

**NWTF State Board**  
**SUPER FUND Meeting Minutes**  
**06/02/13**

**In Attendance:** Dave Williamson (Pres.), Matt McDermott (Sec), Bill Suliks (Treas), Jeff Wright (VP), Mike Reynolds(ODNR), Lee Crocker (RB), Jeremy Scherf (Forest.), Adam Hollobaugh, Shawn Dickey (RD), Skip Markland (RD), Joel Wood.

Dave called the meeting to Order at 8:03AM

Amended Tree of Heaven control project was discussed. Joel made a motion to approve the request as amended. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Lee discussed a request for a 'deep tillage tool' for NWO windbreak program. Matt made a motion to return the request asking for more information on what the equipment is and comparable quotes. Joel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

Lee presented a request from the Brown Co. Soil and Water Dept. requesting \$1300.00 in funding for a Wildlife and Habitat Workshop as well as a speaker or NWTF booth (Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>). Matt made a motion to approve a grant of \$650.00 to come out of Outreach. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Lee will see if he can attend as a speaker.

Lee discussed possibly changing the Application Form to ask how the NWTF will be being recognized or promoted from the grant. Lee feels we are missing a lot of promotion by not knowing if/how we are being recognized for our grants. Dave asked to have the Form revised and we will vote on it.

Lee asked about a banner or display that he can take around to events that he attends. Matt made a motion to purchase a banner stand and banner detailing Ohio SF spending from National. Adam 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

Dave discussed an email from the American Avian Conservation and Research organization. Mike said that is not a group we want to work with at this time.

Lee discussed possibly having a grant proposal 'deadline', maybe in March, rather than randomly receiving them.

Skip discussed a practice in PA where they set aside a certain percentage of SF income for economic downturn periods. Joel said the Board had done that in the past, but had received letters from HQ directing to Board to not hold back funds and to spend them. It will be looked into for next years budget.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn. Joel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

SF meeting adjourned 8:49am



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President Dave Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:01AM. Dave introduced Jeremy Scherf (DOF) to the Board.

SECRETARY: Chuck moved to accept the minutes as written. Jon Second. Motion Passed,

TREASURER REPORT: Bill distributed the treasures report and discussed the income and expenses for the DT Expo. Bill also discussed the bonding costs. Bill mentioned that we need some language included in the Constitution to get better bonding rates. Matt and Joel reviewed and said that the language was in the new Constitution sent to HQ for approval. Dave was going to get an invoice for the trailer wrap to Bill after the meeting. After all trailer expenses are totaled Bill will submit a green sheet to the SF for the cost. Matt made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Heath 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

RB REPORT/SF REPORT: Lee discussed the status of projects that we have funded out of this years' SF Budget. Lee has met with 15-20 landowners since the last meeting to look at various habitat improvements. Lee attended the Wheelin Fishing event but on by Buddy's Chapter. Lee was amazed at the number of people in attendance. Lee said that the SF balance, as of May, was \$185,418.84. Lee will send out copies of the SF financial report to the Board via email or get to Matt to distribute.

WILDLIFE REPORT: Mike reported on the Spring Turkey harvest numbers. 18,391 spring turkeys were harvested. 27% were Jakes. Permit sales were up about 5%. The net harvest ratio was about 25% success. Mike discussed the poult reporting website and urged everyone to report sightings. Mike briefly discussed proposed deer regulations. Skip asked if Pittman Robertson finding was being held up because of sequestration. Jon said that it hasn't. Mike discussed partnership agreements and increased spending authority.

FORESTRY REPORT: Jeremy thanked the Board for having him. Jeremy discussed his current duties and responsibilities. Jeremy discussed the Blue Rock Wheelin hunt details, 20 hunters, 5 birds harvested. Jeremy discussed the tree harvests and increasing the rate of harvest. Jeremy discussed a Forestry Camp that he helps put on. Jeff discussed putting it in the budget next year to pay/sponsor one of the youth campers.

**RD REPORTS:**

Skip thanked the State Board for funding the Ohio Outdoor News ads. He has gotten some good leads from it. Skip has a meeting for a new in Chapter Madison Co. and maybe Findlay and Augalize Co. Skip lost Tri-County Black Swamp and maybe Van Wert.

Shawn discussed that when its' all said and done there may be 7 new Chapters in the State. There are 50 finalized Banquets so far and we are about \$20,000.00 under what we were at last year with the new SF rules.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: No new applications have been received. There is an application on our website.

DEER AND TURKEY EXPO: No Report.

CALLING CONTEST: Dave discussed the calling contest and said the Contest bought in about \$1,300.00.

MARKETING: Joel presented the signs to the Board. Joel discussed the State Patch and that we would do the design in house.

WITO: Bill discussed the Grand River event. 8 women went turkey hunting, one miss.

WHEELIN SPORTSMAN: No Report.

JAKES: Ted could not be here but sent an email to Dave. Dave reported that 34 youth had signed up for the event and Ted will be emailing out a detailed update next week. Dave discussed some concerns about the Scholarship grants. It was discussed that we are giving out a number of Scholarships but not getting submitted for the State money because a lot of applications may be coming after the deadline. It was discussed how difficult it is to even get applicants. Skip said it is not being marketed correctly and Chapters are not including the potential State and National monies. It was discussed to increase the Scholarship to \$500.

TAKE AIM TRAILER: Chuck will be purchasing fire extinguishers for each trailer. The second trailer could be online in the next few weeks. Dave and Chuck discussed some problems and requests with the trailers. People used the air rifles, someone bent the target hangars. Shawn said maybe we should email the video out to anyone requesting the trailer. It was recommended putting a lockable 'bike chain' through the air rifles and they would have to request the key to unlock them.

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: It was discussed again about the Wheelin/Outreach % rebates. Dave was trying to find out how the other States were addressing the issue and the procedure they were using to give more rebate money back to the event Chapters. We will address again at September meeting. Dave will try again to get Indiana to let us know how they do it.

TECH COMMITTEE/WEBSITE: Adam posted a link for the poult survey on the website and State Facebook page. Adam asked Skip/Shawn to get him the new and lost Chapter information for the website.

AWARDS DINNER: Dinner booked for Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. The menu will be the same. The meeting Sunday will be held at Jims.

PARTNERSHIP HUNT: Dave said that Gene thanked the Board for all of the help with the Partnership Hunt.

NEW BUISNESS: Dave discussed a new Committee for Save the Hunt. The new Committee will be Matt, Tracy, Jon, Jeff, Chuck, Adam, Dave and Joel. There will be a meeting scheduled for sometime in August or September.

Dave discussed that the new trailer will be online in a few weeks and that they are still looking for a base to keep it in the South. Greg Keeton had offered to keep it at his house.

Dave sent another email to Bill Marvin to ask about the status of the revised Constitution. Dave has a request from Buddy Fry to nominate him for the National Board.

Adam made a motion to nominate Buddy Fry to the State Board. Eric 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

Dave discussed some inquiries he had taken about the Conservation Seed. Matt discussed all of the problems he encountered while trying to implement the program at his Chapter years ago.

Jon Sorg discussed a turkey hunt donation possibility he has for a hunt in Nebraska. Jon will discuss some the possibility of auctioning it off at the State Awards Dinner and the money 'earmarked' for the Partnership Event.

Dave discussed the next meeting in Brown Co., Board Dove hunt. The rooms costs are in the Budget. Dave will send out an email about August 1<sup>st</sup> with details and verify the room total.

Dave discussed the St. Peter in Chains archery team. Matt made a motion to approve \$1000 for the St. Peter in Chains Archery team. Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed. Dave will ask them to provide a picture.

Joel made a motion to have Shawn order 3, 6', State Chapter banners. Adam 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Jim discussed all that Jay Burnworth has done for the NWTf in the State. Jim made a motion to purchase a plaque and Benelli SBEII for Jay and present it to him at the State Awards Banquet. (out of State Chapter Funds). Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

Skip discussed a boy, Blake Walters, who needs an improved wheelchair (\$11,000) to get outdoors. He is part of the Maumee Chapter. Jim made a motion to donate \$500 out of State Funds toward the new wheelchair. Joel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

Motion to Adjourn by Jon. Seconded by Jim. Motion Passed. Adjourned at 11:41am.

