

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Ramada Inn Stevens Point, WI**  
**August 9, 2008**

Call to order: 8:32am

**Announcements:** Lil Pipping

Lil Pipping informed Board of Directors on calendar sales. Calenders will be distributed during meeting.

Motion made by Dave Chingway, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to approve minutes from April Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Larry Vanderhoef, second by Jerry Knuth, to approve financial requests made during Friday night, August 8, 2008, meeting. Motion carried

**Treasurers Report:** Laura Huber

Laura Huber submitted Treasurers Report and 2008 Cashflow sheet. See attached reports.

Motion made by Betty Schneider, second by Ken Barbian, to accept Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

**Director Orientation:** Jack Nissen, Chuck Matyska, and Lil Pipping

The Director handbook and WWF roster was handed out. There were multiple corrections that needed to be made to the roster and it was requested to send corrections into office.

**District Directors Responsibilities:** Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen presented District Directors responsibilities. See Director handbook. Laura Huber stated new club membership applications need to be brought to District Directors for their information. It was suggested that the contact info for the club and the meeting info for the club should be provided to District Directors. Jerry Knuth stated that Wisconservation should be brought along when going to clubs and that the Directors should inform the office after visiting a club. District Directors are to contact Dan Gries for multiple copies of Wisconservation if needed to be distributed to clubs.

**Associate Directors Responsibilities:** Chuck Matyska

Chuck Matyska presented Associate Directors responsibilities. See Director handbook.

Past due club memberships were received for contact by Board Directors.

**Statewide Affiliate Representative Responsibilities:** Lil Pipping

Lil Pipping presented Statewide Affiliate Representatives responsibilities. See Director handbook. Discussion held on the way the WWF operates and annual meeting guidelines.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer, to accept By-Laws as presented. Motion carried. See attached Budget. The Executive Committee has approved the By-Laws as presented and brought to Board of Directors for discussion. The By-Laws presented at meeting are the same copy as the By-Laws sent out in mailing. Multiple minor changes made in By-Laws. In 2.03 line 4, delete "in the". In 2.03 line 7, delete Class A (Local Club) members. In 2.05 section b, change 400 memberships to 401 in last row. In 2.07 line 6, change adjourned to reconviene. On page 4, change the second 'b' to a 'c' and the 'c' to a 'd'. The changed By-Laws will be redistributed.

Lil Pipping indicated that Jim Huhn will be new Parliamentarian.

**Mackenzie Environmental Center Budget:** George Meyer

George Meyer submitted and presented 2007-2008 WWF Operational Budget for MacKenzie Environmental Center. See attached Cashflow. George Meyer informed Board as to the projected six-month Budget to take through December 2008. At December 2008 Board meeting, the MEEC Budget will be presented for January through December 2009.

Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Jim Gleash, to accept the MEEC budget for July 2008 – December 2008. Motion carried. Discussion held on press releases and television spots for MEEC.

**Legislative Report:** George Meyer

George Meyer submitted the final 2007-2009 WWF Legislative Report. See attached report. George Meyer indicated that the Great Lakes Compact has passed the remaining three states and has passed the US Senate and has a public hearing in the US House of Representatives.

**Decals and Bumper Stickers:**

The Board of Directors were shown the possible WWF decals and bumper stickers. The Board of Directors voted on them. The decals will be brown with white lettering and the bumper stickers will be red with white lettering.

**Office Committee Report:** George Meyer

George Meyer submitted the Office Committee Report. See attached report.

Motion made by Jim Gleash, second by Mike Rynearson, to accept Office Committee Report. Motion carried.

Decision that Friday evening Board of Directors meetings will be moved to 8:00pm and Saturday morning Board of Directors meetings will be moved to 8:00am. Decision that motions made for financial requests during Friday night Board of Directors meetings will be approved by one motion during Saturday Board of Directors meetings. Discussion held on the Board of Directors meetings times and locations should be placed in Wisconservation.

**Awards and Banquet Committee Report:** Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen submitted the Awards and Banquet Committee Reports. See attached reports.

Motion made by Dan Gries, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to accept Award and Banquet Committee Reports. Motion carried.

**Education Committee Report:** Carolyn Brown

Carolyn Brown submitted the Education Committee Report. See attached report.

Motion made by Mike Rynearson, second by Jim Gleash, to accept Education Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Endangered Species Committee Report:** Chuck Matyska

Chuck Matyska submitted the Endangered Species Committee Report. See attached report. It was also indicated that there is a great concern that the DNR is reinterpreting the state Endangered Species Act which will substantially reduce protection for state endangered species in Wisconsin. The WWF will be watching this closely.

Motion made by Jack Nissen, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to accept Endangered Species Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee Report:** Jerry Knuth

Jerry Knuth submitted the Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee Report. See attached report. Jerry Knuth presented Increasing Public Access With Managed Forest Law Funding resolution. See attached resolution.

Motion made by Ken Barbian, second by Dan Gries, to accept Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee Report. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jerry Knuth, second by Jack Nissen, to accept Increasing Public Access With Managed Forest Law Funding resolution. Motion carried. Discussion held on dog training on MFL. Jerry Knuth will address at next committee meeting.

**Environmental Committee Report:** Jake Macholl

Jake Macholl requested assistance to solicit additional committee members. Some Board members were noted for discussion as being committee members and Jake was presented those Board members names. The next committee meeting will be set and will be announced. Discussion held that global dimming should be a topic for next committee meeting.

Motion made by Dennis Reinhardt, second by Mike Rynearson, to accept Environmental Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Great Lakes Fisheries Committee Report: Larry Freitag**

Larry Freitag informed Board of Directors that his report was a work in progress.

Motion made by Larry Freitag, second by Corky Meyer, to accept Great Lakes Fisheries Committee Report as presented. Motion carried.

**Lake Superior Sub-Committee Report: Connie Pribnow**

Connie Pribnow submitted Lake Superior Sub-Committee Report. See attached report.

Motion made by John Wetzel, second by Bob Kirk, to accept Lake Superior Sub-Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Inland Fisheries Committee Report: Larry Vanderhoef**

Larry Vanderhoef presented the Inland Fisheries Committee Report. See attached report.

Larry Vanderhoef presented Youth Trout Fishing Proposal. See attached proposal.

Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Jerry Knuth, to amend Youth Trout Fishing Proposal with inclusion of anyone with disabled fishing license anywhere appropriate in proposal.

Motion by Larry Vanderhoef, second by Jim Gleash, for WWF to back the Youth Trout Fishing Proposal. Motion carried unanimous.

Lil Pipping asked for Committee Chairs to submit a list of all their committee members and contact info into the office.

Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Bob Kirk, to accept Inland Fisheries Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Wolf River Basin Sub-Committee Report: Dan Gries**

Dan Gries submitted the Wolf River Basin Sub-Committee Report.

Motion made by Dan Gries, second by John Wetzel, to accept Wolf River Basin Sub-Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Wisconservation: Dan Gries**

Dan Gries submitted the Wisconservation Report. See attached report.

Motion made by Dan Gries, second by Corky Meyer, to accept Wisconservation Report. Motion carried.

**Wildlife Committee Report: Ralph Fritsch**

Ralph Fritsch submitted the Wildlife Committee Report. See attached report. Ralph

Fritsch submitted Expanded Crossbow Resolution. See attached resolution. Ralph

Fritsch submitted Increasing Education for Youth Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Skills proposal.

Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Jim Gries, to back a legislative action which would allow the DNR Board to appoint the DNR Secretary and not the Governor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to support latest efforts on baiting and feeding as described in Wildlife Committee Report. Motion carried. One abstain.

Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Jerry Knuth, to support a proposed bill as drafted on puppy mills. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Jim Gleash, to support again as written the Youth Hunting Bill. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jack Nissen, second by Mike Rynearson, to strike the line, in the proposed crossbow legislation, "Finally, it would obviously include any separate crossbow season should one be developed based on hunter interest and demand." Motion carried 21 for and 5 against. Wildlife Committee Chair did not vote.

Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Jim Gleash, to accept the amended Expanded Crossbow Use resolution, by modifying the last line to read, "WWF will group to explore expanded crossbow season." on the bottom of the resolution. Motion carried. One abstain.

Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer, to support the expanded legislation of crossbow use, as amended, in all big game hunting seasons where the use of a superior method is already permitted. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by John Irwin, to petition action on plan for proposed changes to Bobcat Harvest Season back to DNR. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer, to respond, in writing, supporting the #1 "no change" selection on the proposed closing of many miles of vehicle access in the Nicolet-Chequamegon National Forest. Motion carried. One opposed.

Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Jim Gleash, to accept draft proposal on Youth Outdoor Skills Proposal. Call for hand vote. Accept 26, 1 Decline and 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Discussion held on alternative funding. Discussion held on alternative funding going to committee.

Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Jack Nissen, to re-support the action on a proposed Public Harvest of Timber Wolves. One opposed. Motion carried

Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Jim Gleash, to pursue legislative change in definition of “novice hunter”. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jack Nissen, second by Corky Meyer, to accept Wildlife Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Wetlands Committee Report:** Don Hammes

Any incoming information on the Murphy Oil Projectr needs to be brought to Don Hammes attention so it can brought to his committee. The cranberry industry is proposing to expand greatly in state and may have serious impacts on state wetlands. The Wetlands Committee will be working on this issue. Request for help with Wetlands committee. Help needed in Wetlands exhibit in Youth Outdoor Expo.

Motion made by Larry Vanderhoef, second by Mike Rynearson, to accept Wetlands Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Hunter Education Committee Report:** Al Pribnow

Discussion on The Future of Hunting and Shooting Sports book and request was made to see if it could be put online. Al asked whether the Education Committee, the Youth Committee and the Hunter Education Committee could be combined to deal with this issue. Lil Pipping asked Al to work with Ruth Ann Lee, Education Committee Chair, and Kate Hau, Youth Committee Chair, on this issue.

Motion made by Al Pribnow, second by Larry Vanderhoef, to accept Hunter Education Committee Report. Motion carried/

**Waterfowl Committee Report:** John Wetzel

John Wetzel submitted Waterfowl Committee Report. See attached report.

Motion made by John Wetzel, second by Jack Nissen, to support the Upper Great Lakes Woodcock Initiative. Motion carried.

Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Dan Gries, to accept Waterfowl Committee Report. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Corky Meyer stated that the Wisconsin Trappers Association should work with the DNR on determining which of those two organizations would teach trapping safety.

Don Hammes stated that WWF needs to move forward on alternative funding. George Meyer stated that there will be an attempted fee increase on licenses after election and action will be taken then.

Jim Gleash commented on fines in relation to DNR wardens fees. George Meyer informed that fines get turned around into the school fund.

Jack Nissen stated that all Board members need to send a letter to the Cheq-Nicolet National Forest immediately.

Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Mike Rynearson, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Adjournment: 3:00pm

Submitted by: Tom Nissen, Secretary, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation