

Shippensburg Fish and Game Association
General Membership Meeting
July 9, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Bill Clough with pledge of allegiance and roll call of officers

Officer/Committee reports

Treasurer no report this month. Treasurer on vacation

Archery-nothing going on at this time. There is a possibility of a few 3-D shoots next year.

Trap, Black Powder, Groundhog and NRA no reports.

Question was asked about 3-D shoots this summer. Brian will check.

Gary Hockenberry is requesting life membership. He has been a member since 2000.

M-S-P to approve life membership

Old business

The June drawing was held on a very hot day. There were 12,763 tickets sold down 664 from last year. We had 1595 people attend this year. Around 230 members will receive free dues for selling their 25 tickets or more. With a few bills still to be paid the profit should be around \$58,000.

There was an issue with the beer again this year. The power had been out at the distributors. The beer was warm when it arrived.

It was discussed by Darrell about getting prices from another supplier from Carlisle next year. They have offered a prize to be given at the drawing if they are chosen as the beer supplier.

There was a lot of hamburger patties left that were sold.

There was ample help for the day.

Bill said he appreciated all the work that was done by Darrell, Tom and Brian. He said there were too many other helpers to name them all but all the help was greatly appreciated.

The June drawing for 2025 will be held June 28, 2025. Planning has started already. Question was brought up about having a beer tent next year.

Can the website be printed on the tickets for next year so that everyone can see a list of the winners on the website?

There was one member (Brian Miller) that was not happy that a list of the winners was not on the website immediately after the drawing. He was told that the list was on Facebook within 3 hours and within 24 hours on the website. We are all volunteers and he could come and help. He went on to say that this was the worst club he ever joined and was not happy from the beginning. He said he will not set foot on the grounds ever again.

Suggestion for June 2025- have the tickets turned by 11:30. There was one couple that wanted to turn in their tickets after 12. Any ticket turned in after 12 will not be included in the drawing.

It was also asked how to prevent ticket holders coming in at 8:30 when the ticket indicates the gate opens at 10.

New business

The flag poles are in bad shape and need to be of a heavier gauge of metal. Old Glory Flag Pole Co. an all veteran owned company has an 11 gauge telescoping 20 foot pole on sale today for \$279. We need 2 with a solar light.

M-S-P to send to the board of directors for consideration.

A donation of \$3000 for Hunt of a Lifetime was requested. Darrell said there was to be someone here from Erie to make the request but they did not make it. Sent to the board of directors for consideration.

Tim Wright who is the founder of Fallen Heroes of the Mid-Atlantic States Wall was here to request a donation to replace the current wall. It is for heroes from the seven surrounding states of which 297 were from Pennsylvania. It has been permanently mounted since 2020 at the Shippensburg Memorial Park. The Soldiers Military Cross that is there now is deteriorating. It has been repaired several times and is becoming non-repairable.

He has searched for a Military Cross made of concrete and bronze. The bronze mock-up retails for \$9,750.00 and is currently available for \$5,590.00 with free shipping. All monetary donations would be sent to Tim Wright/Fallen Heroes of the Mid-Atlantic. He is requesting a donation of \$2,000.00.

He would also like to purchase a cover for the winter weather.

M-S-P to send to the request to the board of directors for consideration.

Club was approached to see if we have any programs for active duty members to use the club.

To use the club they must be club members.

This was M-S-P they must join.

Chuck Bowers president of the Letterkenny Rod and Gun Club reported that they use the donation from our club towards the purchase of Redneck 6x7 Big Country Blind with trailer.

Andy has been in contact with State Game Warden Bradley Hyde about holding a hunter safety course at the club. The warden is requesting possible dates from the club.

M-S-P to adjourn