

**NWTF State Board**  
**SUPER FUND Meeting Minutes**  
**09/08/13**

**In Attendance:** Dave Williamson (Pres.), Bill Suliks (Treas), Jeff Wright (VP), Mike Reynolds(Wildlife), Adam Hollobaugh, Joel Wood, Keith White, Barry Coffing, Jim Sexton, Anthony Brooks, Chuck Clevenger, Heath Zwiebel.

Dave called the meeting to Order at 11:00AM

Dave announced that Lee would not be able to attend today's meeting but indicated that we had received no new requests during the last period. Mike commented that he had spoke to the group that had requested funding for the specialized wind break implement and that they hope to have comparable quotes for the January meeting to resubmit.

Dave did not remember to bring the receipts for the new JAKES trailer. He will get them to Bill Suliks.

Bill needs to submit a green form for the State JAKES Day costs turned in by Ted.

Mike Reynolds presented the information about satellite transmitters to be placed on hens in the NE snowbelt to track the nesting timing. This could begin Jan-Feb 2014. Mike expects to be proposing to the SF, in January, a request for \$10,000.00 for 5 transmitters. This would be the pilot program for a larger project the next year.

Mike discussed that the Vinton restroom project will be completed for this years Spring Turkey season. They will be designing the kiosk artwork, Mike will try to get us a look at it.

Dave discussed that we had approved a Soil and Water field day in Brown Co. that had to be rescheduled to February. Dave asked if we should let them apply our \$650.00 donation to the new event or ask for it back. Discussion came up with the idea to leave the money with them but have them request again for that amount so we can document it.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn. Barry seconded. Motion Passed.  
Meeting ended 11:27

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Guests: Gene Goodwin, Lou Teale

President Dave Williamson called the meeting to order at 11:32AM. Dave introduced Jeff and explained that according to the Constitution the VP was responsible to chair one meeting, so Jeff would be running this meeting.

Jeff introduced Gene and Lou.

**SECRETARY:** Dave had sent Matt an email to change the date for the Banquet in the minutes (changed for file). Jim made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Eric Seconded. Motion Passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Bill distributed the Treasures Report. Bill explained the Report. Bill paid for a renewal for our domain name for the next 5 years (\$184.95). Bill said that he had paid for the USSA banquet and it was discussed who planned on attending. Bill discussed an invoice he had paid for some arrows that Shawn got for the WITO event. It should be Supefundable. (no motion was made to accept the Treasurers Report)

**RB REPORT/SF REPORT:** In the absence Lee, Mike Reynolds gave the SF report. Mike said that as of August the SF balance was \$184,045.14. Mike said there were no open requests to go over. Mike commented on a \$500.00 grant given to a school in Athens County for NASP and that one of the archers is now Nationally ranked.

**WILDLIFE REPORT:** Mike discussed hemorrhagic disease in deer. They have heard a few reports, but no major outbreak. Mike discussed the 2013 Spring Turkey harvest report. The report indicated that 31% of the kills were Jakes. Mike indicated that that number reflects a good hatch in 2012 and poor hatches in 2010 and 2011. Permit sales were slightly lower. Mike thinks we have a good chance to get back above 20,000 next spring. Mike discussed the forestry inventory project that the NWTF is handling for the Division. The poult index looked to come in at about 2.5. Mike said anything above 2.5 is a good hatch and that they vary from 2.0-3.0 over the last few years.

**FORESTRY REPORT:** No Report

**RD REPORTS:** Shawn (via Dave) said the numbers looked good and that he and Skip were above their numbers.

**GENE GOODWIN:** Gene thanked the State Board for their assistance in the Partnership Hunt. Gene discussed the history and evolution from the National Board hunt to the Partnership Hunt. It has turned into a great event. They may not be moving the Partnership Hunt to other areas, as previously planned, because the program is going so well with the local Chapter where it is being held now. A new area is going to have to be able to provide 30 locations to take hunters. They

are going to recommend that it stays in Cambridge for at least another. Gene discussed the Shooting Committee. Gene said we need to come up with some type of shooting event for orientation into shooting sports. It doesn't have to be youth only. There are all types of events, maybe a three gun event, sporting clays, archery, long range shooting. He will email everyone more details. Gene discussed that Governor Kasich will be having a dinner on September 30<sup>th</sup> at his house for 200 guests. He would like to have 20 members from the NWTF there. Gene will collect emails to send out invitations. Gene discussed the Sportsman Federation. He urged the Board members to volunteer to get involved. Dave will scan in and email out handouts to everyone that weren't in attendance. Gene went over who had signed up to be on the Shooting Committee (Anthony Brooks: Chapter Chairman, Adam Hollobaugh, Joel Wood, Bill Suliks, Chuck Clevenger, Barry Coffing, Keith White, Jim Sexton). Heath offered to be on as well. Gene thanked everyone again for all of the help with all of the programs.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Anthony discussed the upcoming terms ending and that some of those with terms ending in March are on the Nominating Committee. Dave removed the three who's terms will be up and appointed Jeff (Chair), Adam and Bill to take their place. Tracy and Greg will remain on the Committee. Anthony said he had not received any applications. Jeff was going to call the gentleman from Gurnsey Co. that had inquired at the Partnership Hunt. Anthony asked if all of the members with expiring terms wish to run again. It seemed that they did.

**DEER AND TURKEY EXPO:** Bill received the invoice for the balance for the booths that has to be paid by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2014. Dave wanted to make sure we can still use the building for the calling contest as part of the agreement. Dave said that they were adamant about having the JAKES trailer back again.

**CALLING CONTEST:** Greg not present. No report.

**MARKETING:** Joel discussed the new patch design. Adam said that Matt was working with the designer on the patch and will be emailing out something when he gets it. Jeff asked if the artist does this for free. Joel said that he does and has designed the last two patches and that he should get an appreciation award.

**WITO:** Bill said he didn't have anything from Skip. Bill said that several events had taken place. Grand River event had 82 attendees. Bill discussed that women tended to favor smaller event but that they were not economically feasibly. Dave discussed that Shawn said that for the upcoming State WITO event that there were 105 women signed up. That is the most he's had in a long time.

**WHEELIN SPORTSMAN:** Dave said that the Morgan Co. hunt has 60 applications. They are going to select 45 to participate. It will be held the 19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> of October.

**JAKES:** Ted discussed the State JAKES Day event. There were 43 JAKES in attendance. Ted thanked the Board members that were able to come up and help. Eric urged more Board members to try to save the date so they can attend next year. Bill asked if we had the date set yet

for next year. Dave discussed the Division conservation club grants that might be available. November 1<sup>st</sup> is the application deadline for the grant. They need a date and budget to complete the application. Ted and Eric said they had talked about keeping the event where it was at with a possible excursion to one of the islands. Ted said that two very positive articles were written about the event. Ted discussed that the Board had approved a \$2,500 budget of which they used \$1,950.37. Ted asked the Board for a Budget of \$2,500 again for next year. Ted made a motion for a 'not to exceed' budget of \$2,500 for next years event. Barry Seconded. Motion Passed. Tentatively to be set for the same weekend. Dave will check if the grant has to be applied for in a specific District that we need to apply in and get the forms. Dave also said that maybe some of the costs for the Partnership hunt could be covered under the grant. Dave will email the information to Gene and find out if they can be one application of two. Jeff thanked Ted for the great job on event. Ted thanked Adam for the help with the website items.

TAKE AIM TRAILER: Chuck said the trailer has been very busy this year. Chuck did get the fire extinguishers. Reservations are already being made into next year. Eric had over 300 kids go through it in one day at there local fair. Joel discussed fuel cards for each trailer for transporting them or gift cards. Dave pulled out a letter from Doug Saunders regarding changes to managing the Outreach Programs. The Outreach programs will now be handled by a Hunting Heritage Manager. They are asking each State Chapter to identify and empower a volunteer in each State to serve as the Hunting Heritage lead. Dave said that more will be coming out about this.

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: Jeff asked everyone to think about the awards banquet and asked for more participation in getting nominees for the awards. Jeff also discussed the confusion some Chapters have on how to hold Outreach events or fund raising and that maybe be we should develop written instructions for the local Chapters. Joel and Adam volunteered to help Jeff put something together on this. Dave discussed that we need to look at regional meetings.

TECH COMMITTEE/WEBSITE: No report.

AWARDS DINNER: Bill discussed the number number of 'comp' meals at the dinner last year. Jeff said that it comes from giving a dinner ticket to each winner of awards and their guests. Jeff said we can't give someone an award and then charge them for their dinner. Joel said that we don't need to be paying sales girls and then giving them a dinner ticket. Bill said Skip had submitted a lot of the 'comps'. Eric said that maybe the Chapter that nominated the winner should cover their dinner cost.

UNFINISHED BUISNESS: Dave said the new JAKES trailer is ready to go. Dave said that Buddy did not chosen for the National Board election. Jeff asked who makes that decision. Gene said it is chosen by a five member nominating committee. Dave discussed the National Board members who will be on the ballot. Dave said that Jeff needs to get a hold of Jonathan about a hunt that he had donated. Jeff will contact him. Gene commended the group that we have on the Board now and what a good group it is.

NEW BUISNESS: Dave discussed the Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt meeting. Dave said we will have a conference call and follow up meeting to come up with a State strategy. This can be taken to the local level. Dave said the coordinator was impressed with our level of participation

in this.

Motion to Adjourn by Joel. Seconded by Jim. Motion Passed. Adjourned at 1:20pm.