

NWTF State Board
Meeting Minutes
09/09/12

In Attendance: Dave Williamson (Pres.), Jeff Wright (VP), Matt McDermott (Sec), Bill Suliks (Treas), Mike Reynolds(ODNR), Dave Lane (DOW), Lee Crocker (DOF), Anthony Brooks, Barry Coffing, Randy Showalter (RB), Larry Kingrey, Keith White, Adam Hollobaugh, Charles Cleavanger, Gene Goodwin, Phil Ferrare (RD), Skip Markland (RD), Heath Zwiebel, Shawn Dickey (RD), Joel Wood, Jim Sexton, Greg Keeton

1. President Dave Williamson called the meeting to order at 12:19PM. Dave asked for a moment of silence for Board Member Dick Sorg who passed away after an accident during the summer. Dave distributed the Meeting Agenda. Dave asked everyone to introduce themselves, as we have a lot of new Board Members seated at this meeting and guests. Dave introduced Heath to the Board, Heath was appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy by internet vote.

SECRETARY: Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Adam H. moved to accept the minutes as issued. Jim Sexton Second. Motion Passed, Minutes approved as written.

TREASURER REPORT: Bill distributed the Treasures Report. (Filed) Bill discussed his report. Bill discussed that the State Banquet and the Deer and Turkey Expo were both profitable. Bill had a question of income shown of \$393.00 that does not show on the bank deposits and a \$140 deposit on the bank statements that does not appear in Jonathon Sorgs spreadsheet (former treasurer). Dave said he will talk to Jon about the discrepancies. Bill commented that he had received a check for about \$1200 from the Ghost Gobblers Chapter that has folded. They asked that the money be earmarked for Wheelin events. Jeff made a motion to approve the reimbursement of half of the cost of the software for the laptop, \$140.00. Seconded Joel. Motion passed. Dave discussed that they need to make sure that Bill is named on the Bonds and Insurance. He will discuss this as well with Jon. Matt asked if the State account has been reimbursed for the seedling deposit from the Superfund. This was discussed. Randy will look into it and see what is owed to the State account from the Superfund for the seedling purchase and what invoices were paid to Alpaha Nurseries. Any seedling income paid into the State Account will have to be credited to what is owed from the Superfund. Dave said that he and Randy are going to have to do an audit of the seedling program and figure out what is going on. Bill said that there seems to be a JAKES membership that was lost from the Deer Turkey sales.

SUPERFUND REPORT: Randy gave a brief overview of what was discussed during the Superfund meeting. Randy reported that the Ohio RB position looks like it is going to happen and they will be working out the details and interviews for the position. Randy discussed the wildlife openings project on the Wayne. Randy asked the Board to consider increasing the commitment for the RB position at the next Budget meeting.

WILDLIFE REPORT: Mike introduced the Assistant Chief Dave Lane to give the Wildlife Report. Dave discussed the Marketing Program and objectives that they are undertaking. Dave discussed the downward trend in license sales over the last ten years. He hopes to be partnered

with the NWTF on the goals and objectives that Dave's team will assemble. The draft will be sent out when it is completed to the Board. Dave commented again that he wants a working partnership with the NWTF on their Marketing objectives. He is hoping to come up with plan to increase sales by 20% within a year. Mike discussed CHD due to the light winters in NE and NW Ohio. The worst Mike witnessed was in 2002 in Meigs County. Mike also discussed black legged ticks occurring in 23 Counties now. Mike cautioned everyone to do tick checks this fall, as they are becoming a problem. Mike discussed the Brood Survey and said that this year it is 2.7 poults per hen as compared to the last two years of 1.9 and 2. The high of 3.3 in 2008 was followed two years later with a spring gobbler harvest of 28,000, the second highest harvest. Therefore, Mike predicts a small rebound next spring and a bigger increase the following year. The acorn survey with reds and blacks is down but the white oaks crops are good.

FORESTRY REPORT: Lee said that this Friday at the Vinton Furnace is their Woodland Wildlife Game Species Program and invited Board members. 2012 Tree Farm of the Year tour is in Jackson Co., Randy will be attending. Lee discussed the Asian Longhorn beetle problem. 8,733 trees have been removed to date. Lees handouts were filed.

GUEST SPEAKER: Gene Goodwin discussed the Partnership Hunt and how it went. Gene thanked the State Board for their involvement. Gene has tentatively set up next year's Partnership Hunt for April 26-28. Gene urged the Board to have all Chapters to send in applicants for this opportunity. Gene then discussed that he is heading up a National Shooting Committee through the NWTF to encourage all types of shooting activities. Gene asked for Volunteers on the State Board to establish a State Shooting Committee in Ohio. Barry Coffing, Chuck Clevenger, Jim Sexton and Joel Wood volunteered to take up the task of forming the State Shooting Committee on the Board. Gene is in the process of forming the details of the Program. Phil commented that this will be a focus for the NWTF moving forward as a gateway into the hunting process. Gene urged the Board to make all effort possible to fill the seats for our tables at the USSA Banquet to show solidarity and support. Dave said that he would make some calls and 'make it happen'.

RD REPORTS: Skip discussed Banquets and Gun Blasts and also that he had a new Chapter starting in Van Wert County. They had not had a Chapter there for three years. Also he has new Banquets in Dayton and Cincinnati areas. Skip announced that he had sold the winning Chevy Truck Raffle ticket this year in Springfield. Skip thanked Dave for a great Wheelin event this past weekend.

Shawn said that he had a great revenue generating year. Banquet attendance was about the same but the income per person went up. WITO events are going down at an alarming rate. The State WITO event seems to have the same signups as last year. Shawn has a Chapter up and running in Meigs County after five years. Shawn wanted to thank everyone for this year. Shawn thanked Phil for coming down from PA for the meeting. Jeff asked Phil if they had decided what was going to happen to the Superfund calculations for next year. Phil said that the new changes have been confirmed and the changes will be happening. Phil explained and defended the changes and stressed the importance of membership and sponsor membership sales. Phil thanked the Board for having him today. Phil discussed the Staff cuts that occurred at HQ recently to 'get the house in order'.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Anthony welcomed Heath who was selected by the Board to fill the Vacant Seat B4. Anthony said that the Nom. Committee had a recommendation to the Board to fill Dick Sorg's Seat. Nominating Committee recommended Eric Kirby of Clark County to fill Seat A5. Jim made a motion approve to fill the Vacant Seat, Seconded by Barry. Motion Passed. Anthony will notify Eric. Adam will update the online Board of Directors list accordingly.

DEER AND TURKEY EXPO: Bill will pay the outstanding balance due for the booth.

MARKETING: Joel checked on some pricing for stickers and signage for the State Board to put on/at locations and equipment provided by State Board Funding. Stickers (8x10) in one color would be \$2.79 ea. The plastic signs were \$415.00 for 500 large (standard size) or \$645.00 for 1000 large. Setup and shipping is included in the totals. Jeff made a motion to order 500 signs for the \$415.00. Seconded by Keith. Motion Passed. Text will read "This project is in conjunction with NWTF". Joel will get two proofs and send them out for Board approval.

WITO: Bill restated what Shawn had said that events were going down. Events were cancelling and attendance was down at most events. He is looking forward to the State event.

WHEELIN SPORTSMAN: Jim said that he was in contact with Bill Frost who is doing a disabled Veterans hunt.

JAKES: Dave spoke for Ted and said that everything is progressing good for this year's JAKES event to be held at East Harbor State Park. Chuck discussed the Take Aim Trailer. Chuck recommended charging Chapters \$50 if things are not what/where they should be when the trailer is returned. Chuck also passed around some photos of the trailer to document any damages that may happen to the trailer when it is sent out. Chuck discussed the pricing he looked into for generators. Jeff asked about what we had in Outreach money, Randy was going to find out what total we had in Outreach account. Randy will find out. Shawn will check and see if we can purchase a generator from HQ after the Banquet season is over. Chuck discussed that he had two requests on the same day for next year. He asked if it would be possible to purchase a second inflatable to accommodate double bookings. It was discussed to look into the cost to see what it would cost. Anthony asked Shawn if we could get a report about how many people went through the shooting trailer for the Jan. meeting.

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: Jeff said he would get with Randy and work out the details of the seedling program that Dick Sorg had handled.

TECH COMMITTEE/WEBSITE: Adam wanted to check everyone's information for the website so he can update.

AWARDS DINNER: Jeff discussed the details of the Hall and Awards. Skip asked that everyone try to get nominations for the various awards. Dave asked Dave Lane to check on the

recommendation for the Wildlife Officer of the Year. Jeff said that while we were on the subject of awards that he would like to make a motion to rename the State Scholarship the Dick Sorg Memorial Scholarship. Seconded by Heath. Motion Passed.

NEW BUISNESS: Dave discussed the new MOU with the DOW. Chuck questioned a section of the MOU, Dave said that HQ had reviewed the document and had no exceptions. Three copies will need to be signed. Matt made a motion to approve the MOU as written and have the President sign the document. Seconded by Jim. Motion approved.

Dave distributed a letter from Buddy Fry with notes from his last trip to Edgefield. In the letter he discussed the Superfund changes, the need to revise and submit a new Constitution by Feb. 13, the reduction in force at HQ and the lower cost of next year's core package among other items. There is a signup sheet going around for sizes for new State Board shirts, Jeff will be ordering. Skip discussed a leadership conference coming up next June at HQ. Dave discussed the newly issued Committee list and will revise and send out a new one with Eric Kirby shown. Dave asked who would help with JAKES, Jeff volunteered to help. Bill Sulik said that should anyone need the password to the Treasurers computer that he has the passwords written on the paperwork in his bag. Joel asked that if anyone knew someone who printed vinyl stickers or plastic signs that are members or contribute to banquets, he would like to offer them the job before outsourcing the work approved. Shawn requested that we get HQ on a signature card for the bank account. Dave asked for a reimbursement for the food trays sent to Dick Sorg's family that his Chapter had paid for. Shawn asked to be reimbursed for a gift to Mark Hemming for about \$57.00. Joel made a motion to reimburse. Seconded by Barry. Motion passed.

Next Meetings: January 20th at Jim Sextons, 4855 Clinton St. Caldonia, OH. 43314.
Superfund at 8am
Board Meeting at 9am

Motion to Adjourn by Jim. Seconded by Chuck. Motion Passed. Adjourned at 2:59pm