Jackson Point Hunting Club

Board Meeting

August 3rd, 2024

Present- Lance Audirsch, Steve Kelley, Ernie Sibley, Shannon Kelley, Jeff Carnathan, Jonathan Gschwend, Bill Kennedy, Paul Sellers, and Joey Travis

Absent – Gary Inman and Turner Sibley

President Lance Audirsch called the meeting to order.

Caretaker Kyle Vansickle gave the caretaker report: Kyle will start preparing for turnip food plots next week. Kyle has also visited with our MS biologist stating that Lan had mentioned a couple of varieties of clover that perform well in our soil type. Kyle will be planting one of these varieties also. The roads are all in good shape, except some of our bottom land. Kyle believes we had another excellent turkey hatch and that he is seeing lots of fawns. He is of the opinion that the hogs are increasing in numbers. He advised that we need to replace the club the pressure washer. The current one is old and worn out. We need 2 new sawzalls and accessories, as the current ones are worn out as well. Kyle said Gerald Parker has volunteered to paint the Jackson Point sign that is at the entrance to the campground.

Joey Travis read the minutes to the present minute. Bill Kennedy moved to accept; Steve Kelley seconded- motion passed.

Budget Review- Ernie Sibley discussed changes made to insurance policies due to the deleting of some equipment and the addition of some equipment. Ernie also discussed who is delinquent in paying their dues. All dues have been collected with the exception of $12,500.00. Ernie will continue his efforts to get the remaining dues collected.

Paul Sellers moved that we waive the late penalty this year unless the dues are not paid by the date of the annual meeting in October 2024. Any dues not collected by the annual meeting will have a $100 fine attached and a loss of hunting and fishing privilege until it is brought current. The 2025 dues will be due January 1st, which is the same as 2024, and considered late after June 1st, 2025 with a $100 late fee per membership, per month, being applied and loss of hunting and fishing rights until brought current. Jeff Carnathan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bill Kennedy discussed the need for the club to establish a reserve in our funds. He asked that each board member put some thought into this and table it for our October meeting.

Ernie Sibley went over improvement expenses of the caretakers house. The home has had no improvements in well over 10 years and the carpet was in very poor condition and interior was in need of a new coat of paint. The board had previously approved these renovations and had solicited bids. Ernie Sibley advised that all work had been completed on budget per the bid.

Lance Audirsch brought up the subject of hog trapping on the club. Discussion centered around the bait being used and how it could increase the probability of spreading CWD among our deer herd and it could also create an advantage for deer hunters if a camera is placed by the trap. Joey Travis moved to eliminate hog trapping by individual members and that if any hog trapping is done the board will initiate for the caretaker to do it or approve or hire an outside trapper to handle. Bill Kennedy seconded. Motion passed.

2024-2025 Big Buck Criteria

Shannon Kelley moved to adopt the same criteria and rules as the club had last year. Ernie Sibley seconded with the motion passing. The criteria is a follows:

1. Each membership can kill **one** trophy buck per year. The trophy buck will fall into one of the two categories below:

MAINE FRAME 9 POINT OR MORE

* 1. 10 points or more extending from the main beam must score at least 160 gross B&C points and/or be 5.5 years old.
  2. 9 points extending from the main beam must score at least 150 gross B&C and/or be 5.5 years old.
  3. All points 1 inch long and broken points count.
  4. Penalty for killing an illegal 9 or 10 pt. buck is $500 fine and loss of all bucks next year and the remainder of this year.

MAINE FRAME 8 POINT OR LESS

1. The buck must have 8 points or less extending from the main frame.
2. All points 1 inch long and broken points count.
3. The buck must score at least 130 gross B&C and/or be 4.5 years old.
4. The penalty for killing an illegal 8pt buck or less, is the loss of all bucks next year and the remainder of this year
5. Our biologists will jawbone age all bucks harvested. If the deer is judged to be illegal, a member, at their own expense, may submit a tooth for cementum aging and the club will accept the results.

If a buck is determined not to be legal age and is close to qualifying, then a panel of three board members will score the buck. If the panel determines that the buck’s B & C score meets JP’s minimum standard, then he is a legal buck, if not he is an illegal buck.

1. Each membership can kill **one** bonus/cull buck. To qualify as a bonus/cull buck, the buck must meet the following requirements: (1) the buck must be 4 ½ or older, (2) he must have 8 mainframe points or less and (3) score less than 130 gross B&C. If the bonus/cull deer does not meet the antler requirements but is 4 ½ or older he will count as the trophy buck. If a trophy has already been harvested under that membership or the bonus/cull buck does not meet the bonus/cull buck requirements, then the membership will not be allowed to harvest any bucks the next year.

Food Plot- Lance Audirsch inquired about our seed budget and year-to-date seed expense. We are waiting on an invoice from Helena Chemical. Paul Sellers agreed to call Helena Chemical about the invoice as we have not received it. Although we do not have the invoice we know that our seed costs were higher than we budgeted for. It was agreed that since we have not used all of our chemical budget that we will use that overage to fund the shortage for the seed budget.

Road- Paul Sellers presented the that the roads are in very good shape. We recently spread 450 tons and still have $5000 in the budget if necessary.

Timber Committee- Ernie Sibley has met with two foresters as the one we have used for years has retired. The one that the board felt like presented the best value is John McAlpine. Mr. McAlpine came and spent the day with Ernie evaluating the current timber we have on Jackson Point. All this time, heavily driven by market conditions, Mr. McAlpine doesn’t believe we have any timber to market and expect a return. Based upon his assessment and the cost he quoted to hire him, the board determined it was best to wait on hiring him.

Carbon Credits- Ernie advised that the company we were initially negotiating was no longer in business. We are now in discussion with, and vetting out, another company called Nativstate. Ernie will continue to communicate with them and is also looking into other viable markets to help in finding the most lucrative deal with the least restrictions.

NRCS- Joey presented that he has been talking with the NRCS about programs that offer funding for being a good land steward. The gentleman that is over Coahoma County is Chauncy Newsome. Mr. Newsome has emailed Joey Travis the applications and a host of links to the various programs. Joey feels that we may be able to qualify for funds for simply burning off the prairie. This burning has already been done in the past on the prairie, but we weren’t aware that we could possibly benefit from it financially. He plans on having applications submitted by the end of September unless we determine something beforehand that would make us ineligible.

Bill Kennedy presented on the need for the club to adopt a set of bylaws. Joey moved to allow Bill to create a set of bylaws for Jackson Point. Jeff Carnathan seconded- motion passed unanimously.

Joey Travis - brought up the need for the club to carry a workers compensation policy covering our caretaker. Bill moved that the club purchase a workers compensation policy for $750 a year. Paul Sellers seconded- motion passed.

Lance Audirsch initiated a discussion regarding one of our 10-point bucks that was harvested last year. It did not score the required 160 B&C and our biologist aged it at 4.5 years old which is short of the 5.5 year old minimum requirement. The hunter disputed the age and promptly mailed it to an independent cementum tooth aging lab. As of this meeting, we have not gotten the results. The discussion centered around what should be done in the event the results from the lab were not back before the start of the 2024-2025 deer hunting season. The question was do we allow the hunter to hunt before the results are back from the lab. Paul moved that the hunter remain in the penalty box until the results come back from the lab. Bill seconded and the motion passed.

Joey Travis presented the new Jackson Point website that will be replacing the old blog. The web address is **JacksonPointHuntingClub.com**. The sight is up and running for all to enjoy. There is a member’s section that requires a password. The password is **JPHC2024**.

Lance Audirsch brought up a couple of costly plumbing issues we have recently had. They both stemmed from supply lines that had broken in the camp area. We had to have a plumber in each case come make the repairs. One was a $1000 bill and the other was a $650 bill. Lance feels like we could avoid these types of charges if we had the proper equipment- mainly a sump pump to pump out the 3-foot-deep hole that had to be dug for repairs. The plumbing parts to fix each one of these breaks is only $60 but the plumber labor is what has driven the expense. After discussion Bill Kennedy moved for the club to buy a gas sump pump in efforts to keep from having to hire a plumber when it is something that can be fixed for $60.00 and the caretaker can make the repairs. Shannon Kelley seconded. Motion passed.

Bill Kennedy also brought back up the caretakers’ requests for a new shop pressure washer- Bill moved that the club purchase one- Paul Sellers seconded- motion passed.

With no further business, Ernie Sibley moved to adjourn. Steve Kelley seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.