

**NWTF State Board
Meeting Minutes
03/11/12**

In Attendance: Jeff Wright (Pres.), Dave Williamson (VP), Matt McDermott (Sec), Del Ghia (Treas), Mike Reynolds(ODNR), Anthony Brooks, Dick Sorg, Randy Showalter (RB), Shawn Dickey (RD), Skip Markland (RD), Jim Sexton, Larry Kingrey, Keith White, Ted Johnson, Barry Coffing, Bill Suliks, Jonathon Sorg, Adam Hollobaugh, Greg Keeton, Charles Cleavanger, Lee Crocker (Div. of Forestry), Gene Goodwin, Scott Zody (Division of Wildlife Chief)

1. President Jeff Wright called the meeting to order at 9:29am. Jeff distributed the Meeting Agenda. Jeff reminded everyone that elections were being held today for officers and that his term as President was up. Jeff thanked the Board for the last two years and said this was the best group of Board members he has had the privilege to work with.

2. Jeff asked the Nominating Committee if they had any Nominations for the Officer positions at this time. Anthony reported Dave Williamson and Matt McDermott was running for the President position and that Jonathan Sorg was seeking the Treasurers position (Del Ghia submitted his resignation, 2-22-12, effective 4-1-12, accepted by the Board). Anthony had no recommendations for Vice President or Secretary at this time. Jeff asked if there were any other nominations for President from the floor. Nominations for President were closed. Jeff had Mike Reynolds distribute ballots. Mike Reynolds and Randy Showalter collected and counted the ballots. Jeff announced Dave Williamson as the new State Chapter President for the term of 3/12 through 3/14 (Dave Williamson: 9 votes; Matt McDermott: 6 votes; ballots discarded). Jeff asked for nominations for Vice President from the floor. Dave Williamson nominated Matt McDermott. Matt declined the nomination to seek a nomination for Secretary. Dave withdrew his nomination. Dave nominated Jeff Wright for Vice President. No other nominations taken. Nominations were closed. A voice vote was taken to elect Jeff Wright for Vice President for the 2012 term; unanimous in favor. Jeff asked for nominations from the floor for Secretary. Dave Williamson nominated Matt McDermott. No other nominations taken. Nominations were closed. A voice vote was taken to elect Matt McDermott for Secretary for the 2012 term; unanimous in favor. Jeff asked for, in light of Del's recent resignation effective 4-1-12, nominations from the floor for Treasurer. Jeff nominated Jon Sorg. No other nominations taken. Nominations were closed. A voice vote was taken to elect Jonathan Sorg for Treasurer for the 2012 term (starting 4-2-2012); unanimous in favor.

Dave Williamson assumed Chair of the meeting.

SECRETARY: Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Jim Sexton moved to accept the minutes as issued. Anthony Brooks Second. Motion Passed, Minutes approved as written.

TREASURER REPORT: Del gave the Treasures Report. Del distributed the Actual and Proposed Budgets (filed with Minutes). The Balance as of February 28, 2011 was \$10,367.07. The Balance as of February 29, 2012 was \$15,155.18. Del made a recommendation that the new Treasurer get a laptop with Quiken software to track the Budget as he has in the past. Del gave out the startup monies and envelopes to Keith for the Deer and Turkey. Del also discussed that he had paid for the Tree program deposit from the State Account which will have to be

reimbursed from the Super Fund. Larry made a motion to accept the Treasures Report. 2nd by Anthony. Motion Passed, Report approved as discussed.

SUPERFUND REPORT: Mike Reynolds presented the Super Fund Report. Mike reported that we had a current positive balance of \$5,165.83, had \$123,492.80 in yearly income, \$70,313.57 in expenditures, there still around \$12,000 in outstanding obligations. Mike discussed the SF budget discussed previously by the Super Fund Committee. Report Filed with Minutes. Jeff made a motion to approve the proposed Super Fund Budget, Seconded by Anthony. Motion Passed.

WILDLIFE REPORT: Mike introduced the new Chief (Scott Zody) and gave him the floor. Everyone introduced themselves and where they were from. Scott discussed the new online license sales. Scott does not anticipate any major rule changes coming this next year. Scott briefly discussed the exotic animal bill that is pending, archery in the schools.

RD Report: Shawn discussed the latest Banquets he has had. Overall Banquets are under budget about \$5000. The current banquets have been doing a lot better and he thinks things are looking pretty positive. Shawn has Hocking and Noble County starting up again. Skip thanked Del for his service and wished him well. Skip also said his recent banquets were doing well.

FORESTRY REPORT: Lee discussed the different ongoing private land owner programs. Lee said the seed project is moving forward and they plan on getting some habitat in the ground soon. Randy and Lee intend to sit down and discuss future habitat improvement programs in the future. Lee commented on how much he liked our current tree seedlings subsidy program. Mike asked about the tornado in Southern Ohio.

RB REPORT. Randy discussed that the new Biologist (Kent Adams) and the cooperation with the DNR. Randy also discussed the wildlife openings project at Wayne Nat. Forest, how it was progressing and how important that work was to provide. Randy discussed that all of the projects, programs and opportunity that Board is providing should make it easy to convince people to become members of the NWTF.

VISITIOR (GENE GOODWIN/SCOTT ZODY): Scott discussed the historic “Board Hunt” and the “Governors Hunt” and how they will be handled in the future. It will be a “Partnership Hunt”, but the Division will be taking more of a back seat in the planning and execution. The Division will not have direct involvement as they have in the past. The hunt will be held this year in May where 10 youth scholarship winners will be coupled with National Board members. They are looking for 25 places to host the hunters. Gene listed the names of the 10 youth hunters from around the State that were selected to attend. Gene asked the Board to become a Gold Participation Level Sponsor (\$1250.00) of the event to pay for the youth travel/lodging expenses. Gene discussed the itinerary of the Program. Jeff made a motion to sponsor the program at the Platinum Level (\$2500.00) out of the State Budget, Seconded by Bill. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET: Del distributed the proposed Budget. The Budget was discussed and reviewed (filed with Minutes). Del recommended the board adding an expense line item for the new Treasurer to purchase a laptop and software to track all accounting. Then the Treasurers can pass the laptop/files off to the new incoming Treasurer and things will be easier to keep track of. The Budget was revised. The Budget was printed off and distributed (copy filed with Minutes). Matt made a motion to approve the Budget as revised, Seconded by Jeff. Motion Passed. Matt made a motion for the Treasurer to purchase a laptop and accounting software before the next meeting. Seconded by Charles. Motion Passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Anthony said that the Nom. Committee had a recommendation to the Board to fill the Seat Vacated by the resignation of Mike Strauser. Nominating Committee recommended Shane McGrew to fill Seat C6. Dave made a motion approve Shane McGrew to fill the Vacant Seat C6, Seconded by Charles C. Motion Passed.

DEER AND TURKEY EXPO: Keith and Barry discussed the Deer and Turkey setup times and dates as well as passed around a signup sheet for people to sign up days/times they would be able to work at the booth. Joel (not in attendance) worked out an order through Shawn for merchandise for the Booth, as well as he purchased a new 'Trade Show Display' for the D&T. Jeff will try to look again for the State Chapter Banner, he has not been able to find it. Shawn will get the Bass Pro incentive gift cards for the Booth. Del asked for a written sheet of all game costs, merchandise costs or other instructions to be written and left at the Booth for different daily workers to reference. Greg went over the details for the Calling Contest and also discussed the event Sponsors.

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MARKETING: Matt relayed a message from Joel (not in attendance) about all of the items that he had ordered for the Deer and Turkey.

WITO: Bill recommended that the State Board send out a Thank You letters to directors of the WITO events. He discussed the Grand River event briefly.

WHEELIN: Jim Sexton discussed his plans to get more involved in the Wheelin Program in the next year and that he will work with Shawn and Skip.

JAKES: Dick announced that Katie Ashley was the State Scholarship Award Winner. Ted Johnson discussed having a weekend campout for the State Jakes Event in NW Ohio, June 2013, tentative dates 15th/16th. More information to follow as event gets closer.

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: Jeff talked about sound systems for District Directors; Regional Meetings. Dave Williamson discussed the NWTF Mailer/Invitations. Skip addressed the problems with the mailers and how the NWTF is working to remedy.

TECH COMMITTEE/WEBSITE: Adam gave updates on the website and how the online voting went; the tree and seedling info is on the website. Adam told everyone if they have anything they want to see on the website to send it to him.

EQUIPMENT: Jim Sexton talked about the list of equipment that possibly should be liquidated. Skip has the muzzleloaders. It was discussed what to do with the muzzleloaders keep, sell or donate. Skip will bring them to the June meeting and the Board will decide what to do with them. The Board discussed all of the Sound systems in the State. Bill discussed the canopies he had priced. The Board reviewed the different types. The Board directed Bill to purchase three 'Sierra's

UNFINISHED BUISNESS:

NEW BUISNESS: Jeff will be ordering shirts for new Board members; they need to get him the sizes. Shawn will order name Badges for all of the State Board Members. Anthony made a motion to purchase three additional 'paddle wheel' games for Shawn and Skip. Seconded by Keith. Motion Passed.

Next Meetings: June 3rd, District Office, 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus OH; September Meeting will be in MT Orab, details and directions to follow from Dave W.

Motion to Adjourn by Jon, Seconded by Barry. Motion Passed. Adjourned at 1:19pm