

NWTF State Board
Meeting Minutes
09/09/12

In Attendance: Dave Williamson (Pres.), Jeff Wright (VP), Matt McDermott (Sec), Bill Suliks (Treas), Mike Reynolds(ODNR), Lee Crocker (DOF), Anthony Brooks, Barry Coffing, Steve Blant (USFS), Scott Vance (NWTF), Keith White, Adam Hollobaugh, Charles Cleavanger, Skip Markland (RD), Heath Zwiebel, Shawn Dickey (RD), Joel Wood, Jim Sexton, Greg Keeton, Shane McGrew, Eric Kirby, Jon Sorg, Buddy Fry, Ted Johnson

1. President Dave Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:49AM.

SECRETARY: Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Jon Sorg commented that, at the time, ‘Chief’ should be changed to ‘Assistant Chief’ in regard to Dave Lane. Jeff W. moved to accept the minutes as amended. Chuck C. Second. Motion Passed, Minutes approved as amended.

TREASURER REPORT: Bill distributed the Treasures Report. (Filed) Bill discussed his report. Bill discussed that he and Randy had worked out the details of the ‘missing’ deposits noted in the last meeting minutes. Bill said the rough numbers show the State Banquet last night was about \$7000 in the positive.

Jon S. made a Motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Seconded Matt. Motion approved.

SUPERFUND REPORT: Mike discussed the SF report that was filed during SF meeting with whole Board. Mike briefly discussed some of the possible upcoming project going into this year and that the ending balance of \$154,865.94.

WILDLIFE REPORT: Mike discussed the Sat. March 2nd Open House for the DOW. Mike discussed that there should be no major changes to the 2013 Turkey regulations. The new Deer regulations are interesting.

FORESTRY REPORT: Lee presented the signage design for the Maumee Project. Lee discussed the current happenings at the DOF and tree harvests. Lee discussed the Walnut twig beetle and its impact.

RD REPORTS: Skip thanked everyone for the effort last night. Bill said that we had about 198 people in the room for the banquet. Skip is looking into a new Chapter in Brown Co. Skip asked about the Board funding for advertisement.

Matt made a motion to approve \$450.00 to run an advertisement in the paper again for volunteers, paid from Chapter Funds. Seconded Joel. Motion approved.

Shawn has a new Perry Co. event off the ground. Meigs Co. also looks good for a yearly event. Ohio was sixth highest in the Country.

Dave discussed the 2013 Partnership Hunt. It will be the same time as last year. Dave asked for the same \$2500 contribution from the State Board. Anthony made a motion to Sponsor the event for \$2500, taken from our Outreach account. Seconded Keith. Motion approved.

Dave presented the Resignation letter from Larry Kingrey. Anthony made a motion to accept

Larry's resignation. Seconded by Jon. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Anthony discussed the Application received from Tracy Jacobs and the upcoming election for Seats 'C'. The nominating Committee recommended that the Board elect Bill Suliks, Greg Keeton and Jim Sexton. Anthony then discussed that including the new applicant, Tracy Jacobs, the nominating committee had three candidates for the General election; Tracy Jacobs, Shane McGrew and Keith White. Matt discussed that according to the Constitution the Nominating Committee is to submit 6 candidates to complete the Slate for the General Election. Anthony made a motion to suspend the General Election this year and Board Elect the additional three candidates, seeing that they did not have enough candidates for a General Election. Seconded by Barry. Motion approved.

Anthony then made a motion to accept the 6 candidates for the Board. Seconded by Barry. Motion approved. Group 'C' was Board Elected; Bill Suliks, Greg Keeton, Jim Sexton, Tracy Jacobs, Shane McGrew, Keith White.

Skip discussed that he was uncomfortable that we only had a three candidates for the General election and that the health of an organization is determined by how many people want to part of it. Matt commented that the Board had to fill an unusually high number of vacancies this year with applicants. Matt asked if Skip would include a line about running for the State Board in his add being placed in the paper. Skip said he would.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: Matt thanked Joel and Jon for all of their help in getting the final version of the Revise State Constitution ready for the meeting and submission to the National Board for review/approval.

Adam made a motion to send the Constitution as revised to National Board. Seconded by Chuck. Motion approved. Dave will send to the correct persons.

DEER AND TURKEY EXPO: Barry Coffing discussed the details of the upcoming D and T. Joel discussed the pop up booth backdrop and items for sale at the D and T. Bill showed Joel the insurance details. Joel will review and handle it. Dave discussed an add they ran for their calling contest in Cincinnati. Greg discussed the calling contest details and its sponsors. Greg made a motion to advertise in the Ohio Outdoor News for \$148.00 budget from the Chapter funds. Seconded by Heath. Motion approved.

MARKETING: Joel briefly discussed seed/seedling subsidy as well as the Voss sign progress and then the D and T 'Shop in a Box' supplies and other items for the Expo. They ordered the mid-size one. Shawn reserved a .204 predator rifle, Mossberg Silver Reserve and a Henry Grand Slam. General discussion about what is being sold at the Expo. Shawn will get the Bass Pro Cards for the membership sales.

WITO: Bill discussed the 3 day State Event and the Maumee Valley event that achieved about 65% net/gross and about 50 attendees. The State event went great but Bill is worried that WITO events are on a serious decline. Shawn said that 5 years ago there were over 30 events in the State, last year there were 5. Shawn urged people to host a WITO event.

WHEELIN SPORTSMAN: Shane will take over the Wheelin Chairmanship and Jim will stay on the Committee to help out.

Dave discussed the new splits for the Outreach programs. It now goes 20% to the State and 5% to the Chapter instead of 25% to the Chapter. Dave was recommending that the State Board comes out with a policy that the Chapters would be able to apply for additional monies from the State Board that contributed to the Outreach Account.

JAKES: Ted made a presentation about the 2013 3 Day East Harbor State Park JAKES event. Ted went over all of the details and options for the event. Adam will put registration form on the website. Event details, proposed dates and tentative expenses were discussed (handouts filed). Joel made a motion to charge a \$20 registration fee. Seconded by Chuck. Motion approved. Matt made a motion to approve and additional \$2,500.00 to be budgeted for the JAKES Event from Outreach. Seconded by Joel. Motion approved.

LUNCH 12:20pm-12:55pm

TAKE AIM: Chuck discussed needing generators. Dave discussed that many States now have multiple trailers to satisfy the demand. We are getting booked up on days with multiple requests. Barry made a motion to pursue the purchase of a second Take Aim trailer and inflatables. Seconded by Chuck. Motion approved. Chuck made a motion to purchase generators for the Take Aim trailer(s) (Jon to get quote from Honda dealer near him); two generators not to exceed \$1,500.00 each. Seconded by Jim. Motion approved.

TECH COMMITTEE/WEBSITE: This fall the domain name expires. Adam will get pricing for the next mtg. Adam needs Skip and Shawn to let him know what Chapters have changed so he can update the State Map on the Website. Matt asked if the SF application form can be added to the Website.

NEW BUISNESS: Dave said the MOU was completed with the DOW. Bill mentioned that he was still trying to finalize getting reimbursed for the \$300 'loan' we had issued to a Chapter start up. Half has been repaid. Skip will assist. Joel presented an informative power point and handout about land acquisition, process and land conservancy groups. Shawn presented a power point regarding the 'Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt' direction by the NWTf. Jon discussed partnering options and conflicts with the DOW and deed restrictions on partnering grants. Jon and Mike explained that the DOW will not except anything with deed restrictions.

Next Meetings: March 10th DOW HQ Bldg G, June 2nd at Dist. One Office, September Dove Hunt T.B.D.
Superfund at 8am
Board Meeting at 9am

Motion to Adjourn by Matt. Seconded by Eric. Motion Passed. Adjourned at 2:08pm

