

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

In Attendance: Dave Williamson (Pres.), Jeff Wright (VP), Matt McDermott (Sec), Mike Reynolds(ODNR), Dick Sorg, Randy Showalter (RB), Adam Hollobaugh, Lee Crocker (Forestry), Skip Markland, Barry Coffing, Bill Suliks (9:47am), Greg Keeton, Charles Cleavanger, Heath Zwiebel

1. President Dave Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:21am. Dave distributed the Meeting Agenda. Dave pointed out that at this time there was no Quorum. He also commented that as of last night, he had not received a Treasurers report. Bill Suliks was on the way, so Dave postponed the Meeting Minutes approval until Bill arrives.

SUPERFUND REPORT: Randy gave a brief review of the Super Fund report. He commented that the Seed Subsidy project was going very well.

BIOLOGIST REPORT: Randy handed out a RB report and overviewed the ongoing Projects. Randy commented on the possibility of the permanent RB position.

WILDLIFE REPORT: Mike presented the Spring Turkey Harvest data. The State harvest was 17,647, a 2.8% decline. Mike said that Western OH had the largest drop, possibly due to the flooding as well as along the River Valley. Mike was worried that if this year's hatch is low again that it will make for poor season next year. Permit sales are down about 10% this year. Mike discussed the online reporting and that Adam will post a link on the Website. Ashtabula was the top County again this year. Mike discussed a radio collar study done in PA this Spring that showed a hen nesting a month earlier than would be normal. Most hens will still probably nest the normal time periods. Mike said there will be a search for a new Wildlife Management Section Head as the current, Dave Scott, leaves for the Fish and Wildlife Service this Summer.

FORESTRY REPORT: Lee Crocker discussed a Meeting held at Hocking at how it will benefit the relationship with the NWTF and Forestry. Lee said the Asian longhorn beetle is up to about 8,200 trees, 7,400 removed. Lee's handout filed in Minutes.

SECRETARY: With the arrival of Bill Suliks the Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Jeff moved to accept the minutes as issued. Chuck Second. Motion Passed, Minutes approved as written.

TREASURER REPORT: Dave said that there is no Treasurers Report at this time from Jon (sent in resignation from the position by email to the Board). Matt discussed that we may need to vote to accept the resignation. As well, it was discussed that we had to vote to accept Del Ghia's resignation from the Board effective April 1st. Jeff made a motion to accept Del's resignation, Seconded Dick. Motion passed. Dave acknowledged Jon Sorg's resignation from Treasurers position and executive committee. Dave asked for someone to step up for the position. Different options were discussed. Bill Suliks said he would be interested. Jeff made a motion to accept Bill Suliks as Treasurer for a two year term, Seconded Barry. Motion passed. Bill will purchase a laptop and accounting software. Adam will help Bill set up the computer if

needed. Dave will help with the transition.

RD Report: Skip said that it has been a good year so far. Banquets are up, maybe due to the new core package. Skip discussed the Regional Leadership conference details and the subsidized cost approved by the SF. Skip has a few new prospects in the SW Region. Dick asked about the deadline to spend the Versa Max monies. Skip will look into the date that the money has to be spent by. Skip brought the old muzzleloaders to the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Dave said that Anthony would have a nominee for the vacant seat, Heath Zwiebel.

DEER AND TURKEY EXPO: Signage was discussed for the Deer Turkey.

MARKETING: Matt said he texted Joel and asked him to get signage pricing for SF projects for the next meeting. Skip discussed banner pricing for new State Chapter Banners. Matt made a motion that Skip order two small and one large banner for the State Chapter, Seconded Adam. Motion Passed.

WITO: Bill discussed the Grand River event, 70+ women attended, 2 birds out of 7 hunters were taken. Has two events coming up.

WHEELIN: No Report.

JAKES: No Report.

Dave discussed that Anthony and Chuck would be handling the Take Aim trailer and its scheduling. Chuck requested the Board purchase a small, quiet generator as well as a spare air pump. Randy will investigate Outreach account to purchase trailer supplies. Chuck will get pricing for an additional blower and generator.

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: Jeff touched on the Regional Leadership meeting again. Bill Suliks discussed an event called Anglers and Antlers to see if someone could operate a free booth at the event on the third weekend in October.

TECH COMMITTEE/WEBSITE: Adam discussed the new items he added to the Website for the Take Aim trailer and he will put up the poult reporting link.

STATE AWARD BANQUET: Jeff said the date would be on Jan. 19th this year. Jeff also discussed the different Awards that had lead time issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Dave discussed the new committee appointment list. He also

discussed a new SF Review Committee for SF proposal review. Jeff will chair the sub-committee and will develop a scoring system for proposals. Matt and Dick will also be on this committee. Skip asked if the Board could develop a Grant Proposal form that he could direct people to inquiring on how to get money from the Board for projects. The form could be available on our website as a download. Bill discussed what 'easy up' canopies he purchased (approved at prior meeting). Bill was able to buy three 10x10 and one 12x12 within the budget he was given. Matt asked if Jeff had ordered the new State Board shirts. Jeff said he had not, but now had the sizes and would. Matt also asked if anyone new if Shawn had ordered the Board Member badges. Skip has purchased the Paddle Wheels that had been approved, he did not bring them to the meeting but will get them to the people that needed them.

NEW BUISNESS: Dave discussed that Buddy Fry had asked the Board for a Nomination to the National Board. Dick made a motion to Nominate Buddy Fry for the National Board, Second Barry. Motion Passed. Dave will handle.

Next Meeting: September Meeting will be in MT Orab, Sept. 9th. Directions to follow from Dave W. Dave will invite Chief Zody.

Matt made a motion to pay for rooms for Board Members out of Chapter Funds, Second Barry. Motion passed.

Future meeting Dates: Jan. 20th at Jim Sextons. Address distributed at the Sept. meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Matt, Seconded by Jeff. Motion Passed. Adjourned at 11:15am