

**Linden Conservation Club**  
**MEMBERSHIP / EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**Please sign in at the door**

*The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance*

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Cliff Short, James Stevens, Tavis Jackson, Bob Lata, Dean Endicott (Member-at-Large).

- Nominations from the floor = No names added on sheet posted. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed.
- Election of Officers at the December Membership Meeting = vote is set.

**RULES & REGULATIONS / BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE:**

John Caplinger, James Stevens, Phillip Hunter, and Amanda Short (Member-at-Large) = Posted in windows for review, voted in December at membership meeting. No questions from the floor.

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Prepare 2022 Budgets for Vote at the January Membership Meeting = If you need help with your budget, please see Amanda for this. Budgets will be presented at the January meeting for approval.

**Secretary report, Assistant Amanda Short FILLING IN = Scott motioned to accepts minutes as amended, Cliff seconded. All agree.**

**TREASURER report, Bob Burr =** Ended month of October with \$216,482.19 balance. Dave Dugger asked about building fund, only changes once a year. If ending balance exceeds beginning balance then 25% goes into fund. Bob does not think that the building fund will go up at all this year. Motion to accept report by Cappy , Dave Dugger seconded. All agree

Bob – also will be stepping out of the treasury roll early due to surgery. Requesting the board’s approval to put Amanda in Interim Treasurer starting tonight until 12/31 and then upon voting results she will become the regular treasurer. Bob is making the motion to begin treasury roll early, Dave Dugger seconded. All agree. Phil thanks Bob for all the efforts throughout the years in his role. Bob requested signed Resolution giving ability for Amanda to access bank and lock box.

**PRESIDENT report. Phillip Hunter =**

**VICE PRES. report, Scott Whiteman =** Nothing tonight

**MEMBERSHIP SEC. report, Will White =** See numbers below.

Current (Exclude Courtesy)	739
Officer Total	21

New	21
Renew	46
Courtesy/Officer	1
Exp has 30 days	24
Expires current month	33
Due to expire next month	57

Not including police officers that renew in January. Cappy requesting info on responsibilities of the Officers for their free memberships. Officers not allowed to wear uniform while off the clock but it would be better if they could bring their patrol cars when coming to shoot just for their presence.

November 13<sup>th</sup> will be the NEW MEMBERS day for memberships. Cappy needs everyone to put their name on the calendar so he knows to schedule times.

Cappy says the week of Thanksgiving we should be closed, no renewals, Cliff seconded the motion.

**FISHING & CAMPING**, *Tavis Jackson; Assistant, Bill Rogers*: Nothing at this time (Tavis home sick). Bill said the water level is returning nicely.

**SHOOTING ACTIVITIES**, *Vincent Andrews; Steve Fischer* = Steve apologized for dropping the ball on the Halloween shoot. Next year he will do better. Would like to do 3-4 fun shoots next year.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**, *Vacant; Assistants, Steve Winstead, and Pat Grimes* = Still in need of Youth Director. This position does require quite a few evenings in the summer due to the 4-h clubs etc.

**ENFORCEMENT**, *Cliff Short; Assistants, Bob Lata, and Chuck Nielander* = A lot of people responded on the Euchre tournament, should be a good turnout. Did have 2 guys this week that did not complete their guest passes as directed. One carried guest pass in his pocket and filled it out afterwards, the other member was penalized for putting their targets above the 6ft make on the ranges.

**SARGENT at ARMS**, *John Caplinger* =

**TRUSTEES**,   **1 Year & Chairman, James Stevens:**  
**2 Year, James Paulson:**  
**3 Year, David Dugger:**

James: 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr audit done tonight and everything looked good.

Dave: We need to be able to protect our building fund. We need to start putting money into the fund so that we can begin our new building soon. Cliff suggested putting

in maybe 10% or even 5% each year regardless of how the year goes so that we can get enough money in place to replace this building soon. Bob suggests maybe a flat amount each year. We will need to get approval from the board on additional amount to add and going forward. We do need a plan B. Cappy said that next year will be a different year because of the additional membership fee and people buying out the volunteer hours. Cliff asking for anything that is bought out goes to the building fund automatically. Since the last time the increase, the utilities alone have gone up almost \$6500 more than in years past. Also, the pond that lost all of its fish will need to be restocked. Also need cameras on the ponds. Bob suggests a sub committee to look at different ways to fund the new building and a solution that satisfies all members. Dave said trustees should be looking at this. We need the shoots back that we used to have but we will need more volunteers than we have now. It was asked how much we need for a new building, Cliff got FBI to come give a quote that was 146,000 for just the building outside, no inside walls and nothing else other than the shell using current pad, demo not included. David and James agree that they will put something together.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Cliff made a motion to change the number of volunteer hours that are currently set at 5 hours, down to 3 hours per membership. Lifetime members still exempt and \$15 per hour to buyout. Cappy thinks the buyout should be more money. James states any buyouts should go towards building fund. Membership rate already approved at \$125 starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. We are only requesting to change the number of hours. Roger asked when the volunteer hours start? Explained that it runs with your membership year. For example: if you renew in March, you have from March to March to do your volunteer hours. If you are a January renewal and you come in December to renew, you will be charged the new \$125 fee. If you do not fulfill your volunteer hours in your membership year, you will be charged the additional \$45 buyout fees at your next renewal. Roger seconded it. Steve moves for vote – all agree!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Low Light Engagement Training by Officer Halascsak: November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm to 10 pm (25 yd range). Lin said he would end up cancelling this class.
- Defensive Rifle/Carbine Training by Officer Halascsak: November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am to 4 pm (50 yd range).
- IHMSA Air Pistol Set-up and Shoot: November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1 pm to 4pm and the 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- Missy said a member sent email requesting special permission to bring father to watch activities. He is currently disabled and his nurse would need to come also. Father can not participate in any way and neither would the nurse. Phil suggested giving the father a membership card and he can treat his nurse as a visitor and not need special permission. Motion to gift father a free membership (permanent guest pass) by Cappy, seconded by Bob Lata, all agree. Tom Robinson is the member but father's name wasn't listed.

**TECHNICAL ADVISORS:**

Mike Sherwood & Missy Zaring = Needing backups of everything on this computer... Treasury details will not be uploaded onto this computer for everyone to go in and mess with or change unless we can lock the forms. 2 thumb drives and a backup at home that is constantly updated is enough. This computer would not be updated on a regular basis anyway and a backup that is 6 months old would do us no good.

Website access has been learned by Missy and Cliff, they can show others if needed. It is not complicated and can be shown.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: No claims at this time.**

NEXT MEETING:        Membership/Executive Meeting: Monday, December 6th @ 7:00 PM.  
Election of Officers and approval of By-laws.