## Crane Bay Hunting Club

## General meeting minutes

## February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

President Doyle Ridgeway called the meeting to order at 7:46pm.

Old business.

Secretary Patrick Neenan Read the minutes of the May 2023 annual meeting. A motion was made by Lyle Parrot and seconded by MG Ridgeway to accept. Motion passed.

The Treasurer Tom Laflam read the financial report from last year. A motion was made to accept by Robert Rewis and seconded by Jason Wright. Motion passed.

The President Doyle Ridgeway told the members of the new locks on the main gates and that Jamey King will be policing the club.

Nominations were opened for the President position.

Lyle Parrot was nominated by Matt Fulford and seconded by James Ripley.

Doyle ridgeway was nominated by Mg Ridgeway and seconded by Gate Rollison.

Charlie Watson was nominated by Timmy Bond and seconded by Chris Valentine.

Rob Rewis made a motion to cease nominations. Seconded by James Ripley. Motion passed.

Nominations were opened for Secretary position.

Patrick Neenan was nominated by Timmy Bond and seconded by Robert Rewis.

Matt Fulford was nominated by Gate Rollison and seconded by Mg Ridgeway.

Robert Rewis made a motion to cease nominations. Seconded by Bill Horton. Motion passed.

Nominations were opened for Aaron Dawson's Director position.

Marvin Hassell Was nominated by Robert Rewis and seconded by Jason Wright.

Aaron Dawson was nominated by Chris Valentine and seconded by Gate Rollison.

Mg Ridgeway made a motion to cease nominations. Seconded by Jason Wright. Motion passed.

New business.

The Treasurer Tom Laflam read the budget for 2024-2025 and told the members the dues for this year would be \$2700. Half paying members will pay \$1300. Members who are not half paying will pay a discounted price of \$1300 if dues are paid by March 15<sup>th</sup>. After March 15<sup>th</sup> \$200 late fee will apply till April 15<sup>th</sup>. After April 15<sup>th</sup> the member will be dropped from the club. A motion to accept the budget was made by Timmy Bond and seconded by Jason Wright. Motion passed.

A change to the by laws was read by Tom Laflam. This would change the in person voting to a mail out ballot vote. It would remove part of Article VI Officers. At the June meeting you will sign in, receive your ballot, vote and then turn in your ballot in the locked box yourself. The results will be counted in front of all members present at June meeting.

New wording to Article VI Officers.

1. Ballots will be marked by the Club Secretary in such a manner that only the Club Secretary will have access to.

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New wording or Article X rules.

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This was provided in writing by Larry Laflam and seconded by Michael Burgess. Amended at meeting by Robert Rewis and seconded by Bill Horton. This will go on May ballot.

A rule change was submitted by Howdy Turner and seconded by Matt Fulford. It was read by President Doyle Ridgeway.

It would reduce the number of tree stands a member can have from 5 to 2. This will go on May ballot.

A rule change was submitted by Mg Ridgeway and seconded by Gate Rollison. It was read by President Doyle Ridgeway. It states all deer hunting will start in general gun season. The Club will not hunt in archery or black powder season. This will go on the May ballot.

Director Aaron Dawson asked the membership for suggestions on how to spend money and increase deer population. There was discussion on planting food plots and worming deer, but no motion was made. There was a discussion on game cameras and corn in the club.

A motion was made by Lyle Parrot and seconded by James Odie Carter that there will be no game cameras or corn allowed in club. This will go on May ballot.

There was discussion on roads and grading, but no motions were made.

There was a discussion on rule changes and proposals. The Secretary explained the club bylaws govern how the club is to be run in accordance with State statutes and rules define what a member can and cannot do in the club.

The Secretary Patrick Neenan explained to the members that they will need to fill out a new hold harmless agreement every year to receive their stickers. This will be done on the Club website just like the previous year.

The Treasurer Tom Laflam told the members that graduating children will need to fill out an application to receive their one time one-year free membership.

James Odie Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jerry Wright seconding.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

These minutes respectfully submitted by

Patrick Neenan

Crane Bay Hunting Club Secretary.