

Fall Meeting 9/09/2023

Luke Sternadel called the meeting to order at 5:15. He welcomed all members and thanked them for coming. He said a special thank you to Rob Cliff, manager of Camp Kubena, for allowing our organization to have our meeting here without charge.

Rob addressed the audience. He mentioned there is merchandise for sale in the Camp Kubena Store and that this camp had other items for sale relating to operating a farm or ranch. The Cars and Guitar event is scheduled for November 4.

Laurie Galland read the minutes from our spring meeting on April 1. Rodney Read made the motion to accept the minutes as read and James Urban seconded it. The minutes were approved.

Lana Limmer gave the treasurer's report. After expenses of \$5,170.04 since the last report the co-op has a balance of \$22,472.27. The report was approved as read.

Luke announced that the terms of the directors Lana Limmer, Larry Tietjen and Wayne Navarro were expiring. He asked if there was anyone who was interested in filling these positions. There were no volunteers. A motion was made to accept these directors for another term. The motion was seconded and approved.

Luke welcomed our new members. They are Meredith and Jesse Buckner, Heather Jendrusch and Jeff Pietsch, Lou Ann Stokes, Ricky Weyand, Harvey Lee Albers, Carol and Philip Procell, Edward Machala, Dustin Levien, Robert and Flo Green, Leonard Sternadel, Leonard and Myrt Meinkowsky, Garrett Hinze, Ronnie and Debbie Eckert, Brad and Leslie Owen and Phil Pacia Ranch Works.

Luke recognized 2 people who donated to our organization. Alla Burago, a nonmember who attended our spring meeting and was impressed with our organization and donated \$2,000 and Scott Vinklerek who matched our member's donations of \$2,926 with a matching sum.

The Fayette County 4-H Shooting Club was presented a check for \$1,000 by our co-op for purchasing supplies, improving their facilities and assisting in going to competitions. Two members introduced themselves and thanked our organization.

Laura Sherrod, wildlife biologist, reported Fayette County has a good deer population. Permits are being processed. There are no signs of chronic wasting disease. She spoke about things to do for wildlife exemption. The new game warden is Shaun Bayless.

Our first speaker was Donnie Dippel of CHB Consulting Inc. He spoke on things to do for wildlife management and food plots. He offered suggestions and ideas for improvement in these areas.

The second speaker was Jacob Hetzel of Texas Parks and Wildlife. He spoke on nuisance wildlife including feral hogs. He works in 10 counties and the most effort is spent on controlling feral hogs.

The final speaker, Will Hood of Texas A&M Forest Service spoke of the agency's response to wildfires.

Door prizes were given at various times during the meeting.

Mike Pietsch gave the table prayer.

A meal of fried chicken and the trimmings was served.

Bucket auction items were drawn during the meal.

Lana Limmer shared the history of the NCFCWMC's 30 year history which she researched and wrote.

The card for the gun raffle was drawn. Sue Schoenst won the gun.

The live auction was held.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Laurie Galland
Secretary