

**Board of Directors Meeting  
Ramada Inn Stevens Point, WI  
October 11, 2008**

Call to order: 8:15am

Moment of silence.

Betty Schneider mentioned death of Leo Roethe and handed out obituary.

Introductions.

Motion made by Jim Gleash, second by Larry Freitag, to approve minutes from August Board of Directors meeting. Ralph Fritsch and Bob Miller stated that they did not get last months minutes and would prefer that they hard copied would be sent out. Lil Pipping stated that if you would like hard copies, you need to contact the office.

Jack Nissen asked for donations to help get taxidermy work done for bear killed by a handicapped boy.

Ken Zettlemeier updated Board on the health of Art Seidel.

Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Jack Nissen, to approve up to \$250 for Wildlife Committee meeting in December, if there is one.

**Mileage Reimbursement:** George Meyer

There was discussion by the on mileage reimbursement. George Meyer stated that the Executive Committee had discussed giving \$20 gas cards to the Board of Directors for mileage reimbursement to Board of Directors meetings. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Jim Gleash, to approve giving \$20 gift cards to Board for mileage reimbursement to Board of Directors meetings starting in 2009. Motion carried. Board members who would like such reimbursement should contact Jennifer Evans in the office.

Motion made by Jim Gleash, second by Larry Laehn, to approve minutes from Friday nights meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Laura Huber

Laura Huber presented the Treasurers Report. Laura Huber handed out and presented the 2008 Cashflow. See attached Cashflow. George Meyer informed Board of Directors as to the financial audit performed by Wegner. Wegner informed the Executive Committee that there were no material discrepancies and it was a clean audit. George Meyer informed Board that the Executive Committee talked to Wegner about the conversion of budgets and how to deal with the FDIC limit. Motion made by Dave Verhage, second by Jim Gleash, to accept Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

**2009 WWF Budget Proposal:** Laura Huber

Laura Huber handed out and presented 2009 WWF Budget Proposal. See attached Proposal. In proposal, the Banquet Income needed to be changed from \$60,133.53 to \$67,621.97 and Mileage Expense needed to be changed from \$3500.00 to \$2500.00. Larry Laehn mentioned administrative endowment.

**Director Orientation:** George Meyer

George Meyer discussed "Materials for Recruitment of New Clubs." Bob Chojnowski mentioned having a "Mail To:" on the WWF Membership application. Lil Pipping stated that filling out club objectives and activities is important so that WWF knows what that clubs interests are.

**DNR Report:** John Olson

John Olson, WDNR, presented the DNR Report. University First School, bobcats, black bear research and registration, beaver population survey, grey wolves, hunting on Ice Age Trail were things that John Olson discussed.

**Presidents Report:** Lil Pipping

Lil Pipping presented Presidents Report. Lil Pipping stated that selling calendars is extremely important. John Wagner told Board how he sold calendars and presented calendars as gifts. Lil Pipping stated the WWF votes as a full board and doesn't support items that the WWF Board had not voted on. She also stated that WWF does not support any political candidate.

**National Forest Road Closure Presentation:** Tony Erba

Tony Erba, Deputy Superintendent, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, gave presentation on road closures in National Forest.

**Supplementary Funds for the Wisconsin Fish and Wildlife Account:**

Ralph Fritsch and Don Hammes handed out and submitted "Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Motion Regarding Supplementary Funds for the Wisconsin Fish and Wildlife Account" resolution. Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second by Don Hammes, that the DNR Secretary, the Natural Resources Board, and the Legislature support that any future increase of license fees to fund the fish and wildlife account be matched on a on-to-one basis by supplementary funding from additional source or sources that have a broader base than hunters, anglers, and trappers. Motion carried unanimously. Dan Gries mentioned putting resolution on page one of Wisconservation during the deer hunting issue.

**WWF Executive Director and Office Report:** George Meyer/Jennifer Evans

George Meyer presented Executive Director Report. George Meyer stated that the policy and legislative agenda, for the next two years, will be presented in December to the committee chairs. George Meyer discussed meeting in Reno, NV that he had attended and that he will put an article in Wisconservation about it. Jennifer Evans submitted Office Report. See attached report. Jennifer Evans handed out bumper stickers and

window clings. Laura Huber mentioned getting ideas for 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Past due clubs, which are listed on the back of the Office Report were went through for Board contact. Motion made by Jack Nissen, second by Chuck Matyska, to accept Office Report. Motion carried.

**Banquet Committee:** Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen submitted and presented Banquet Committee Report. The Banquet Committee will be holding its first meeting on October 22 at MEEC at 6pm. Don Hammes mentioned Madison banquet.

**Education Committee:** Ruth Ann Lee

Ruth Ann Lee handed out and presented Education Committee Report. See attached report. Motion made by Don Hammes to not accept \$15,000.00 from Enbridge Energy Company. No second. Motion made Jim Gleash, second by Larry Vanderhoef, to write a letter to the Local 601, pipeliners, and operating local who runs the pipeline, and inform them the importance of the WWF displeasure with the pipelining and danger to habitat. Motion carried. Jim Huhn mentioned Roberts Rules in regards to the acceptance of committee reports. Jim Huhn and George Meyer will discuss the Roberts Rules and George Meyer will bring to the next Executive Committee meeting. Motion made by Jack Nissen, second by Ralph Fritsch, to accept Education Committee Report as presented. Motion carried.

**Endangered Species Report:** Chuck Matyska

Chuck Matyska submitted and presented the Endangered Species Committee Report. See attached report. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Tom Nissen, to accept Endangered Species Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Great Lakes Committee Report:** Larry Freitag

Larry Freitag submitted and presented the Great Lakes Committee Report. See attached report. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Larry Vanderhoef, to accept the Great Lakes Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee Report:** George Meyer c

Jerry Knuth submitted and George Meyer presented the Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee Report. See attached report. Motion by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer, to appeal the road closures, and include roads open now that may be closed later, in the Cheq-Nicolet National Forest. Motion carried. George Meyer recommended meeting with Cheq-Nicolet to discuss not enforcing road closures in 2009 and to discussed handicapped ability in National Forest. Motion made by Jack Nissen, second by Tom Nissen, to accept Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Inland Fisheries Committee Report:** Bob Miller/Larry Vanderhoef

The Inland Fisheries Committee Report was submitted. See attached report. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Tobias Kowalski, to accept Inland Fisheries Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Wildlife Committee Report:** Ralph Fritsch

Ralph Fritsch submitted and presented the Wildlife Committee Report. See attached report. Ralph Fritsch stated that he wants to pursue, with George Meyer, a baiting and feeding seminar in the beginning of 2009. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Bucky Kilishek, to accept Wildlife Committee Report. Motion carried. State Affairs/Hunter Education Committee will be moved into Wildlife committee.

**Wetlands Committee Report:** Don Hammes

Don Hammes submitted and presented Wetlands Committee Report. See attached report. Motion made by Larry Vanderhoef, second by Dan Gries, to accept Wetlands Committee Report. Motion carried.

Don Hammes asks Executive Committee to look at policy on taking money from such companies and report back to Board of Directors in December.

Lil Pipping stated that speaker on Friday night during Decembers Board of Directors meeting will be from the Wild Ones.

Motion made by Dan Gries, second by Corky Meyer, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tom Nissen, Secretary, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation