

**Board of Directors Meeting  
Ramada Inn Stevens Point, WI  
February 14, 2009**

Call to order: 8:00am

Introductions

George Meyer passed around card for Steve Miller, whose mother passed away, and Brittany Zebraski.

Moment of Silence

Motion made by Ken Barbian, second by Bob Kirk, to approve minutes from December BOD meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Larry Vanderhoef, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to approve financial requests from Friday nights evening. Motion carried.

Motion made by Larry Laehn, second by Don Hammes, to approve \$1000 for Youth Outdoor Expo. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Laura Huber

Laura Huber handed out and presented 2008 Cashflow and presented Treasurers Report. Laura Huber stated financial situation of WWF with banquet and calendar income down, to date. Laura Huber stated that \$180 under Art Print Expense for January should be changed to \$0. Laura Huber believes that the postage and printing lines under expenses are reversed. Laura Huber reminded BOD of Director Incentive Program. Motion made by Jim Huhn, second by Jerry Knuth, to accept Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

**Director Handbook:** Lil Pipping

Lil Pipping asked for feedback on Directors Handbook. Laura Huber asked for specific training feedbacks. Jack Nissen asked that directors that don't have time to put together a district meeting that directors get together with each other and split up clubs in district and that director is responsible for there clubs.

**Conflict of Interest Policy:** George Meyer

WWF has not drafted our own Conflict of Interest Policy. George Meyer has been contacting other organizations on there Conflict of Interest Policies.

**Roberts Rules of Order:** Lil Pipping

George Meyer recommended that committee reports be voted on as "accepted" and action items would be "approved." Larry Vanderhoef suggested that when the minutes are sent out that it states previous line. Motion made by Jim Huhn, second by Larry Vanderhoef, that WWF formally adopt Roberts Rules of Orders for WWF Board meetings with the

above caveat. The motion provided that Roberts Rules of Order need not be used for other WWF meetings. Motion carried.

Lil Pipping gave follow-up to deer hunting survey she handed out at December BOD meeting. Lil Pipping stated she is the delegate from WWF to Deer Management Unit Committee. She asked BOD that if they have comments, they can give them to her and she can enter comments on the DMU website.

**Office Report: Jennifer Evans**

Jennifer Evans handed out and presented Office Report. See attached report. The list of past due clubs was gone through for contact. Motion made by Jack Nissen, second by Rick Lazarczyk to accept Office Report. Motion carried.

**Inland Fisheries Committee Report: Bob Miller**

Bob Miller handed out and presented Inland Fisheries Committee Report. See attached report. Motion made by Bob Miller, second by Corky Meyer, that the effort on species of Asian Carp be supported by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and following our endorsement, we contact the appropriate Wisconsin Congressional Senators and Representatives to ask for their assistance in helping Rep. Ron Kind obtain needed federal funding. Motion carried. Motion made by Bob Miller, second by Tom Nissen, to support AB4 and SB48. Motion carried. Motion made by Bob Miller, second by Larry Vanderhoef, to support AB7 and SB6. Motion carried. Motion made by Bob Miller, second by Tom Nissen, to support SB12. Motion carried. Motion made by John Wetzel, second by Dan Gries, to amend motion to exempt Mississippi River from SB12. Motion carried as amended. Motion made by Bob Miller, second by Larry Vanderhoef, to support SB47. Motion carried. Motion made by Jack Nissen, second by John Wetzel, to accept Inland Fisheries Committee Report. Motion carried.

George Meyer introduced Rep. Anne Hraychuck from Wisconsin Assembly. Anne Hraychuck gave background on what she is working on as Chair of the Assembly Fish and Wildlife Committee.

**DNR Report: Bill VanderZouwen**

Bill VanderZouwen handed out and presented DNR Report. See attached Report. Bill VanderZouwen went through 2009 DNR Wildlife Management Spring Hearing Proposals and some Conservation Congress Spring Hearing Questions.

**Executive Director Report: George Meyer**

George Meyer handed out current Wisconsin Senate and Assembly contact list. George Meyer handed out WWF February 2009 Legislative Report and updated WWF BOD on 2009-2011 Legislative Policy Agenda that was passed at December BOD meeting. See attached report. George Meyer mentioned good press coverage for WWF on issues of the DNR Secretary Bill, CWD in game farms, and the CNNF appeal. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Bob Miller to accept Executive Director Report. Motion carried. George Meyer and Lil Pipping both asked that BOD contact their representatives and ask them to sign on the DNR Secretary Bill.

**Awards Committee Report:** Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen submitted and presented Awards Committee Report. See attached report.

**Banquet Committee Report:** Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen submitted and presented Banquet Committee Report. See attached report.

Motion made by Rick Lazarczyk, second by Steve Pease, to accept Awards and Banquet Committee Reports. Motion carried.

Lil Pipping gave information on Calendar Committee meeting. Lil Pipping stated that the issues addressed at that meeting will be brought to April BOD meeting.

**Education Committee Report:** Ruth Ann Lee

Ruth Ann Lee submitted Education Committee Report and George Meyer presented. See attached report. Motion made by Bob Kirk, second by Corky Meyer, to accept Education Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Endangered Species Committee Report:** Chuck Matyska

Chuck Matyska submitted and presented Endangered Species Report. See attached report. Motion made by Jack Nissen, second by Larry Vanderhoef, to accept Endangered Species Report. Motion carried.

Ralph Fritsch stated that he was disgusted to hear about the proposal of moving the muzzleloader season. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Jerry Knuth, that the WWF move to support the Wisconsin Muzzleloaders Association on stance of current proposals. Charlie Brown, representative from the Wisconsin Muzzleloaders Association, read a letter written by the WMA that states why WMA is opposed to the proposals, which are questions 60 and 61 on Spring Hearing Questionnaire. George Meyer asked Charlie Brown the stance of the WMA on use of scopes. Charlie Brown stated that WMA opposes scopes. Corky Meyer stated that WWF needs to express in need in option 4 of no change on these three questions in spring hearings. Motion made by Jack Nissen, second by Tom Nissen, to oppose furthering the questions of 60, 61, and 67 on Spring Hearing Questionnaire and that a letter be sent out to all affiliates, and put in Wisconsin, stating our stand against these questions. Motion carried.

**Environmental Committee Report:** George Meyer

George Meyer, speaking on behalf of the Environmental Committee, gave background to AB3 and SB5. Motion by Corky Meyer, second by Don Hammes, to support AB3 and SB5. Motion carried. Motion made by Jerry Knuth, second by Dan Gries, to accept Environmental Committee Report. Motion carried.

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

Jerry Knuth submitted and presented Forests, Parks, and Recreation Committee Report. See attached report. Motion made by Jerry Knuth, second by Tom Nissen, to accept Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee Report. Motion carried.

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

Dan Gries submitted and presented Wolf River Basin Sub-Committee Report. See attached report. Motion made by Chuck Matyska, second by Jim Huhn, to accept Wolf River Basin Sub-Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Wildlife/State Affairs/Hunter Ed Committee Report:** Ralph Fritsch

Ralph Fritsch handed out and presented Wildlife/State Affairs/Hunter Ed Committee Report. See attached report. Ralph Fritsch handed out resolution regarding deer farms in the state of Wisconsin. See attached resolution. The Committee Report was given on Friday evening. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to adopt resolution as read. Motion carried. George Meyer stated that the Dept of Agriculture is management agency for deer farms and DNR is management agency for deer farm fence and gave background to deer farm management. George Meyer stated that he testified in front of NRB meeting on deer farms. George Meyer described 2009 Senate Joint Resolution 10. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer, to support SJR10. Motion carried. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Tom Nissen, to accept Wildlife Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Wetlands Committee Report:** Don Hammes

Don Hammes stated that 15 organizations, under DNR guidance, got together and designed a 5-year plan to save wetlands in Wisconsin. Don Hammes asked BOD that if anyone hears of cranberry expansion in their own county, please let him know. Don Hammes stated that he got a letter from Sen. Feingold about Clean Water Restoration Act. Motion made by Don Hammes, second by Jack Nissen to accept Wetlands Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Waterfowl Committee Report:** Lil Pipping

Motion made by Don Hammes, second by Jim Huhn, to approve permission for the Waterfowl Committee to request a review of the need for the Burnett County Canada goose subzone. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dan Gries, second by Jack Nissen, to allow the Waterfowl Committee to contact the Bureau of Wildlife Management to encourage them to begin implementing the strategies contained in the new Wisconsin Waterfowl Strategic Plan that the Waterfowl Committee has noted as the highest priority. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dan Gries, second by Dennis Reinhardt, that the Federation sends a letter to the Governor asking him to include high priority, shovel-ready projects on DNR properties as part of the stimulus dollars that will be coming to the state. Motion carried.

Motion made by John Wetzel, second by Jerry Knuth, to accept Waterfowl Committee Report. Motion carried.

**Youth Committee Report:** Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen informed BOD that WWF will be involved in Learn to Hunt Bear Program.

Ken Barbian asked about the status of the scholarship. Laura Huber and George Meyer gave status of scholarship and mentioned interest and insurance.

Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Tom Nissen, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tom Nissen, Secretary, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation