



## Central Oklahoma 89er Chapter of Quail Forever (#3011) Meeting Minutes for Tuesday – March 19, 2024

- 1) Call meeting to order - Troy Ellefson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm.
- 2) Roll call and welcome any new attendees – Meeting attendees included Troy Ellefson, Kevin Bennett, John Brinska, James Dietsch, Jeffrey Hawkins, Jim Bare, Jonny Hernandez, Chuck Pfeiffer, Laura McIver, JD Varner and Kevin Feeny.
- 3) Review and approve minutes from last meeting – The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. No corrections were noted. A motion to approve the minutes was made by James Dietsch. It was seconded by Kevin Bennett. The February minutes were approved.
- 4) Review and approve Treasurer's Report – Kevin Bennett reported there was currently a balance of \$16,299 in the CMS and \$590 in the Midfirst account for a total of \$16,889. There was no activity to the accounts during the past month. Kevin Bennett mentioned he had a donation check which will be deposited shortly (will be seen on next month's activity report). A motion to approve the report was made by Jim Bare. It was seconded by Jeffrey Hawkins. The treasurer's report was accepted.
- 5) ODWC Update – No update. James Dietsch did mention that the OK Senate had voted to approve the license re-structuring proposal (simplification). The bill now must be approved by the governor.
- 6) Habitat Proposals – No proposals were discussed.
- 7) Pheasant Fest 2024 in Sioux Falls SD. No update; no chapter members were able to attend. It was noted that **Pheasant Fest for 2025 will be held in Kansas City March 7-9, 2025.**
- 8) Schedule Shotgun Instructional Shoot and Hands on Habitat event – Troy kicked off discussion concerning these two events. John Brinska suggested the chapter hold the Instructional shoot at the same time as last year (in June). James Dietsch was going to reach out to Suzi Rouse (OKC Gun club) to see what Saturday dates are available in June at the club. Also will do some coordination to see when ODWC STEP trailer would be available. Kicked around some ideas for habitat work. James mentioned the possibility of donating seed to the OKC Sportsman's club for use on club owned land which adjoined the Salt Plains wildlife refuge. Jeffrey Hawkins mentioned a contact and Chuck Pfeiffer was going check with some farmers as well. A motion was made by Chuck Pfeiffer with James Dietsch seconding to allocate up to \$500 of seed donation to be used for habitat planting. John Brinska to check with Sportsman's club to verify possible acreage and suitability of seed for use with farmer's drill equipment. Jeffrey Hawkins suggested a possible effort by chapters to join together to support habitat work; some discussion ensued and Jim Bare suggested the chapter try to get this effort kicked off successfully before trying to link up with other chapters. James Dietsch mentioned its ideal to partner with other chapters and some of the challenges of linking up.
- 9) **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet Saturday August 10, 2024** at Embassy Suites. Some discussion as to the amount and type of notifications for the banquet. No decision reached on the number of postcard mailings (currently set to be one); however it was thought that the e-mail system currently used for notifications would be good for multiple notices. There are challenges to ensuring contact information is available for all the desired attendees; however the same challenges exist for phone notices and mailings. Further discussion for the need to secure an auctioneer and FFL provider were held. John Brinska mentioned the auctioneer who worked the recent Red Bud chapter banquet (Rick Scrivener) would be a great choice. He had previously worked our banquet a few years back. Chuck Pfeiffer and Jeffrey Hawkins both had auctioneer contacts and Chuck recommended that before we 'pick' an auctioneer we need to visit with the auctioneer he had contacted. That discussion is to be held sometime within the next 10 days or so. Work is still progressing on an FFL vendor to handle the guns.

- 10) PF/QF Natl/Reg/St news / events – Several events upcoming in the next couple of months. Banquets are posted on the main Quail Forever page; they can be found searching the events tab for Oklahoma and Kansas. A couple of upcoming banquets include the Canadian Valley banquet on March 28 and the SWOSU chapter banquet on March 29. Laura also mentioned the Covey Rise banquet in early May. Laura also mentioned that since Pheasant Fest will be held the second week of March 2025 she anticipated having a QF/PF table at the 2025 Backwoods show. Laura also mentioned the State meeting will be held on July 27 at a location still being decided. Finally she mentioned a QF/PF new hire; Adam Ray would be starting after graduation from OSU. He will be based out of Stillwater.
- 11) Other News / Business –Troy Ellefson mentioned that there would be a fundraiser held in Newkirk Oklahoma on April 19; it will be a 'beast feast' for the Grace Family. He had details for anyone interested. Finally two sporting clays fundraisers scheduled at Silverleaf were mentioned. The first was an 'Aiming for Miracles' shoot on April 26 with the second one being shoot to help single mothers. Laura mentioned more information should be available on Silverleaf's website.
- 12) Next meeting: **Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 6:30 pm** at Rudy's BBQ; 3437 West Memorial Road
- 13) Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.