gone so far as banning venison donations that were harvested with a rifle over health concerns. Wendell was skeptical and wanted to keep monitoring this and see who the driving force behind it is. (Moral of the story is don't eat bloodshot meat!)

There has been a study on bears that shows the bears living close to humans were fatter, sexually mature earlier, and overall died earlier than bears that had minimal contact with humans.

Commission met and made a few new rulings on the landowner preference tags changing the tag number for large land owners from 10 to 14. The 2009 Big Game Regulations are now out; there are no major changes to them. There are a few new youth, mountain goat, and muzzleloader hunts. Remember to report your 2008 harvest results!

This Friday the black tailed deer management plan will have its final meeting and will be open for public comment at the Salem headquarters.

Norm and Wendell brought up the 2010 spring bear hunt for the Saddle Mountain Unit again, and they said that several timber companies were supportive of the idea. Herman would bring it up at the meeting with the industrial foresters this spring and it will hopefully be a good for spring 2010. Wendell will email Herman what he has found out so far.

Next Board Meeting is December 10 to discuss the banquet and the Weyerhaeuser Clean up.