

**Board of Directors Meeting
Stevens Point, WI.
December 8, 2007**

Call to order: 8:30 AM

Approval of October BOD Minutes:

Motion Larry Vanderhoef, second Rick Lazarczyk, to approve October 7, 2007 BOD meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Executive Committee Motions:

Motion by Rick Lazarczyk; second Dan Gries, to renew our accounting contract with Wegner Assoc. Motion carried.

Motion by Larry Vanderhoef, second by Jerry Knuth for Chuck Matyska to present a WWF print to the Oconto County Alliances Banquet in February. Motion carried.

Motion by Jack Nissen, second Rick Lazarczyk to allocate up to \$150.00 for a wildlife committee luncheon for 15 people, next Saturday. Motion carried.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second by Laura Huber to allocate \$250.00 for Dan Gries to purchase a new fax/copy machine to use for Wisconservation. Motion carried.

Motion by Laura Huber, second by Larry Vanderhoef to donate \$200.00 to the WI Conservation Hall of Fame. Motion carried.

Motion by Larry Freitag, second by Rick Lazarczyk for Jack Nissen to donate a shrink-wrapped print to the Oconomowoc Sportsmen Club annual meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Miller, second by Larry Vanderhoef to allow Lil Pipping to donate two prints, to supporters of the WWF. The President's gavel was passed to Jack Nissen, VP before the motion was made. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Chingway, second by Jerry Knuth to accept Executive Committee Meeting minutes from Friday, December 7, 2007. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Huber

Laura presented 2007 Cashflow. See written report.

Motion by Dave Verhage, second by Corky Meyers to accept Cashflow as presented. Motion carried.

*See written Budget 2007 Proposal.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second by Rick Lazarczyk to accept 2008 Budget proposal.
Motion carried.

Motion by Corky Meyer, second by Rick Lazarczyk to strike the *vote* on the budget proposal motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Corky Meyer, second by Jim Huhn to reconsider the recommendation of the 2008 Budget proposal. Motion carried.

President's Report: Lil Pipping

Looking for 2008 Annual Meeting Breakout session ideas.

- ~ Climate Change
- ~ Wetlands
- ~ Affiliate discussion forum
- ~ VHS - fisheries
- ~ Bear/Wolf/Deer population management
- ~ Bobcat
- ~ Education
- ~ Youth Mentorship
- ~ How to work with fundraising/donor

Please send in calendar money and calendars by the end of December.

DNR Report: Bill Vanderzouwen

Preliminary deer kill of 344, 000.

2nd safest hunting season overall

Baiting violation, was the number one violation overall from the gun deer season.

Approved waterfowl management plan

Approved bobcat regulations.

Estimated black bear population around 11,000-13,000 in WI.

Cormorant plan: Aims at managing cormorants. Gives specific management plans for islands.

Preliminary Plans for January Board:

Extending raccoon trapping season to coincide with closing of fox/coyote season.

Currently Bobcats are managed to a population of 3,000. Proposing from 1,800-1,900 +/- 20%.

Eliminate fisher closed area. Established to protect martin restoration area.

1-year extension of turkey hunting with dogs.

Prohibit paintballs on state land.

Wildlife Action Plan Priorities: Group prioritizes for management of specific species

CWD Report: Al Phelan

Motion by Al Phelan; second by Larry Vanderhoef for WWF to send a letter to endorse a name change from the Millville Unit lower WI river way, to the Paul Brandt Wildlife area. Motion carried.

There needs to be consistency of CWD regulations, increase hunter, and combine designated areas.

Still many unknowns about CWD transmission, environmental factors, etc.

NWF Report: Marc Smith

*See attached report.

WWF has been awarded a grant for work on Great lakes restoration and the Great Lakes Compact.

Current Farm is stuck in the Senate. There will possibly be re-authorization of the current farm bill.

Water Compact needs to be passed, which would stop diversion and abuse of our Great Lakes Water.

Climate Legislation moving fast through the Congress. Proposal would provide \$160 billion for 50 years for wildlife funding.

NWF would like to hold a meeting of all the Great Lakes affiliates. Marc would like the WWF to host this meeting at the MacKenzie Environmental Center next summer.

Executive Director: George Meyer

Conservation Lobby Day Wednesday January 30, 2008 at 10am at the Inn on the Park, across from the State Capitol in Madison. The day will be focused on the remaining conservation issues that are priorities for the 2007-2009 legislative session.

Legislation:

*See attached report.

The State Stewardship Fund was reauthorized for \$860 million dollars. It is truly a major success because of strongest support from sportsmen and sportswomen. The changes in the stewardship program include: better management, electronic and paper signage where stewardship lands are located, and the toughest issue of guaranteed hunting access.

George reviewed current legislative bills with the WWF's position.

- Restore authority to the NRB to elect DNR secretary
- Ballast water
- Great Lakes Compact

Motion by Larry Vanderhoef, second by Al Phelan to accept the Legislative Report.
Motion carried.

Development Director: Meg Nelson

*See attached report.

Motion by Larry Vanderhoef, second by Al Phelan to accept the Development Director report. Motion carried.

Business Manager: Lonna Zeman

*See attached report.

Motion by Kate Hau, second by Bob Miller to accept the Business Manager's report.
Motion carried.

Teaming with Wildlife: Susan Foote-Martin

There are 217 groups in WI. apart of the Teaming with Wildlife Coalition. \$1.1 million individuals in the coalition to bring Federal dollars to the state level to support wildlife grant programs.

There will be \$1 million dollars coming back to the state to work on wildlife grants.

The Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act - This bill combines specific pollution reduction requirements for industry with a market-based system that encourages innovation and advances clean energy technologies. SB 2191. * See attached report.

Motion by Dan Gries, second by Larry Vanderhoef to accept the Teaming With Wildlife Report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Youth Committee:

Kate introduced the two new UWSP student delegates, Paul Frater and Joe Welch.

Presented essay contest format for 14-17 year olds to submit to win a Youth Bear Hunting Tag.

Motion by Bob Miller, second by Jack Nissen to support Youth Committee Report.

Inland Fisheries: Bob Miller

*See attached report.

Motion by Bob Miller, second by Corky Meyer to accept report. Motion carried.

Inland Fisheries, Wolf River Basin Sub Committee: Dan Gries

*See attached report.

Motion by Larry Vanderhoef, second by Rick Lazarczyk to accept report. Motion carried.

Wisconservation: Dan Gries

Motion by Bob Miller, second by Larry Vanderhoef to accept report. Motion carried.

Endangered Species: Chuck Matyska

*See attached report

Motion by Rick Lazarczyk, second by Bob Kirk to accept report. Motion carried.

Wildlife: Ralph Fritsch

*See attached report and Assembly Bills.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer to support AB 581 – provides that a person who is granted such emergency powers may not exercise the powers to restrict the possession, transfer, sale, transport, storage, display, or use of firearms or ammunition during an emergency. Motion carried unanimously.

To bring to committee - AB 602 – expands authority so that under a nonresident archer hunting license, a nonresident who has attained the age of 65 may also hunt with a crossbow.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second by Rick Lazarczyk to accept Wildlife Report. Motion carried.

Education:

Motion by Doug Burrows, second Bob Kirk to accept Education Committee Report as written. Motion carried.

Great Lakes Fisheries: Larry Freitag

Motion by Bill Capelle, second by Bob Miller to accept report. Motion carried.

Environmental:

Motion by Dan Gries, second by Jack Nissen to support AB 588 – increases the maximum forfeiture for littering to \$1,000. Motion carried.

Motion Laura Huber, second by Larry Vanderhoef to support AB 346 – secretary may grant such an exemption of certain mercury added products, if the petitioner establishes certain facts, including that technically feasible mercury-free alternatives are not available at comparable cost. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bob Miller, second by Larry Vanderhoef to oppose AB 543 – that if there is a difference between the determination by a county and by the DNR as to the location of an ordinary high-water mark on a lake, the county's determination prevails. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried.

Motion by Jack Nissen, second by Rick Lazarczyk to accept report. Motion carried.

Waterfowl: John Wetzel

Waterfowl Conference will be held February 29 and March 1, 2008 at the Country Springs Hotel – Stevens Point, WI.

Forestry Parks & Recreation:

*See attached report.

Motion by Corky Meyer, second by Chuck Matyska to accept report. Motion carried.

Organizational & Development Committee: Laura Huber

*See written report.

Motion by Chuck Matyska; second Rick Lazarczyk to accept report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Motion by Corky Meyer, second by Jack Nissen to send holiday cards to Tom Hauge, Frank Herres, Bill Buckley, and Bucky & Martha Kilishek, Joe Zanter. Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by Dan Gries, second Bob Kirk to adjourn. Motion carried.