SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

Fifth District Federation of Kentucky Sportsmen

Meeting Minutes

President Rich Zimmer called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, a brief prayer and a moment of silence. Minutes were taken by vice president Tom Laswell.

President Zimmer thanked Kenton Game & Fish Association for the Wild Boar meal. There were loins, sausage and pulled pork, all from wild boar harvested by members of KGFA, along with potatoes, cole slaw, beans, macaroni & cheese, peach cobbler and cherry cobbler.

There was no roll call of clubs. A sign-in sheet was passed around; there were 15 clubs in attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting was read by President Zimmer. They were amended to change $550 approved to purchase Captain Brannen’s service pistol to $500 and approved.

**Conservation Officers Report**

Officer Sorrel reported the Department had received an email saying, as of 9/17/19, there were 474 reports of EHD/Blue Tongue dead deer. It has been confirmed in 20 counties. Officer Sorrel reminded us that this is just 13.5% of the 3,518 deaths reported in 2017. He also reported that Indian currently has twice the confirmed deaths compared to Kentucky.

Officer Sorrel reported Labor Day was quiet with no arrests made, but the following weekend at the Poker Run, they made 52 arrests in 2 days. There was a drowning in the Licking River at Newport….a couple attempted to swim across, the girlfriend made it but the boyfriend did not.

Officer Sorrel reported the department received calls after the Federation Fair complaining of alcohol being present at the event. He announced that next year at the Fair the Department would enforce a zero tolerance no alcohol policy. This provoked much discussion resulting in officer Sorrel agreeing to go back to the Department with the 5th District’s response and work toward a compromise.

**Commissioner’s Report**

Commissioner Kevin Bond was not present. It was announced that coyote hunting at night has passed. Use of .243 caliber and smaller is allowed. You must have written permission from the landowner to present to a C.O. in case you are checked.

There was some discussion of the ongoing trapping regulations changes. It was passed that the March season would body grip traps only, but was later withdrawn.

**KWFF** – No report

**NRA** – Al Witschy reported on a Wall Street Journal article about retroactive payments by the NRA to NRA family members, suggested the membership check it out. He also announced that TSA has requested travelers not to with firearms that are 50 caliber or larger.

**Conservation Camp** – No report

**League of Kentucky Sportsmen**

Mike Coyle reported there have been no meeting or new developments since last meeting.

**Youthfest** – No report. Scheduled for 6/20/2020 at the Lloyd Area WMA

**Federation Fair Report**

Harold Pferrman reported that next year’s Fair is August 1st and 2nd, 2020. Campbell County Game & Fish will be running the trap event. A fair report was presented by Treasurer Norm Decker but it does not yet include the Black Powder event proceeds.

Income:

Trap $2,474.00

Program $ 400.00

Food $ 50.00

5 Stand $ 217.00

Raffle $3,345.00

Total Income $6,486.00

Expense:

Printing $ 601.75

Trophies $ 205.78

Porto-lets $ 191.20

Targets $1,036.00

Raffle Guns $ 650.00

Total Expense $2,981.73

Net Profit $3,504.27 plus whatever comes in for Black Powder.

**Special Olympics Fishing Derby** – No report

**Invitation to New Clubs** – There were none

**Communications** – None

**Election of Officers**

Nominations are due at next month’s meeting at CCGFA. Harold Pferrman stated we need “new blood” and stressed that if you accept a nomination and are elected you are expected to attend meetings, participate, and perform the duties of your office. Harold will not be able to attend the October meeting.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** – None

**Treasurer’s Report**

Norm Decker reported that Sam Bryant performed an audit of the books and they balanced to the penny. Coming into September our balance was $15,128.53. There was income of $14.98 from our two CD’s so the ending balance is $15,143.51. Motion was made and passed to approve the treasurer’s report.

**Payment of the Bills –** The Federation reimbursed Pat Brannen $433.50 for the purchase of his service pistol upon his retirement.

**Good of the Federation**

Pastor Roger Alford, South Fork Baptist Church, Owenton, KY, has put together a youth event. It is October 5, 2019 starting at 2:00 PM. He is expecting about 100 to attend. Mike Coyle announced Quail Forever is loaning their trailer of equipment. The Fifth District is loaning the slingshot equipment.

CCGFA announced a swap meet open to the public beginning at noon on September 28th and their Turkey shoot is October 5th, 2019 beginning at noon.

KGFA is having a 3D bow shoot open to the public on November 2, 2019 beginning at 10:00 AM, 18 targets, IBO rules.

KGFA also announced a Turkey Shoot on November 3, 2019.

The KGFA raffle for their upcoming turkey shoot was reported to the KY gaming commission. They have worked out a plan B for the upcoming drawing. KGFA asked about the feasibility of running their future raffles through the 5th District since we are a 501c3 organization. However, the 5th District does not have a gaming license. Mike Coyle will ask the LKS if it is feasible for a 5th District member club to have a raffle under their license.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM with the Conservation Pledge. The next meeting is October 29 at Campbell County County Game & Fish.