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Meeting Minutes for State Board Meeting
Of June 5th, 2011

In attendance, Matt McDermott, Jeff Wright, Dave Williamson, Del Ghia, Shawn Dickey (RD), Anthony Brooks, Adam Hollobaugh, Keith White, Bill Suliks, Jim Sexton, Randy Showalter (RB), Dick Sorg, Jonathan Sorg, Mike Reynolds.

Jeff Wright called the meeting to order at 9:21AM.

OPENING

Jeff welcomed the Board and opened the meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

Matt distributed the Minutes in Hard Copy for review and approval.

Anthony made a Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from the March Meeting, Seconded by Dave Williamson. Motion Passed.

TREASURES REPORT

Del Ghia presented the Treasures Report. Del discussed the last meeting balance was \$17,897.07 and the new balance is \$20,146.21 as of May 1st. Maple Country has paid for their trailer. Jim Leffel has not paid for their trailer and hopes to pay for the trailer by the end of June. The Deer and Turkey income was \$8,052.00. Del discussed the other revenues and expenses. Report filed. Del will write to Edgefield about the \$50.00 refund for Proof of Insurance that may have been mailed to Headquarters from the Deer and Turkey Expo.

Matt McDermott made a Motion to approve the Treasures Report, Seconded by Dave Williamson. Motion Passed.

SUPER FUND REPORT

Mike Reynolds presented the Super Fund Report. Mike discussed the approvals made by the Super Fund Committee earlier and discussed the projects. Mike recapped the 10 projects that were submitted.

WILDLIFE REPORT

Mike Reynolds presented the Division of Wildlife Report. Mike announced that the Division has hired a new Chief, David Lane. Chief Lane has been in the Division for 10 years. He has a business background and history in Forestry. His brother is the Perry County Wildlife Officer.

Mike discussed the Spring Turkey Season Harvest report. The harvest was down 20%. The harvest came in about 18,500.00. Agricultural Counties were up, the Forested Counties were down. The rain and nest predation may impact poult production. Mike will report on the poult survey at the next meeting. The weights of the Turkeys were up due to the large acorn crop. The Tele Check system went well for the first Season. About 44% of check ins were by Tele Check, 28% used in person vendors and 28% used the internet. Matt asked Mike what he found out about the TIP Program. Mike said that we had investigated and found that TIP is a Non Profit organization much like our State Board. Ron Ollis is the TIP Coordinator from the Division. TIP is run on donations and marketing sales. They asked for a straight \$1000 donation from the Board. They didn't want to have to submit each time for the individual rewards. If we want more information, Mike suggested inviting Ron to a Board meeting to learn more.

RD'S REPORTS

Senior Regional Director, Shawn Dickey, gave his RD Report. Shawn said the Spring Banquets went pretty well. He had some good Banquets and some bad. He and Skip leave for Summer Meetings next week. Its quite right now but he has a few coming up in July and August. Shawn is still working of getting non finalized Banquets finished. Shawn discussed the importance of having all receipts

RB'S REPORT

Randy discussed the support from the Board for the RB position in Ohio. The Division of Wildlife will help support that position of \$30,000.00 beginning in July. The NRCS will Fund \$20,000 for the next two years and the Forest Service at \$12,500 again. Randy will be in discussions next week about a permanent RB position in Ohio from all of the support.

JAKES

Dick discussed the planning details of the State Jakes Day. The date available is August 20th. We need to decide how many attendees we would have. Before USSA commits to the expenses and what they will contribute, they need more details of the event and numbers. Dick is working with Dawn at Zink to get T shirts donated for the event. Adam will post the event on the State Website. Del will send out a letter to all Chapters requesting donations for the State JAKES day funding. Del said that we have \$1000.00 in State Board Funds for the Event. Del made a motion to have a 50 person JAKES day on August 20th at the trap shooting venue. Seconded by Matt. Motion Passed. Jon Sorg attended an Awards Ceremony and presented the State Scholarship winner with the Scholarship on behalf of the State Board and the NWTF.

CONSTITUTION/BYLAWS

Matt passed around a marked up Draft Constitution with all of the comments of the Const/Bylaws Committee. Matt hopes to have the Final Draft for review by the Board at the next meeting.

MARKETING

Joel Wood was not in attendance, so Matt gave Joel's marketing report. Joel wanted to thank everyone for their work at the Deer and Turkey Booth and he is currently working with businesses and vendors in Ohio for possible discounts for NWTF members. If someone can email him with video of the State Calling Contest and also wanted the Board to consider purchasing a trade show booth structure. He will bring some information to the next meeting. Sissy is getting the information about the Seed Subsidy applications and will forward that information. Matt discussed the final Patch design and showed the new revised design with about 10 colors which reduces the production cost from \$2.71 down to \$1.91 for 500pcs. Matt passed the design around. Anthony made a Motion to approve the new design and proceed with production. Seconded by Jim Sexton. Matt asked about getting the Patch Program information in next years Digest with the FHFH information.

WITO

Bill Suliks gave a brief WITO report. He said that the Grand River WITO event had increased this year to 10 Turkey Hunters from only 4 last year. A lot more events are coming up. 43 total women signed up for the Grand River event total. Johnstown event already has 70 women signed up.

Jim Sexton asked about having some type of State Wheelin Sportsman event.

Discussions were had about the difficulties with the gun transfers to the winners of the

Deer and Turkey drawings. Jim Sexton handled one of the problems and got the gun transferred. Two guns, the Kimber (winner Pat Burkhardt), is still at the gun dealers and has not been coordinated with the winner and Jeff has been receiving phone calls from the winner of the Night Train.

OLD BUISNESS

Jeff Wright opened Old/Unfinished business with a problem discovered after the last meeting. It was realized that Vice President and Secretary position terms (1yr terms) needed to be elected during the last meeting, per the conditions in the Constitution.

Jeff took Nominations for Vice President. Jim Sexton nominated Dave Williamson (incumbent) for Vice President. Seconded by Anthony Brooks. Passed. Dick Sorg moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by Keith White. Passed. No other nominations being taken, Dave Williamson is the Vice President for this year.

Jeff took Nominations for State Chapter Secretary. Dave Williamson nominated Matt McDermott. Seconded by Anthony Brooks. Passed. Dick Sorg moved to closed nominations. Seconded by Dave Williamson. Passed. No other nominations being taken, Matt McDermott is the State Chapter Secretary for this year.

NEW BUISNESS

Mike Reynolds discussed that Joel Wood and Matt McDermott have been inquiring into the Divisions current stance on feeding Wild Turkeys outside of the hunting seasons.

Mike presented three resolutions that the NWTf Technical Committee has just passed, regarding somewhat, with the issue of feeding Wild Turkey. Mike distributed copies to the Board. One is related to nuisance turkeys, one is related to feeding wild turkeys and the third is related to wild turkeys and crop damage reports. Mike recommended the Board read and review the Resolutions and at future meetings the Board could consider their own resolutions or a letter of support that Mike could present to the Division. He would present our resolution or letter of support to the Chief and the Executive Writing Group to see the Board stance on the issues. Mike discussed that feeding stations bring together turkeys and predators unnaturally and in some situations it is being shown that predators are 'learning' to hunt near bait areas. There is also some issues with aflatoxins forming in molding grains piled that can build up to lethal levels in poults and young turkeys. Mike commented that the Divisions rules currently prohibit baiting of any kind on Public Lands.

Jim Sexton asked the Board if they wanted to book the same hall/location for the State Awards Banquet for this year. The tentative date will be the 14th of January. Jim will look at having the same menu.

The next meeting will be September 11th, 2011, the Board Dove Hunt. Dave Williamson will confirm the location and Jeff/Dave will email out the locations, meeting location and times to all Board Members.

Anthony moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jim Sexton. Meeting adjourned at 11:50AM