

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
12 August 2006
Stevens Point, WI

Members Present: Dorothy Behr, Jim Wieshan, Jim Gleash, Sue Meyer, Charlie Brown, Carolyn Brown, Jim Baldock, Connie Pribnow, Al Pribnow, Bob Miller, Chuck Matyska, Marc Smith, Susan Foote-Martin, Larry Freitag, Jack Nissen, Dan Gries, Larry Vanderhoef, Delbert Dietzler, Al Phelan, Dave Verhage, Art Seidel, Ken Zettelmeier, Don Hammes, Dennis Reinhardt, Jim Evrard, John Wetzel, Rick Lazarczyk, Danielle Macholl, Jake Macholl, Ralph Fritsch, Dave Chingway, Lil Pipping, George Meyer, Corky Meyer, Laura Huber, Ken Barbian

Members Excused: Jim Speilbauer, Roger Borkowski, Betty Schneider, Dick Baudhuin, Doug Burrows, Ruth Ann Lee, Kate Hau

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am by President Corky Meyer. Introductions of those present followed.

Motion by Jim Weishan and second by Larry Vanderhoef to accept the June 2006 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Executive Committee meeting minutes were read by 1st Vice President Lil Pipping.

Motion to approve the donation of a framed print to Marsha Mackenzie. Motion carried.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch and second by Jack Nissen to compile and distribute Heritage Insurance Agency's property insurance materials to our affiliate clubs with postage prepaid by the insurance agency. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Weishan and second by Ralph Fritsch to hire a part time office employee for an average of 10 hours/week at \$10/hour, paid for out of the WWF budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Weishan and second by Rick L to donate \$500 to the Friends of Mackenzie to assist in the purchase of a golf cart for use at Mackenzie Environmental Center. In the future, large purchases such as this should be directed through the steering committee prior to purchasing. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Gries and second by Don Hammes to approve gas expenses related to Bob Miller, Larry Vanderhoef and George Meyer meeting prior to the fishing tournament hearings. Motion to table until the inland fisheries report. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Weishan and second by Larry Vanderhoef to donate \$480 for the DNR West Central Region CWD deer head donation raffle (prize is a \$500 Gander Mountain gift card.) Motion carried.

Motion by Lil Pipping and second by Ken Zettlemeier to donate \$300 to the Little Hills Hunting Preserve Youth Day September 30 – October 1. Motion carried.

Motion by Lil Pipping and second by Chuck Matyska to reissue Medford banquet's 10% (\$140) plus an additional donation of \$60 for the Little Hills Hunting Preserve and the Northwoods Archers. Motion carried.

The state raffle auditor issued a letter to WWF reviewing the May audit of our raffle programs.

Treasurer's Report by Laura Huber. Motion to receive the report by Larry Vanderhoef and second by Rick L. Motion carried.

President's report by Corky Meyer.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch and second by Connie Pribnow to amend the bylaws as follows: add as last sentence to Section 3.02 d.: A Class I or Class II director is automatically removed from office if the director has three consecutive unexcused absences from regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings. Motion by Don Hammes and second by Connie Pribnow to amend the motion by removing the word "consecutive" from the proposed bylaw change, and adding "in a calendar year". Motion to approve the amendment carried. Motion as amended carried.

Bylaws section 3.02 d. last sentence shall henceforth read as follows:

"A Class I or Class II Director is automatically removed from office if the director has three unexcused absences from regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings in a calendar year."

Motion by Jim Baldock and second by Lil Pipping to adopt the Room and Board policy as written and presented. Motion carried with one abstention.

Corky and George have been dealing with the liquid manure management rules. The Federation has gotten an incredible amount of attention related to our work.

Motion by Jim Baldock and second by Dan Gries to move into executive session. Motion carried. All non-delegates, non-directors left the room.

Motion by Lil Pipping and second by Connie Pribnow to move back into open session. Motion carried.

George Meyer and Corky Meyer signed the new executive director 3-year contract.

Guest speaker Gene Roark spoke about Leopold's Riley Game Farm. (Riley Cooperative Shooting Preserve) The original preserve encompassed 900-100 acres. The goal of this project is to obtain conservation easements to maintain habitat in this area (Springdale Township) and prevent future land division or construction.

NWF Report by Marc Smith. Following WWF's adoption of the climate change resolution at the 2006 annual meeting, MUCC of MI had adopted a similar resolution and Minnesota's affiliate will take up the issue at their annual meeting in September. NWF is looking into applying for a grant that would make it possible for our three state organizations to work together on regional climate change policy.

Jim Baldock presented information on an NWF amicus brief to the Supreme Court regarding global warming. NWF has asked its affiliates to consider co-signing this amicus brief. Motion by Jim Baldock and second by Larry Vanderhoef that WWF sign onto the aforementioned amicus brief. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Report by George Meyer. See written report. Motion to accept the report by Larry Vanderhoef and second by Jim Gleash. Motion carried.

Teaming with Wildlife Report by Susan Foote-Martin. In WI, 204 groups have signed onto our coalition (see written list of coalition members – those with an asterisk are members of the steering committee.) Board members are encouraged to spread the word about the WI Teaming with Wildlife Coalition and encourage clubs to become partners in the coalition.

Office reports were by Lil Pipping. See written report. Motion by Larry Vanderhoef and second by Larry Freitag to accept the following new affiliate clubs: Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club, the Door County Rod & Gun Club, Door County Fish, Farm & Game Club, The Friends of

Mackenzie Center, and Wilton Rod & Gun Club. Motion carried. Welcome to all! Motion to accept the office report by Lil Pipping and second by Jack Nissen. Motion carried.

Environmental Committee Report by Jim Baldock. Mercury emissions are currently a top priority for the committee. Motion by Jim Gleash and second by Larry Vanderhoef to authorize WWF to support ERCO in its efforts to convert from a mercury-based process including their efforts before the Public Service Commission to eliminate electrical rate increases for 10 years. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Gleash and second by Connie Pribnow to accept environmental report. Motion carried.

Endangered Species Committee Report by Chuck Matyska. See written report. Motion by Chuck Matyska and second by Larry Vanderhoef reaffirming WWF's support of the efforts of DNR's recovery plan development for the Butler's garter snake, our opposition to the state delisting of the snake, and support of drafting a federal petition to list the snake as a threatened or endangered animal federally. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the endangered species report by Connie Pribnow and second by Larry Vanderhoef. Motion carried.

Wetlands Committee Report by Don Hammes. See written report. Motion to accept the report by Jim Gleash and second by Lil Pipping. Motion carried.

Hunter Education subcommittee report by Al Pribnow. See written report. Motion by Connie Pribnow and second by Jack Nissen to accept the report. Motion carried.

Waterfowl Committee Report by John Wetzel. See written report. Motion by Rick L. and second by Ken Barbian to accept report. Motion carried.

Wisconservation Report by Dan Gries. If clubs have a date set for sighting in firearms, please contact Dan by September 15 with information. Motion to accept the report by Dave Verhage and second by Larry Vanderhoef. Motion carried.

Inland Fisheries Wolf River Subcommittee report by Dan Gries. See written report. Motion to accept the report by Jack Nissen and second by Rick L. Motion carried.

Inland Fisheries Report by Bob Miller. See written report. Motion by Don Hammes and second by Connie Pribnow to approve gas expenditures allowing Bob Miller, Larry Vanderhoef and George Meyer to meet in Poynette prior to the fishing tournament hearings. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Miller and second by Larry Freitag that there should be no fishing tournaments on any waters with Large Mouth Bass virus or other disease. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Miller and second by Chuck Matyska to approve the report. Motion carried.

Banquet Oversight Committee Report presented by Laura Huber. See written report. Motion to accept report by Jack Nissen and second by Chuck Matyska. Motion carried.

Wildlife Committee Report by Ralph Fritsch. See written report. Motion by Ralph Fritsch and second by Lil Pipping to allow Ralph to hold another meeting with the Green campaign regarding the proposal to split the DNR. Motion carried.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch and second by Larry Vanderhoef to allow Ralph to discuss the importance and continued funding of the Stewardship Fund with the Green campaign. Motion carried.

Motion to support a full-page ad in *Wisconsin Outdoor News* (\$250) encouraging a higher deer harvest. Motion carried.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch and second by Jack Nissen to accept the report. Motion carried.

Great Lakes Fisheries Committee Report by Larry Freitag. Asian carp, the dumping of freighter ballast water and the Great Lakes Compact are the major issues for the committee right now. Motion to accept the report by Larry Freitag and second by Dan Gries. Motion carried.

Old Business

Discussion was held regarding the date and location of a committees meeting. Motion by Jack Nissen and second by Chuck Matyska to hold a large Committees Gathering meeting at the Mackenzie Environmental Center on 30 September 2006 at 9:00 AM. Motion carried.

Ruth Ann should get new letterhead to committee chairmen in both hard copy and electronic forms.

New Business

Motion by Jim Gleash and second by Bob Miller to support the Loss of Sporting Opportunities in Wisconsin resolution as presented to the Waushara County Wisconsin Conservation Congress spring hearing. A friendly amendment was made to strike "and Pitman Roberts funds where appropriate." Motion to support as edited carried.

Motion by Larry Vanderhoef and second by Bob Miller to support the Privatizing our Natural Resources! Resolution as presented to the Waushara County Wisconsin Conservation Congress spring hearing. Motion to table discussion by Ralph Fritsch and second by Dan Gries. Motion to table carried.

Waukesha County is seeking the annexation of 330 acres land south of the city, bordering Vernon Marsh (state-owned land.) The initial purpose is to drill several shallow, high-capacity wells with home development afterward. If this effort continues, Waukesha affiliates would appreciate WWF assistance. The WWF Wetlands Committee has taken interest.

Motion by Ken Zettelmeier and second Art Seidel to oppose Waukesha's annexation of 330 acres bordering Vernon Marsh and the drilling of additional shallow, high-capacity wells. Motion carried.

Concerns and issues regarding dealing with Gander Mountain and prize awards.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch to adjourn, second by Connie Pribnow. Meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM.

Minutes Submitted By:

Laura Huber, Treasurer on behalf of Secretary Kate Hau.