

**Wisconsin Wildlife Federation  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Holiday Inn - Stevens Point, WI.  
10 June 2006**

Members Present: Dennis Reinhardt, David Verhage, Art Seidel, Ken Zettelmeier, Dan Gries, Ralph Fritsch, Connie Pribnow, Allan Pribnow, Robert Kirk, Chuck Matyska, Larry Vanderhoef, Mary Cassidy, Jake Macholl, Carolyn Brown, Charlie Brown, Dick Baudhuin, Doug Burrows, Gunnar Lindo, Betty Schneider, Kim Weishan, Ruth Lee, Bernie Meyer, Don Hammes, Corky Meyer, Lil Pipping, George Meyer, Laura Huber, Kate Hau, Susan Foote-Martin.

Members Excused: Jim Evrard, Dave Chingway, Jack Nissen, Rick Lazarczyk, Al Phelan

Guests Present: Bill Vander Zouwen – WIDNR Wildlife Mgmt, Steve Hewitt - WIDNR Fisheries Mgmt.

Meeting called to order at 8:36 AM by president Corky Meyer.

Approval of minutes from April 2006 Board of Directors meeting. Motion by Lil Pipping and second by Jim Weishan to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried.

Executive Committee Meeting Report from Friday presented by Kate Hau.

Motion to recommend approving proposed budget and insurance packet for MacKenzie Environmental Center to the Board by Ralph Fritsch, second by Laura Huber. Motion carried.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second Lil Pipping to approve the donation of \$125.00 towards a savings bond for the design winner for the Official Commemorative Button. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Weishan, second by Betty Schneider to approve two prints of surplus to Jim Weishan for the Big Four Sportsman club annual picnic. Motion carried.

Motion by Lil Pipping, second by Betty Schneider to allow Jerry Knuth \$800.00 to use towards banquet committee meeting expenses in Waupaca in August. Motion carried.

Motion by Laura Huber, second by Don Hammes to give the Wilderness Sportmans Club affiliate bobbers and plastic bags for a handicap-fishing event. Motion carried.

Motion Ralph Fritsch, second Lil Pipping to give the WI Deer Hunters Association \$100.00 towards a conference call expense. Motion Carried.

Motion Don Hammes, second Ralph Fritsch to award Dan Gries – Fox River District 5, \$1,000.00 to expand the compass skills program at the Heckrodt Wetland Reserve, Inc., with Global Positioning System Units. Motion carried.

Motion by Lil Pipping, second by Betty Schneider to allow Laura Huber to use donated money (\$475.00), to purchase a curriculum for the Teacher's Schoolyard Habitat Program. Motion Carried.

Motion by Lil Pipping, second by Betty Schneider to withdrawal \$450.00 for the 2006 calendar year from the scholarship annuity for the Froeming wildlife research grants. Discussion to have an annual reminder to place this amount each year into the budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Lil Pipping, second by Chuck Matyska to reimburse George Meyer \$300.00 to cover design expenses used for development of 'The Wildlife Camp' at the Youth Outdoor Expo. Motion Carried.

#### **Treasurers Report – Laura Huber**

Discussed audit report compiled by Wegner LLP for December 31, 2005 and 2004. Request was made to have the audit available electronically for Directors.

Laura discussed the Grant and Cashflow reports. See written reports.

Motion by Lil Pipping, second by Don Hammes to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

#### **Presidents Report – Corky Meyer**

Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second by Lil Pipping to support a change in the bylaw Section 3.02 d to state: "A Class I or Class II Director is automatically removed from office if the director has three consecutive unexcused absences from regularly schedules BOD meetings" for the next BOD meeting in August. Motion to amend by Don Hammes, second by Connie Pribnow to change the amendment to read: "A Class I or Class II Director is automatically removed from office if the director has three consecutive unexcused absences in *one calendar year* from regularly schedules BOD meetings." Motion to bring the amended amendment to the August BOD Meeting carried.

Executive Officers will design a policy statement regarding room and board expenses for BOD meetings at the next Executive Officers Meeting in July. The policy will then be presented at the next BOD in August.

**DNR Report/Update(s) – Bill Vander Zouwen, WI DNR Wildlife Mgmt.**

See attached report.

**-- Steve Hewitt, WI DNR Fisheries Mgmt.**

See attached information on fishing tournaments and Wild Rose Fish Hatchery.

**WWF Executive Director Report – George Meyer**

See attached report.

Mackenzie Environmental Center Update: Open House will be held on July 8, 2006 from 9am-2pm. See attached flyer.

Legislation Committee Report: George presented establishing a WI Camo/Blaze Orange Coalition Website. There was an anonymous donation of \$20,000.00 to fund the program. See written report.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second by Lil Pipping to accept the WI Camo/Blaze Orange Coalition Website proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Don Hammes, second by Dennis Reindhardt to extend 6 month shooting club memberships to a full year. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Hammes, second by Dick Baudhuin to accept Executive Directors report. Motion carried.

**Office Committee Report & Education – Ruth Ann Lee**

See attached report.

Motion by Betty Schneider, second by Ken Zettlemeier to allow Ruth Ann to destroy old, un-numbered, un-signed prints except five of each print. Motion carried.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second Lil Pipping to make "Turkey" the 2007 art contest theme. Motion carried.

Motion Jim Weishan, second by Connie Pribnow to accept the Office Committee & Education Report. Motion carried.

**WWF Ground Water Project – presentation by Jake Macholl, Staff Hydrologist**

Jake gave a presentation introducing his spring project's goals and the preliminary findings of work done thus far.

## **WWF Committee Reports:**

### **Inland Fisheries – Larry Vanderhoef**

See attached report.

Motion by Chuck Matyska, second by Laura Huber to accept report. Motion carried.

### ▪ **Inland Fisheries, Wolf River Basin Sub Comm. – Dan Gries**

See attached report.

Motion by Connie Pribnow, second by Larry Vanderhoef to accept report. Motion Carried.

### **Wisconservation – Dan Gries**

Dan presented that all is going well for **Wisconservation**.

Motion by Lil Pipping, second by Chuck Matyska to approve report. Motion carried.

### **Wildlife – Ralph Fritsch**

See attached report.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second by Larry Vanderhoef to reaffirm WiWF position against splitting the WDNR into two separate departments. Motion carried.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second by Connie Pribnow to approve report. Motion carried.

### **Wetlands – Don Hammes**

See attached report.

Motion by Dan Gries, second by Larry Vanderhoef to accept report. Motion carried.

### **Scholarships – Betty Schneider**

See attached report.

Motion by Betty Schneider, second by Dan Gries to accept report. Motion carried.

### **Endangered Species – Chuck Matyska**

See attached report.

Motion by Chuck Matyska, second by Dick Baudhuin to accept report. Motion carried.

### **State Affairs – Art Seidel**

Art reported that the supporters for the right to conceal carry firearms bill failed to overwrite the veto by Govern Dole. Committee will work on issue again next year.

See attached report on Shooting Range/Hunter Education.

Motion by Lil Pipping, second by Dan Gries to accept report.

### **New Business**

- Corky is looking for a new chairman for the Forest Parks & Recreation Committee.
- Discussion to compose a letter of support for legislation regarding restricting the amount of phosphorous in lawn fertilizers.
- Connie Pribnow presented a personalized shirt to George Meyer on behalf of the WI Deer Hunters Association.
- Larry Vanderhoef would like an add placed in the *Wisconservation* asking the affiliates of WiWF to consider entering a program called, 'Adopt A School'. Money could be contributed to the school to offset gas expenses. Like bus trips to the MacKenzie center, etc.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Weishan, second by Lil Pipping. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.