

Meeting Minutes for State Board Meeting
Of Sept 11, 2011, Mt Orab, OH.

In attendance, Matt McDermott, Jeff Wright, Dave Williamson, Del Ghia, Shawn Dickey (RD), Skip Markland (RD), Lee Crocker (DF), Joel Wood, Greg Keeton, Anthony Brooks, Adam Hollobaugh, Bill Suliks, Barry Coffing, Larry Kingrey, Buddy Fry (Ntl Board), Mike Reynolds.

Dave Williamson (meeting Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:30PM.

OPENING

Dave introduced everyone.

MEETING MINUTES

Dave asked if everyone had reviewed the previous Meeting Minutes sent out by email. Anthony made a Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from the June Meeting, Seconded by Barry Coffing. 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 \$15,405.17 as of Sept 1st. Del discussed that there were two Chapters that pledged money for the State JAKES day who's names appeared on the Banner, that he has not received the \$100 donations from; South Central and Union Co. Del also discussed that the trailer sold to Jim Leffel. He has tried multiple times to invoice and contact Jim and that, to date, he has only received a \$100 payment for the trailer. It has been six months since he took possession of the trailer. He had promised to have the balance paid before the June meeting. Skip asked if anyone knew an Attorney who would draft a letter, pro bono, to address the issue. Dave W. said we should just 'stay on him' and see if it resolves itself. Matt M. made a Motion to approve the Treasures Report. Seconded by Larry Kingrey. 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 projects that were submitted. Mike discussed the projects that the SF committee had approved and the shifting of funds between line items.

WILDLIFE REPORT

Mike Reynolds presented the Division of Wildlife Report. Mike presented the finalized Spring Turkey harvest numbers. Mike said they have learned some things with the new check in system and are changing some things to eliminate errors. It should be a good system for good data in the future. Permit sales were down. There has been a 10% decrease in free Senior permit every year. Mike discussed the Brood Survey. Mike discussed that the Reproductive index average over the last ten years has been 2.6 poults per hen. 2011 should come in around 2 poults per hen. It will be attributed to the extremely wet Spring/Summer. Mike discussed the lack of White Oak acorn production due to the wet weather, but the Reds and others should be OK. Mike said the Director of DNR, David Mustine (sp), took a position with a different Department in the Kasich Admin. The interim Director is Scott Zobe (sp). Two new Assistant Chief have been named, Sue Howard and Tom Brohan (sp). Mike discussed the Memorandum of Understanding that ODNR and the NWF have. He explained that Randy Showalter has been working with ODNR to revise the current MOU. Jeff will be getting the revision and

should be getting it for signature at the National Convention or the National Board Hunt. It will replace the previous MOU from the 1980's. Randy has the current Draft. Mike also discussed the RB position and the Division's support and the possibility of a new Ohio dedicated RB.

DOF REPORT

Lee Crocker discussed the Asian Longhorn Beetle found in Ohio and how it affects maple trees and other trees. 2500 trees have been identified as being infected. Lee distributed some information.

RD'S REPORT

Shawn gave his seasonal Banquet Report. August Banquets went pretty well. Looking to get more College town involved. There will be some realignment of territory with WV and PA. Ohio will still get credit for any Banquet in the State of Ohio.

Skip gave his report. Skip said that one of the things out of National is having each of the RD's target a city. Skip is targeting Dayton. Some of Skip Banquet were good some not. Skip asked that Chapters start the new 'Gun Blast' format for additional revenue during the slow season, fall and winter.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Anthony discussed the upcoming election and the six (6) seats filled by current Board Members that were up for the next election. Those seats are currently filled by Jeff Wright, Del Ghia, Dave Williamson, Matt McDermott, Adam Hollobaugh and Jim Leezer.

Anthony urged the Board to ask anyone wishing to apply for the a Board Seat to do so.

MARKETING REPORT

Joel Wood gave the Marketing Report. He has the new Patches available. Joel discussed the License Plates. It is not going well to get the petitions. The idea will be tabled for now. Joel presented a list of the ongoing Marketing ideas.

TECHNICAL

Adam updated the Board on the current status of the upcoming web site switch. He will have more information at the next meeting. Skip discussed the muzzleloaders he has from Joe Sawmiller. Skip will store them for now. The list of what he has will be given to Jim Sexton.

CONSERVATION AND OUTREACH

The State JAKES day Event was discussed. Bill discussed the WITO events for the year. It was a good year for the WITO events. Shawn said Ohio is still the number one State for WITO events. Bill and Shawn urged everyone to consider an event. Joel went over the Seed Subsidy program.

Jeff asked about purchasing a new sound system. It was explained that there was already a line item for a new sound system in the Budget.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Matt presented the Draft Constitution the Sub Committee had prepared for discussion and review. Trying to get the new Constitution to coincide with the Nationals fiscal year was discussed. Buddy Fry suggested that the Board table this discussion at this time until he can speak with National about some possible revisions to the proposed Constitution reforms.

The Election procedures as current were discussed, Skip recommended that the Board switch to 'Board elected' rather than the conventional voting system to simplify the

procedure. Buddy countered that this was the case when he started and created the appearance of a 'good ol' boy' network and advised against a change in that direction.

NEW BUISNESS

Dave went over the preparations for the year end State Banquet.

Anthony discussed the upcoming election, application deadlines and procedures. The voting deadline by the 31st of January. Anthony and the Nominating Committee recommended to the Board to Board Elect Matt McDermott, Adam Hollobaugh and Del Ghia for the upcoming election. Jeff Wright made a Motion to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation. Joel Wood Seconded. Motion Passed by Quorum. Matt, Del and Adam will remain seated on the Board for the next term.

Dave reminded everyone to get ready for the D&T and the State Banquet. Dave will talk to Jim Sexton about some of the details with the hall and dinner and drink details.

Anthony made a motion to suspend Subsection 1, Article IV of the Constitution and proceed with the Nominating Committee to present the Slate of six General Election Candidates at the January meeting, with online voting to take place from January 23-31. Seconded by Matt M. Motion Passed.

Buddy thanked everyone for being here and their thoughts. Membership was up this year by 6% nationwide. All of the planned objectives were met, due in part, by the State of Ohio. Buddy discussed a proposal by the National Board for reworking how the SF is distributed based on Memberships. Buddy and Shawn didn't think Ohio would be negatively affected by this change. It is still be drafted in its final format. More information will be coming out about this potential change. National turnover in the RD position was 33% last year. Memberships will be increasing from \$30 to \$35 in 2012. The last increase was eight years ago. They will be offering a College membership for \$20.00. Joel asked Buddy about discussing 'membership incentive' that go along with a NWTF membership.

Skip recommended that the Board include a line item in the next Budget to include lodging for Board members attending a 'Board Dove Hunt' like meeting and make it a two day event, as much get accomplished when we assemble this way.

Motion to adjourn by Del. Seconded Larry K. Motion Passed.

Next Meeting Jan. 15, 2012: Waldo, OH.