



Oak Harbor Conservation Club

Newsletter

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January Meeting: President Rudes inducted David Witt as the new vice-president and David Roepke as a new trustee.

Brad Bauer presented a proposal for insurance for the club. The quote is considerably lower than the previous plans, although still more than twice what our previous insurance policy costs. Several questions were posed regarding the coverage and the trustees will decide on action at the February meeting.

New Darr rules are being proposed and need to be submitted to the trustees for approval.

President Rudes suggested having an outside agency prepare a business plan for the club. A business planner will look at the club's programs, income, expenses, and goals and will provide a path forward for the club. The trustees decided that hiring an outside person to conduct a business plan was too expensive. Scott Storrer advised the trustees that he had a business plan prepared for his business by the Small Business Administration which was free. The plan helped him considerably and aided in dealing with his bank. David Witt said that planning was a function of the trustees and officers, which is their primary function, and he could do an AI search on the internet and find a business plan.

President Rudes suggested that the bulldozer be sold in lieu of putting money into repairing it. The dozer has had little usage over the past several years and the need for a dozer for the club is highly questionable. The last time the dozer was sent in for repairs, the cost exceeded the estimate by a considerable amount and only one of the two tracks were repaired.

President Rudes stated that we need to do a current inventory of the club's property. With the insurance discussions recently, we don't have a current inventory of the club's property and if there was a claim, we would not be able to justify the losses without an inventory. Groups of trustees volunteered to conduct inventories of both the Darr and Gordon Road properties. Multiple trustees will be needed for each inventory.

New members: Kris Wojdyla, Cody Wojdyla, Steven Sondergaard, Sean McCarthy, Denise McCarthy, Mark Lewandowski, Franklin Gander Jr, Jessica Gander, Ben Emery, Adam Price, Scott Best, Brian Williams, and Matthew Roust. Welcome. Come to FOB night and get your key to the club and ranges. Last Monday of the month 7:00 p.m.

Other news:

A business plan looks at the business income, expenses, programs, goals, future needs, and creates a plan for meeting both present and future financial needs for maintenance,

upgrades, savings, and growth. Kudos and thanks to Vice President Dave Witt for volunteering to prepare a business plan for the club. All trustees, officers, and committees are encouraged to assist with this project and provide information to Dave.

Equipment maintenance president's perspective. Equipment maintenance has been an ongoing and expensive problem. One of the clubs four tractors, the Allis Chalmers, has been broken down since June 2021, awaiting repairs. The cost of the repair is still unknown so, it just sits. Another one of the tractors has reportedly had a brake issue for a long period of time and could not be transported to Gordon Road this summer to be used for work on the backstop.

The dozer likewise has had a track problem for a long time and is in need of repairs. The last time a track on the dozer was repaired it was an expensive repair and only half of the needed work was completed due to cost over runs. I recommended getting rid of the dozer instead of spending money to repair it. The Darr hasn't had a dozer for years and no specific need for the dozer was mentioned. Troy Overmyer said that it needs to be at the Darr to be fixed and used at the Darr. The trustees voted to take the dozer to the Darr for evaluation to determine the amount of repairs needed and costs. I emailed Darr Chairman, Bud Baringer, requesting information on the specific need for a dozer, how many hours it would be used a year, and why the other equipment could not do the work. I have not received any response. At some point, it is not worth keeping or fixing junk just or have it around. Storage space is limited and we need to keep the good equipment stored inside when possible. I hope this doesn't turn into another multi-year, expensive, repair situation.

Inventories. With all the insurance investigations we have been doing, I decided that the club needed specific inventories of the equipment that the club owns. We have not done an inventory for a long time and much equipment has been purchased by the club. Without a detailed inventory, we could not justify a claim and get reimbursement for the loss. Trustees volunteered to do the inventories. Three trustees were assigned to conduct each inventory, AS A GROUP. A single person could do the inventory, but we need accuracy and verification of the inventories if a claim is needed. I anticipate that this is going to be time consuming as the club has more property than most people realize. In my practice, I discovered that clients making insurance claims after a house fire that clients never got the money that they should have because they didn't have any kind of detailed and verified inventory. Our insurance covers replacement values, so an old microwave oven would be replaced with a new one, but only if we have a detailed inventory that includes it. Thanks to **Keith Kralik, Dave Witt, and Mike Gargac** for volunteering.

Coming Events: Whitetails Unlimited banquet at Terra Community college, Fremont, March 21st. See Keith Kralik for tickets. Always good food and lots of raffles and events. Hint. Reminder to go early as some of the best things happen early. I was a little late last year.

Youth Hunt: February 14 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers needed Arrive 8 o'clock.

Club Member Hunt: February 15 arrive by nine, volunteers needed arrive at eight for the club member Hunt.

Veterans Hunt: February 7and February 8. Arrive at nine.

Wild Game Dinner Hunt for those who worked last year's wild game dinner February 21, arrive at nine. Those interested in helping with the hunts, please contact Bud at 937-935-7232 or Don 567-278-1551.

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Women Only 5 pm to 9 pm	BGSU Rifle 6:30 Rifle League 7pm		Junior Rifle 6 - 8:30 pm New Years		Veterans Hunt 9 a.m.
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