

**WWF Annual
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, April 11, 2008
Ramada Inn – Stevens Point, WI**

Call to order: 7:30 PM

Approval of February Minutes:

Motion by Dave Chingway, second by Larry Vanderhoef to approve February BOD Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of April 11, 2008 Executive Committee Minutes:

Motion by Don Caplan, second by Rick Lazarczyk to accept the recommendation from the Education Committee to split the \$5,000 anonymous 2007 year-end donation - 60% for Educational Programs at MacKenzie and 40% for WWF the traveling education trunk program. Motion carried.

Motion by Rick Lazarczyk, second by Jack Nissen to accept Ruth Ann's recommendation to laminate a large thank you poster from students that used the bear trunk. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Huber

Laura presented the 2008 Cashflow Report. See written report.

Motion by Connie Pribnow and second by Corky Meyer to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer to require shipping of the educational trunks with \$2,000 insurance coverage. Shipping and insurance fees will be paid by out-of-state recipients and covered by the Federation for in state recipients. Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by Connie Pribnow, second by Larry Vanderhoef to donate \$500.00 to assist with expenses for the WI. Air Rifle Team to compete at Nationals. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Corky Meyer, second by Jack Nissen to adjourn. Motion carried.

59th WWF Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 12, 2008
Ramada Inn- Stevens Point, WI

Call to order: 9:05 AM

Motion from Larry Freitag, second by Betty Schneider to accept the 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

WDNR Secretary Matt Frank made a presentation updating the gathering on current WI conservation issues, followed by a question and answer period.

President Lil Pipping presented a special Stewardship Award for Governor Doyle. Secretary Frank accepted the award on the governor's behalf. A short acceptance video was shown.

President's Report: Lil Pipping

President Lil Pipping personally thanked Lonna Zeman, Meg Nelson and Ruth Ann Lee for all their hard work in planning the annual meeting.

Lil addressed how the Federation has worked very on Stewardship, Great Lakes Compact, the Youth Mentor Bill and much more.

The Federation is working on our By-Laws, creating a new calendar committee, youth involvement and building stronger relationships with District Directors. In addition, we need to continue our commitment in completing the Camo Coalition.

The New Banquet Chair has been granted to Jack Nissen.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Huber

Treasurer Laura Huber presented pie chart graphs displaying the current budget breakdown.

Motion by Corky Meyer, second by Al Phelan to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director & Legislative Report: George Meyer

Director George Meyer mentioned the MacKenzie Environmental Center Budget, which is separate from the Federation Budget.

George presented victory updates on current policy issues the concerning Federation. Some mentioned included: Great Lakes Compact, Bear Permits transferred to Youth, Stewardship Renewal, etc. Current serious issues that are still needing effort to pass into legislation include: DNR Secretary Appointment, lowering the age of hunting, mercury product legislation, invasive species, etc.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second by Larry Vanderhoef to accept Executive Director's Report. Motion carried.

NWF Report: Marc Smith

Resolutions:

Emergency Resolution 1: For WWF to oppose any expanded use of crossbows in WI archery-only hunting season. Motion to reject reading emergency resolution 1 by Dick Baudhuin and second by Bob Miller. Motion failed.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch and second by Jim Huhn to allow emergency resolution 1 to be read. Motion carried. Emergency resolution 1 was read by Secretary Hau.

Emergency Resolution 2: To approve creation of a Permanent Committee to advise and comment on the Hunter Education Program and Practices. Motion by Jake Macholl and second by Jack Nissen to allow emergency resolution 2 to be read. Motion carried. Emergency resolution 2 was read by Secretary Hau.

Emergency Resolution 3: To approve regulation of Quartering Big Game: Whitetail Deer. Motion by Al Pheland and second by Betty Schneider to allow emergency resolution 3 to be read. Motion carried. Emergency resolution 3 was read by Secretary Hau.

Emergency Resolution 4: Restoration of Pittman Robertson Funds for Shooting Ranges. Motion by John Czerwonka and second by Jerry Knuth to allow emergency resolution 4 to be read. Motion carried. Emergency resolution 4 was read by Secretary Hau.

Emergency Resolution 5. Shooting Range Protection Bill. Motion by Rick Lazarczyk and second by Jerry Peters to allow emergency resolution 6 to be read. Motion carried. Emergency resolution 6 was read by Secretary Hau.

Emergency Resolution 6. Whitetail Deer Harvest Data. Motion by John Czerwonka and second by Steve Pease to allow emergency resolution 7 to be read. Motion carried. Emergency resolution 7 was read by Secretary Hau.

Lunch break:

Lil Pipping presented her President's Awards over the lunch hour. Recipients were Laura Huber, Ralph Fritsch, Bucky Kilishek, and Martha Kilishek.

Mark Kanitz won the 2008 Art Contest.

Breakout sessions.

Resolution Voting:

Motion by Mike Brust and second by Pete Zuba to adopt Emergency Resolution 1, a resolution asking the Federation to stand against expanded use of crossbows during the archery-only season. Discussion followed. 36Aye 12 No 4 Abstain. Motion Carried.

Motion by John Czerwonka and second by Dale Zaug to adopt Emergency Resolution 2, a resolution asking the Federation to create a permanent hunter education program and practices committee. Discussion followed. Motion failed.

Motion by Rick Lazarczyk and second by Ken Barbian to adopt Emergency Resolution 3, a resolution asking the Federation to support allowing whitetail deer to be field quartered. Discussion followed. Motion failed.

Motion by John Czerwonka and second by Mike Rynearson to adopt Emergency Resolution 4, a resolution asking the Federation to restore funding for shooting ranges. Motion carried.

Motion by Rick Lazarczyk and second by Larry Vanderhoef to adopt Emergency Resolution 5, a resolution asking the WWF to begin drafting language for a Shooting Range Protection Act. Motion carried.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch and second by Steve Pease to adopt Emergency Resolution 6, a resolution directing the WWF to ask the DNR to once again collect buck fawn harvest data and to include "how to ID a buck fawn" section in the hunting regulations pamphlet. 29 Yes 15 No 6 Abstain
Motion carried.

Elections:

Election of the delegate and alternate delegate to National Wildlife Federation for 2009's annual meeting. Motion by Betty Schneider and second by Jerry Knuth to elect Lil Pipping as NWF delegate and Jack Nissen as NWF alternate delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegates and guests were asked to leave for the election of WWF officers and associate directors.

Lil Pipping was elected as president. Ralph Fritsch and Jack Nissen. Motion carried.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch and second by Jerry Knuth to cast a unanimous ballot for Jack Nissen for 1st Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch and second by Jerry Knuth to cast a unanimous ballot for Chuck Matyska as 2nd vice president. Motion carried.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch and second by Rick Lazarczyk to cast a unanimous ballot for Laura Huber as treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch and second by Jerry Knuth to cast a unanimous ballot for Tom Nissen as secretary. Motion carried.

Associate Directors motion by Ralph Fritsch and second by Jerry Knuth to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of associate director nominees: Steve Pease, Jake Macholl, Paul Frater, Sue Meyer, Lil Pipping, Jim Huhn, Bret Loescher, Craig Challnor, Tom Nissen, Larry Laehn, Bob Chojnowski, to-be-named UWSP student delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn.

59th WWF Annual Meeting
Sunday, April 13, 2008
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Call to order: 9:05am

President Lil Pipping made an announcement for meeting attendees to fill out evaluations of meetings and turn them into office staff.

Motion from Corky Meyer, second by Kate Hau, to accept all of the committee reports presented in packets. Motion carried unanimously.

Green Bay Area Great Lakes Sport Fisherman made announcement of Canadian fishing trip raffle.

President Lil Pipping thanked Kate Hau for years of service as secretary.

President Lil Pipping informed meeting attendees who to contact if they would like business cards made.

Kate Hau informed meeting attendees that if they have reports to turn in that they need to be turned in to the Tom Nissen or they will not be added to the minutes for that meeting.

President Lil Pipping introduced Tom Nissen as the new secretary

Lil asked if any old business

Ruth Ann Lee made announcement about Youth Expo

Lil made announcement about hotel billing problem and informed that the delegates and directors would be responsible for payment for their own room.

President Lil Pipping answered question from new directors as to what role they should be taking. Lil informed them that that would be answered at the June meeting. Lil made note that business cards and name tags would be available through the office.

Laura Huber made announcement about development committee meeting.

Discussion on new information with new associate directors.

President Lil Pipping made announcement of new committee chairs.

- Achievement Awards – Jack Nissen/Kate Hau
- Banquet – Jack Nissen
- By –Laws – Betty Schneider
- Calendar – Dan Lee
- Environmental – Jake Macholl
- Inland Fisheries – Bob Miller and Larry Vanderhoef
- Lake Superior Sub-Committee – Connie Pribnow
- Office Manager – Lonna
- Internal Audit - removed

Lil asked for old business. There was none.

Motion by Corky Meyer, second by Charlie Brown that the Board of Directors instructs Wildlife Committee to work with unknown individuals to work on crossbow deer hunting season.

Discussion on motion made by Corky Meyer

Motion carried.

President Lil Pipping asked if there was any new business.

George Meyer made announcement about the WDNR Law Enforcement Strategic Plan pamphlet, which was handed out.

Larry Vanderhoef made announcement that he would like to have the appropriate committee look at the way of taking care of emergency resolutions. Discussion followed on WWF action on emergency resolutions.

Corky Meyer commented on that he would like time allocated at next years annual meeting for the WDNR.

Allan Pribnow made comment about needing more microphones. Discussion followed.

Larry Vanderhoef would like a set of procedures to handle the passing of WWF members. Discussion followed.

Larry Vanderhoef would like pictures of taken of WWF members. President Lil Pipping commented that she would like to see special things for next year's annual meeting. Discussion followed.

Ralph Fritsch commented that everyone should take Buck Fawn resolution to spring hearings.

President Lil Pipping informed that the next board meeting will be June 14th at same hotel.

Ruth Ann Lee reminded of Expo.

Corky Meyer motions to adjourn. Jim Wareing second to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimous.