***Jackson Point Board of Directors Meeting***

***February 22, 2025***

Due to inclement weather around the state and the Mississippi River threatening to come over the road, the Board resorted to having a Zoom Meeting. President Lance Audirsch called the meeting to order. Members present were Lance Audirsch, Steve Kelley, Ernie Sibley, Gary Inman, Paul Sellers, Jeff Carnathan, Bill Kennedy, Shannon Kelley, Turner Sibley, Jonathan Gschwend, Eric Barlow and Joey Travis.

Upon motion made and seconded, reading of the previous minutes was dispensed with.

Paul Sellers moved to re-elect all incumbent officers. Jeff Carnathan seconded. The Motion passed.

Kyle VanSycle gave the caretaker’s report. Most of his presentation centered around the grain drill the Club currently has. The Board has been exploring the options of: (i) buying a new drill that would allow the Club to plant small seeds like turnip and clover seed; or (ii) adding a different seed box to the Club’s existing drill. The cost of a new drill is around $40,000 whereas the Club can add a box to its current drill for about $3,800. Jeff Carnathan moved to add the box to the existing drill. Jonathan Gshwend seconded. The Motion passed

Ernie Sibley went over the proposed budget for 2025. Most of the conversation regarding the budget was spent on the cost of the Club’s camera survey and the cost of flying drones over the island. Steve Kelley moved to accept the proposed budget with Bill Kennedy seconding. The Motion passed.

Jeff Carnathan and Joey Travis shared their research on gate options. Three vendors were vetted with costs ranging from $6,800.00 to $3,500 for upgrading the Club’s gate. The upgrades would still allow all members to use their "Clicker" fobs to access the gate but would also allow members to issue a temporary code that would allow access remotely for a guest or contractor. Ernie Sibley moved that the Club go with the $3,500.00 option. Jonathan Gschwend provided the second. The Motion passed. The Board noted that a good thing about this option is that it was not only the cheapest but the vendor is local and has already been servicing the Club’s gate.

Bill Kennedy discussed the advantages of the Club having a set of By-Laws. Bill fielded several questions and helped the Board members understand why they are needed. A draft of the By-Laws had been distributed prior to the meeting and it was agreed that each Board member would spend some time reading the draft and that consideration of the By-Laws would be tabled until the Board’s next meeting in August.

Steve Kelley moved to adopt the 2024 Turkey Hunting Rules. Shannon Kelley made the second. The Motion carried. They are as follows:

**JP Turkey Season:**

2 bird limit per membership, 4 bird limit for multiple membership owners

Guest season opens April 1st. Guests must remain within 15 yards of the member at all times. If there is an infraction of this rule, there will be a $250 fine per occurrence.

**Arkansas:**

REGULAR SEASON- 2 turkey limit (1 per day)

·       April 21-May 11

YOUTH HUNT

·       April 12-13

**Mississippi:**

Regular Season: March 15 – May 1

Youth Hunt: March 8-14

Limit: 3 adult male turkeys per season (1 per day)

 **Mississippi Open Roads:**

1) Main road to camp

2)      Main road to Mellwood landing

3)      Dam road only to edge of trees

4)      Razorback Road

5)      Southbank Road

6)      Log dump Road

**Arkansas Open Roads:**

1)      Main road

2)      Fence Road

Shannon Kelley moved to amend Rule #17 to read, "Jackson Point Hunting Club will follow the AGFC and MDWFP guidelines for closing of hunting due to high water." Jonathan Gchwend seconded. The Motion passed.

A discussion was had about Carbon Credits and the sample contract that NativState has provided the Board. The overall consensus was favorable for moving forward with NativState if the Club can negotiate some things in the contract that Bill Kennedy wasn't fond of. Shannon Kelley moved, with Turner Sibley seconding, that the Club move forward with contract negotiations with NativState. Once the contract is negotiated to the Board’s satisfaction, the Board will seek approval of contracting with NativState from the General Membership as this is a long term commitment. The Motion passed.

Bill Kennedy has been a proponent of the Club having a reserve fund in the amount of $75,000.00. This fund could be held in a separate account, requires a two-third’s affirmative vote of the Board for spending and would not be used for the general operating expenses the Club incurs. The fund would be for a cushion and emergency fund. Bill moved to adopt the Resolution. Paul Sellers made the second. Motion passed unanimously. The resolution reads, "

RESOLVED, that the LLC establish and maintain at all times a reserve fund (the "Reserve Fund") that shall be funded in the about of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) per year from the revenues of the LLC until the Reserve Fund contains the gross amount of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars ($75,000.00). The monies in the Reserve Fund need not be held separately by the LLC and may be comingled with other monies of the LLC. Monies in the Reserve Fund may not be spent or otherwise utilized for the operations of the LLC unless any such spending or utilization shall be authorized in advance by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of the LLC's Board of Directors."

Bill Kennedy has been working on an Affidavit Regarding Authority To Act, a draft of which had been previously circulated to the Board. Bill Kennedy moved adoption of the Affidavit and Joey Travis seconded. As memberships are sold, transferred, bought in the names of Trusts, LLC's, Corporations and other entities, the Board felt like the Club needed to have way of identifying, with certainty, who has the authority to act ( speak on behalf of, vote, attend meetings, designate hunters, etc.) for each entity owning a unit or units of the LLC. The Motion passed. A copy of the document is attached and the Board will be asking every entity member of the LLC to complete it and return it.

Lance Audirsch presented the 2024 Deer Harvest Data. The data supports that the Club has an extremely healthy herd based from the lactation rate data and the fawn recruitment data. A member harvested one deer that appeared ill and it was submitted for CWD testing. The results came back NEGATIVE.

Steve Kelley moved to adopt his proposal for the 2025 Buck Harvest Criteria. Jonathan Gshwend seconded. The Motion passed. The 2025 Buck Harvest Criteria is as follows:

**Trophy Buck**

\* 8 pt or less 135 B&C or 4 years old

\* 9 pt 145 B&C or 5 years old

\* 10 pt or more 155 B&C or 5 years old

**Bonus or Cull Buck**

\*7pt or less Less than 135 B&C and 3 years old

\*8pt Less than 135 B&C and 4 years old

\*9pt and more Less than 135 B&C and 5 years old

Steve Kelley discussed mineral supplementing and protein supplementing. The idea never caught much air and no motion was made.

Joey Travis brought up the Club’s dump area and the need for change as the area has a lot of refuse and simply doesn't look good. Gary Inman offered to bring in an old cotton trailer that we can used to burn in. Gary feels like the expanded metal that the trailer is made of will do a much better job of retaining the garbage and the wind won't be able to blow the garbage outside of where it is supposed to be confined.

Lance Audirsch informed that Board that all of Jackson Point's documents are now in e-format and stored via Dropbox. This should be a great thing moving forward as the Club will be able to add a link to the Dropbox account to the Club’s Jackson Point website. This new format is really nice as it compartmentalizes all related documents to a designated folder that can simply be clicked on. An example of this would be any given membership number. A member will be able to click on that membership number and be shown the ownership history of that particular membership over the years. There are a lot of different folders to access with various types of information to be found. The Club will no longer have the need to keep documents in a metal file cabinet and in plastic totes.

Shannon Kelley moved to amend Rule # 3 under "Guests" to add: "The designation of a hunter on a newly purchased membership can be made at the time of purchase or by March 1st of the following year." Jonathan Gschwend seconded. The Motion passed

Joey Travis has located a company that can provide Unit Certificates, a registry and embosser for issuing Unit Certificates to the Club’s members. He asked for the Board to authorize the charge of approximately $150.00 for the certificates, registry and embosser. Steve Kelley moved to approve the $150.00. Jeff Carnathan seconded. The Motion passed.

With no further business before the Board, Paul Sellers moved to adjourn the meeting and Shannon Kelley provided the second. The Motion passed and meeting was adjourned