

**NWTF State Board**  
**SUPER FUND Meeting Minutes**  
**01/19/14**

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Dave called the meeting to Order at 8:05AM

Dave introduced Kevin, the new Regional Director and Ken Duren, who will take over the Wild Turkey Management duties that Mike Reynolds has done for the State Board. Mike discussed Ken's experience and Ken explained where he came from and his education. Mike will be transitioning Ken into his role over the next year.

Lee discussed the SF balance as of 12-31-13, \$189,591.90, with about \$75,000.00 committed. (report filed). Mike Reynolds discussed a trap and radio collar program the Division is trying to do to study the nesting times of hens in the Northern snow belt area. They are requesting \$10,039.00 to help purchase four transmitters. This pilot study will begin this winter and will put out about eight transmitters. This years total project cost will be about \$33,000.00. Next winter they hope to put out about twenty transmitters and have the funding allocated in their budget. Ken discussed the different transmitters that they are looking at. Two of the collars will be solar powered to see if they get enough light to work. Mike discussed the different type of data that they will be able to collect and review, as well as determine if zones are warranted. Mike discussed that the Ohio peak incubation is May 1<sup>st</sup>. The season opening is based around that time. Joel made a motion to approve the transmitter funding for \$10,039.00; to be paid directly to the manufacturer, Seconded by Adam. Motion approved.

Steve Blatt passed out handouts about the Open Land Maintenance and Tree of Heaven Project progress.(handouts filed). Lee discussed the progress and passed out some patches and pins as a thank you too the Board. Lee presented the request for a renewal of the \$30,000.00 grant for the Open Lands Management. We are getting about a 3:1 match on the funds. Matt made a motion to approve the \$30,000.00 Open Lands grant renewal, to be included in the 2014 SF budget. Seconded Jeff. Motion approved. Dave discussed the seed/tree subsidy mailer costs. It had been included in the last budget. Lee presented a grant request for funding of some land acquisition by a coalition. After purchase the land would become public hunting. Joel Matt made a motion to send the request back for more information on how the land would be guaranteed open to the public and how it would be publicized. Seconded by Bill. Motion Passed. Lee discussed a request for \$500.00 for a youth hunting education day at Crooked Creek Conservation club. Matt made a motion to approve the \$500.00 from Outreach. Seconded by Joel. Motion passed. Lee discussed a request for \$12,000.00 for a deep tillage tool from the DOF for use in the Northwest. Discussion was had on the request. Jeff made a motion to close discussion on the deep tillage tool. Barry Seconded.

Matt made a motion to adjourn. Joel seconded. Motion Passed.  
Meeting ended 9:10AM

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President Dave Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:30AM.

Dave thanked everyone for all of the good work at the State Banquet last night.

**SECRETARY:** The minutes from September were discussed. Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Barry. Motion Passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Bill distributed the Treasures Report. Bill explained the Report.(report filed). Bill discussed a preliminary overview of the income and expenses from the State Banquet last night. Matt made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Seconded by Jeff. Motion approved.

**RB REPORT/SF REPORT:** Lee discussed the SF report and the issues discussed during the previous SF meeting. Lee will finish up the Quarterly report and send out to the Board by email. Lee discussed a lot of the ongoing project progress with Open lands and Tree of Heaven, as well as the Vinton restroom project. Lee has been meeting with landowners around the State as well.

**WILDLIFE REPORT:** Mike went over the proposed change to the youth season rule change to allow harvesting two birds during the youth season. That is the only turkey proposal at this time. If approved it would take affect in 2015. Mike discussed the deer harvest numbers from this year to date. The harvest numbers are down. Mike went over a Division award for the outgoing President. Matt made a motion to have Mike get the awards. Seconded by Eric. Passed. He will get for Robert, Jeff and Dave, as it has been forgotten for the last few Presidents. Mike discussed that we may be able to use a new DOW building in Delaware for the March meeting. He will get the information to Dave. Ken Duren introduced himself to the full Board and then gave the fall turkey harvest for this year. The success rate was down to 5%. The overall fall harvest was down again as well as permit sales. Spring hatch this year came in at 2.5.

**FORESTRY REPORT:** No Report.

**RD REPORTS:** Skip thanked everyone for the great job last night. Skip discussed that he will be reducing his Ohio Chapters and be taking some on in Michigan. Skip urged the Board to get involved in mentored hunts with the youth. Kevin's first banquet season starts with Union Co. on Friday, Skip will be there with him. Kevin thanked everyone for their warm welcome last night. Shawn thanked everyone for the great effort put in by the Board at the State Banquet last night. Shawn discussed the power of attorney letter being sent to all Chapters for the checking accounts. Shawn said it is just a safety measure, not a plan to take money from anyone's accounts. Shawn discussed that HQ is asking for a cash count within 48hrs of the completion of a banquet. He also discussed that outside gun purchases was over \$600,000.00 last year. HQ wants a better idea of the guns/costs that banquets are using. Shawn also went over that the gun

for Jay Burnsworth came in the wrong camo. He will look into getting him one in a turkey camo. Eric voiced concern about the power of attorney and that he was worried that they would question the Chapter account balances. Skip assured him that they were not interested in how much money a Chapter has in their account. Skip said it was for being able to have access to the accounts if a Chapter closed down like the Tri State Chapter.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Jeff went over the Board Members who's terms are up in March. Jeff said that Joel Wood, Eric Kirby, Anthony Brooks, Ted Johnson, Barry Coffing and Jon Sorg. Jeff said that the Nominating Committee recommended that the Board elect Ted Johnson, Barry Coffing and Jon Sorg. Jeff said the Nominating Committee recommended that the Slate of candidates for the general membership elections to be Joel Wood, Anthony Brooks, Eric Kirby and Casey Wuethrich. Matt discussed that we needed to address the voting versus the Constitutional procedure that is not used anymore. Matt made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed with an online election to begin February 1<sup>st</sup> thru February 15<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Tracy. Motion passed. Jeff made a motion to the Board to elect Ted to seat A6, Barry to seat A3 and Jon to seat A2. Seconded by Heath. Motion passed. Jeff made a motion to approve the slate of candidates for the general election to be Joel, Anthony, Eric and Casey. Seconded by Barry. Motion passed. Discussion was held to create a Standing Rule to establish a new cutoff date for application to be considered for the new years election. Matt confirmed that there were enough Board Members in attendance to hold a vote. Jeff made a motion to create a Standing Rule that sets the cutoff date for applications for that new years elections to be submitted to the Board in person, by mail or email to be received no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to the election. Seconded by Jon. Motion passed unanimous by show of hands. Adam needs bio's for all of the candidates and will check for current memberships.

**DEER AND TURKEY EXPO:** Barry said that we will do a sign up sheet for the D&T scheduling at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Shawn discussed that Chevy would like to know if we wanted to partner in with their space. I was discussed that I may not work and that we already have our spaces and the area for the Take Aim range. Joel said we would not want to do that because we may lose our old space next year. We may be able to hang some banners in the Chevy area. Shane discussed some of the displays for the D&T. Joel discussed getting new graphics from Edgefield. Adam made a motion for a budget of \$300.00 for Joel to get updated graphics out of State Funds. Seconded by Matt. Passed. Joel will work with the RD's to get new graphics.

**CALLING CONTEST:** Dave said that everything was set up for the Calling contest. Cabela's and Zink were on board again as event sponsors. Dave asked about putting an add in the Ohio Outdoor news. Tracy made a motion to approve a budget of \$150.00 for advertising for the State Calling Contest from State Chapter funds. Seconded by Chuck. Passed.

**MARKETING:** Joel discussed that we will be getting in 500 patches for the 2014-2015 years. Joel also asked that we consider doing something for the designer that has done the artwork for the last three issues. Adam made a motion to get an engraved box call and a framed set of the three patches that the designer (Dave Brent, Willloleaf Sign Company) has done for the Board at

no cost. Seconded by Barry. Passed. Joel discussed what we wanted to do with the old inventory of patches, if we wanted to destroy them, raise the price or keep selling them as is. Skip urged that we keep selling them as is. Matt commented that Board members should be buying all of the patches and putting them on their State Board shirts to promote them at all events we attend. All of the patches are available through Joel. Joel and Matt discussed the idea of creating a documentary of the life cycle of the Wild Turkey. Matt and Joel will look into all of the logistics and costs and bring to the next meeting. The video could be used as an educational tool and promotional tool for all Chapters. Dave said that everyone seemed to be on board and to proceed with getting more information on a Documentary. Joel will work with Shawn on the items for sale at the D&T. Joel discussed that a lady had won a Henry Golden Boy at last years D&T but has still not sent her transfer paperwork from her FFL Joel had sent her. We will wait and see if she follows through.

Lunch Break at 11:38am

WITO: Bill discussed the three day WITO event. Over 100 women participated in the Event. Shawn said that the Fayette Co. event retired and Skip said the Maumee event folded as well. Each event contributed over 50 memberships each. Shawn said we will work to build new events.

WHEELIN SPORTSMAN: Shane discussed the Maumee deer hunting event and how great it was. Shane said it was a class A event. Shane said the only short coming was that they were only allowed to take does. Jeff said that that is going to change. Shane discussed his Chapters Wheelin deer and said they harvested 19 deer the first day including a great buck. Shane went over some events planned for next year including a turkey hunt on a private farm for about 6 hunters.

JAKES: Dave said to please make sure to get the scholarship applications to Ted before the deadline. Eric discussed the State Jakes Day next year will be June 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Eric went over the proposed plans for the event. Eric urged all of the Board members to try to make the event.

TAKE AIM TRAILER: Chuck said that they already have 9 requests for the trailers for next year. Chuck asked for more help at the D&T with the Take Aim because he has a banquet to cover that weekend. Chuck discussed better trailer staging in the State. Chuck asked the Board to think about the best areas to keep them, North/South or East/West.

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: Jeff said that he and Joel would get together to work on a Chapter manual. Sound systems were discussed. Joel made a motion for not to exceed \$2000 for sound system equipment for the RD's. Seconded by Jim. Passed. Skip will check into the cost of getting his second system repaired compared to new. Jeff will research the costs.

TECH COMMITTEE/WEBSITE: Adam said he has the online voting ready to go once he gets the candidate information. Adam also produced a paper (filed) with the technical details of our website. Adam will try to put together a 'user manual' for how members can update the website.

AWARDS DINNER: Jeff discussed the Banquet last night and thanked everyone for the great

job. It was discussed to see if we could get the guns there earlier, Jim will look into it. It was talked about that people were showing up early.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Dave discussed that we were still in our planning stages with the Save the Hunt, Save the Habitat. Dave discussed Conservation Club grants and that we received one for the Partnership Hunt. Dave urged people to apply for the Conservation Club grants for their local events.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave went over that we approved by email the funding of the add in the Ohio Outdoor news for new Chapter volunteers. Barry made a motion of a not to exceed \$300 for new RD equipment for Kevin. Seconded by Jon. Passed. Matt discussed adding information to the online calendar to include items like meeting dates, deadlines, etc. Matt asked everyone to think about what else we want listed on the calendar. Adam can also set up automatic reminders to email out to the Board about deadlines. Matt discussed subcommittees holding Skype meetings outside of the scheduled Board meetings. Adam will come to the next meeting with more information about using the Skype application. Matt went over the idea of different meeting locations and formats similar to the dove hunt meeting. Dave discussed turning the State Banquet into a mini convention or leadership conference. Matt asked if we wanted to continue dedicating \$1.00 per patch sold for FHFH. Jeff made a motion to suspend giving the \$1.00/patch to FHFH. Seconded by Tracy. Passed. Joel reminded everyone to go their local Division Open houses in March.

Motion to Adjourn by Jim. Seconded by Shane. Motion Passed. Adjourn at 1:43pm.

BUSINESS OUTSIDE THE MEETING: During the recess between the Board voted to approve additional JAKES day requests for the Ohio River Valley Chapter and the South Hills Longbeard Chapters for second JAKES events.