

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION
BOD MEETING
MACKENZIE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER
AUGUST 8, 2009

Call to order: 8:00am

Announcements: Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen stated that George Meyer just had his 62nd birthday, Ralph Fritsch is now retired, and introduced David Lorenz as a new Director.

Motion made by Betty Borchert, second by Dave Chingway, to approve the June BOD meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Tom Nissen read minutes from Fridays meeting. Lil Pipping announced Chippewa Valley Outdoor Games and the one ticket for sale that is entitled to the WWF. Jack Nissen stated the new format for handling the Treasurers Report during Saturdays BOD meeting. Motion made by Rick Lazarczyk, second by Keith Pamperin, to approve minutes from Friday BOD meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Laura Huber

Laura Huber handed out 2009 Cashflow and presented and informed BOD on financial status of WWF. Laura Huber discussed a potential new club dues structure. Laura Huber asked BOD to think about club dues structure and give feedback to EC. John Wetzel stated that he would like a letter sent to clubs asking them to sell calendars. A proposal will be presented at the October BOD meeting.

Presidents Report: Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen gave update on his goals as President. Jack Nissen stated that he is extremely proud of the efforts of the WWF and stated the fine press that WWF is getting. Jack Nissen discussed the importance of BOD meeting with clubs, and discussed the restructuring of George Meyers salary. Jack Nissen informed BOD of the grants that WWF will be receiving for certain projects.

Directors Handbook: Laura Huber

Laura Huber handed out and discussed the new inserts for the Directors Handbook. Laura Huber stated that anything that the BOD would like to have in the handbook to let her know.

Executive Director Report: George Meyer

George Meyer handed out and presented WWF August 2009 Legislative Report. George Meyer discussed the status and future of AB138 (DNR Secretary Bill), Stewardship Access rules, supplementary funding, the grants that WWF will receive and the projects attached to those grants, and rumors on federal gun laws.

Office Report: Jennifer Evans

Jennifer Evans submitted Office Report and Jack Nissen presented.

Committee Meetings: Jack Nissen

BOD separated out to Committee meetings. The committees that met were the Wildlife, Fisheries, Endangered Species, and new Shooting Range.

Office Report: Jennifer Evans (continued)

The past due clubs were gone through for contact. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Bret Loescher, to approve Office Report. Motion carried.

Inland Fisheries Committee: Bob Miller

Bob Miller submitted Inland Fisheries Committee Report and Larry Vanderhoef presented. George Meyer gave background on AB360. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Larry Freitag, to support AB360. Motion carried. George Meyer gave background on SB194. Motion made by Tom Nissen, second by Jack Nissen, to support SB194. Motion carried. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by George Meyer, to accept Inland Fisheries Committee Report. Motion carried.

Banquet Committee: Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen informed BOD of future banquet dates. District 9 will be March 26, 2010, District 6 will be March 6, 2010, and Statewide is January 30, 2010.

Environmental Committee: George Meyer

George Meyer stated that Environmental Committee dealt with invasive species and groundwater treatment. George Meyer gave background on AB299. Motion made by John Wetzel, second by John Wagner to support AB299. Motion carried. George Meyer discussed issue of Federal Clean Water Act and asked for authorization to look into petition being created and schedule them for Friday night at October BOD meeting. Motion made by Betty Borchert, second by Larry Freitag, to authorize George Meyer to look into petition put forward by the Midwest Environmental Advocates and also schedule time for them to speak on Friday evening at the October BOD meeting. Motion carried.

Forests, Parks, and Recreation Committee: George Meyer

Jerry Knuth submitted FPR Committee Report and George Meyer presented. George Meyer discussed the diversion of MFL funds to pay off Stewardship debt. Forestry funds diverted used to pay off stewardship debt. Motion made by Don Hammes, second by Tobias Kowalski, that the WWF look into the misappropriation of MFL funds. Motion carried.

Great Lakes Fisheries Committee: Larry Freitag

Larry Freitag presented Great Lakes Fisheries Committee Report. Larry Freitag gave update on different fish species in relation to different bodies of water. Motion made by John Wetzel, second by Dennis Reinhardt, to accept Great Lakes Fisheries Committee Report. Motion carried.