

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RAMADA INN STEVENS POINT, WI
SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2009

Call to order: 8:05am

Moment of silence.

Jack Nissen informed BOD on the health status of Mary Cassidy.

Motion made by Ken Barbian, second by Tobias Kowalski, to approve minutes from April BOD meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Huhn, second by Ken Barbian, to approve \$100 to reimburse Don Hammes for registration fees for a wetlands seminar he attended. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tobias Kowalski, second by George Borchert, to approve a \$1000 grant for two students from UW-SP for the summer to do restoration work on the Karner Blue butterfly in Stevens Point. George Meyer informed BOD that the money will come from the grant program and not the general budget. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dave Chingway, second by Bob Kirk, to approve up to \$100 for Jerry Knuth to hold a Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee meeting in July. Motion carried.

Jack Nissen informed BOD that WWF will be represented in the DNR Earn A Buck Alternative Committee by Ralph Fritsch.

Jack Nissen informed BOD that Lil Pipping was inducted into the Sheboygan County Conservation Hall of Fame.

Treasurers Report: Laura Huber

Laura Huber handed out and presented 2009 Cashflow. Laura Huber discussed the Deer Rifle Raffle and Jack Nissen stated that if any BOD would like to sell some that they should contact the office. Motion made by Keith Pamperin, second by Betty Borchert, to accept Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

Presidents Report: Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen stated his goals for the next year of the WWF. A new District Director for District 3 is needed and informed BOD that David Lorenz would be a good candidate. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Betty Borchert, to appoint David Lorenz as the new District Director in District 3. Motion carried. Sizes for WWF shirts for BOD will be collected at the August and October BOD meetings and distributed in December. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Dennis Reinhardt, to register WWF with the State of Wisconsin. Motion carried. Jack Nissen stated that he is going to create a

committee to look at the Wisconsin newspaper and names were collected for who would like to be on the committee. The August BOD meeting, which is at MEEC on the 7th and 8th, will have individual committee meetings and BOD can attend these meetings and see if they would like to join certain committees. Jack Nissen passed the gavel to Chuck Matyska. Motion made by Jack Nissen, second by Charlie Brown, to begin a Shooting Range Committee. Motion carried. Don Hammes noted that he would like Jack Nissens presidential goals to be sent to all Directors.

Conflict of Interest Policy: George Meyer

George Meyer gave background on the Conflict of Interest Policy and handed out two drafts. The first is one that was approved by the Executive Committee and the second was one that was edited by Don Hammes. Motion made by Jerry Knuth, second by Betty Borchert, to approve WWF Conflict of Interest Policy Regarding Funding Sources. Motion made by Don Hammes, second by Corky Meyer, to amend adding "that support hunting, fishing and trapping in Wisconsin" to the first paragraph, including a paragraph that states "It is the policy of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation to refuse significant financial contributions from businesses and organizations that, due to the nature of their business operations, cause substantial harm to the environment and therefore to hunting, fishing and trapping in Wisconsin", and add "All business contributions of \$5000 or more must be approved by the Board of Directors" to the third paragraph. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Jim Huhn to change the "All business contributions of \$5000 or more must be approved by the Board of Directors unless time deadlines do not permit." Motion carried. Motion made by Laura Huber, second by Betty Borchert, to amend the amendment by striking the amended paragraph. Motion carried. One opposed. Vote held on the original amendment motion. Motion carried. One opposed. Vote held on the original motion. Motion carried. One opposed.

Jack Nissen and Corky Meyer informed BOD on WWF Learn to Hunt Bear Program winner and status of planning of hunt.

NWF Report: Chuck Matyska

Chuck Matyska informed BOD on the trip made by Jack Nissen, George Meyer and Chuck Matyska to the NWF Annual Meeting held in Pittsburgh, PA. Chuck Matyska stated that it was a very informative meeting. Jack Nissen stated that the 2010 NWF Annual Meeting and the WWF Annual Meeting were planned on the same weekend so WWF Annual Meeting was changed to April 16-18, 2010. George Meyer discussed the handout submitted by Jennifer Pelej.

Executive Director Report: George Meyer

George Meyer handed out and presented WWF April 2009 Legislative Report. George Meyer discussed legislation being watched by WWF. George Meyer discussed the state budget in regards to the Great Lakes Compact, ballast water, DNR Service Center closures, closing hunting, fishing and trapping in lands purchased with Stewardship Funds, and the possibility of the contents of SB222. Other topics were grants used to buy land with Stewardship Funds, and the public hearings being held on the DNR Secretary Bill which are last week or July or second week in August. George Meyer informed

BOD on past and future Youth Outdoor Expo. Don Hammes informed possible involvement by the Ho-Chunk Nation in the Youth Outdoor Expo.

Office Report: Jennifer Evans

Jennifer Evans handed out and presented Office Report. Jennifer Evans informed BOD that August BOD meeting will be at MEEC. Jennifer Evans is also working on Committee lists. Jennifer Evans discussed this past years Annual Meeting and the possible creation of an Annual Meeting Committee. Past due clubs were gone through for contact. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Jerry Knuth, to accept Office Report. Motion carried.

Wildlife Committee Report: Ralph Fritsch

Ralph Fritsch handed out and presented Wildlife Committee Report. See attached Report. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Lil Pipping, to support SB84. Motion carried. Ralph Fritsch and George Meyer gave history of AB250. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Lil Pipping, to support the language of the sale of dogs 25 or 3 litters, whichever is greater. Motion carried. One opposed. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer, to support the language on a kennel liquidation sale, bill currently at 30, of a larger number or all dogs sold from liquidation process, license would be required currently. Motion carried. Motion made Ralph Fritsch, second by Jim Huhn, to support the language that a one time limit on inspection fee's per year or exempted. Motion carried. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Lil Pipping, to support the language that the sale of dogs be allowed at sanctioned or licensed dog trials where now they would be prohibited. Motion carried. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Don Hammes, to support the language stating the requirement of administrative rules be affirmatively voted on by the appropriate standing committees of the legislature. Motion carried. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Don Hammes, to support statutory language establishing a Citizens Committee to oversee citizens complaints and to limit nuisance complaints. Motion carried. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Jerry Knuth, to support AB250 with the provisions as voted on. Motion carried. Ralph Fritsch gave history of Hall Game Farm. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Lil Pipping, that support the state of Wisconsin purchase land or apply public nuisance lawsuit to guarantee fencing in permanent usage until land determined safe. Motion carried. Ralph Fritsch spoke on the wolf delisting from the Federal Endangered Species List and WI management plan. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Dennis Reinhardt, to oppose a five year moratorium on public harvest of wolves in the state with recommendation to the state that legislation and rule-making process be initiated on wolf harvest. Motion carried. One opposed. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer, to oppose an increase in population goals of the gray wolves in WI. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Lil Pipping to table this motion. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Don Hammes, to support goal of 500 plus or minus 25%. Motion carried. One opposed. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Jerry Knuth, to oppose LRB2681/1, allowing group hunting for antlerless deer, changes the sight and sound requirements and allows people to transport unloaded firearms without a case. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Lil Pipping, to support legislation to allow unloaded, uncased firearms and bows in a stationary vehicle.

Motion passed. 13 For/10 against. Wildlife Committee Chair did not vote. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Keith Pamperin, to oppose LRB2245/3. Motion carried. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer, to support LRB1699/1. Motion carried. Two opposed. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Tom Nissen, that we support the hunting, fishing and trapping regulations be run through the Conservation Congress, instead of legislation, unless emergencies exist. Motion carried. Motion made by Lil Pipping, Chuck Matyska, to accept Wildlife Committee Report. Motion carried.

Inland Fisheries Committee: George Meyer

George Meyer spoke on behalf of Bob Miller. Motion made by Jerry Knuth, second by Corky Meyer, to support AB219. Motion carried. Jerry Knuth discussed the Portage County Ditch Development Board and gave background on Justin Isherwood. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Don Hammes, to support, with emphasis on the word support, for Justin Isherwood as a nominee to the Portage County Ditch Development Board. Motion carried. Don Hammes asked for letter from WWF to be sent to Portage County Ditch Development Board. Jerry Knuth updated BOD on Little Plover River. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Dennis Reinhardt, to accept Inland Fisheries Committee Report. Motion carried.

Banquet Committee: Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen handed out and presented Banquet Committee Report. Jack Nissen discussed introduction of new Banquet and if anyone would like to help to see him.

Calendar Committee: Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen informed BOD that calendar went to print. Don Hammes stated that the notification of calendars should be sent out earlier than normal.

Education Committee: Ruth Ann Lee

Ruth Ann Lee submitted Education Committee Report. George Meyer gave background of AB257. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Lil Pipping, to support AB257. Motion carried. Motion made by Keith Pamperin, second by Dennis Reinhardt, to accept Education Committee Report. Motion carried.

Endangered Species Committee: Chuck Matyska

Chuck Matyska handed out and presented Endangered Species Committee Report.

Environmental Committee Report: George Meyer

George Meyer gave background of AB139. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Craig Challoner, to support AB139. Motion carried. George Meyer gave background on AB256. Motion made by Jerry Knuth, second by Don Hammes, to oppose AB256 unless amended to have language looking out for migratory birds. George Meyer gave background on AB281. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Tom Nissen, to support AB281. George Meyer gave background on AB299. Motion made by Jerry Knuth, second by Tom Nissen, to support AB299. Motion carried. George Meyer gave background on SB107 and asked for more time. George Meyer gave background on SB119. Motion made by Jerry Knuth, second by Jim Huhn, to support SB119. Motion

carried. Motion made by Tom Nissen, second by Corky Meyer, to accept Environmental Committee Report. Motion carried.

Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee: Jerry Knuth

Jerry Knuth handed out and presented Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee Report.

Wetlands Committee Report: Don Hammes

Don Hammes informed BOD on the status of the airport in West Bend. No cranberry purchases due to economy and those that are being purchased in uplands. Enbridge Pipeline coming 13 miles into Wisconsin. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Laura Huber, to accept Wetlands Committee Report. Motion carried.

Scholarships: Betty Borchert

Betty Borchert presented Scholarships Committee Report. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Dennis Reinhart, to accept Scholarship Committee Report. Motion carried.

Youth Committee: Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen stated David Lorenz will be new Youth Committee Chair.

Old Business: Jack Nissen

Lil Pipping gave update on Sheboygan County Conservation Alliances relationship with the Hmong community.

New Business: Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen informed BOD that in August, the EC will be looking at new ways of compensation for George Meyer.

Laura Huber informed BOD on language in By-Laws in regards to a Assistant Treasurer so Tom Nissen can be added as a check signer. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Lil Pipping, to accept Tom Nissen as Assistant Treasurer. Motion carried.

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