

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
RAMADA INN STEVENS POINT, WI  
JUNE 11, 2011

Call to order: 8:00am

Motion made by Rick Lazarczyk, second by Larry Vanderhoef, to accept the February BOD meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Norb Moes, to accept the Friday evening BOD meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Larry Laehn

Larry Laehn handed out and presented 2011 Cashflow and Endowment Fund Recommendation. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Corky Meyer, to accept Treasurers Report. Motion carried. Motion made by Betty Borchert, second by Corky Meyer, to add \$4000, to the initial \$1000, to keep the \$5000 consistent throughout all years. Motion carried. Motion made by Tom Nissen, second by Betty Borchert, to approve the Endowment Fund Recommendation.

Presidents Report: Chuck Matyska

Chuck Matyska presented the goals for WWF during his Presidency. The goals he discussed were advancing the Shooting Range Committee, advancement in the Learn to Hunt program, increase exposure to calendar sales, updating the website, more youth involvement, membership initiative, and more WWF action in Wisconservation. Chuck Matyska introduced changes in committee chair spots. Those were Jack Nissen as Membership Chair, Betty Borchert as Environmental Committee Chair, and Corky Meyer as Dog Committee Chair. Chuck Matyska stated that he will be trying to fill the vacant Great Lakes Committee Chair position.

DNR Report: Ron Bruch

Ron Bruch, WDNR, gave presentation on sturgeon management in Wisconsin.

Club Membership Program: Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen gave presentation on new Club Membership Program. Motion made by Jerry Knuth, second by Jim Gleash, to adopt new Club Membership Program. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report: George Meyer

George Meyer discussed the WWF website and the update needed. George Meyer stated that the current contract for web maintenance is not being fulfilled and introduced the recommendation from the Executive Committee that WWF enter into a contract with Tom Nissen. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Jerry Knuth, to enter into a contract with Tom Nissen for web maintenance. Motion carried. George Meyer discussed the discussions with Derek Duane on his employment at MEEC. George Meyer informed the BOD on the Learn to Hunt insurance program that WWF has initiated and the process that our affiliate clubs would need to follow become insured through WWF or a Learn to Hunt event. George Meyer handed out and presented Joint Finance Committee Action on the Wisconsin State Budget, WWF 2011-2013

Legislative Report, and WWF 2011-2013 Legislative and Policy Agenda. Motion made by Jerry Knuth, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to accept Executive Director Report. Motion carried.

#### Office Report: Jennifer Evans

Jennifer Evans handed out and presented Office Report. Jennifer Evans informed BOD of club applications received from Northwest Rod and Gun Club and Four Lakes Metal Detector Club. Motion made by Tom Nissen, second by Lil Pipping, to approve club membership of Northwest Rod and Gun Club. Motion carried. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Betty Borchert, to approve club membership of Four Lakes Metal Detector Club. Motion carried.

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

Jerry Knuth handed out and presented Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee Report. Jerry Knuth informed BOD on meeting held at Bong Recreational Area in regards to dog issues that WWF had with that recreational area and stated that it was a good meeting. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to accept Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee Report. Motion carried.

#### NWF Annual Meeting Report: Jack Nissen/John Wagner

Jack Nissen handed out and presented NWF Annual Meeting Report. Jack Nissen and John Wagner informed BOD on the events at the National Wildlife Federation Annual Meeting. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to accept NWF Annual Meeting Report. Motion carried.

#### Shooting Range Committee Report: Al Pribnow

Al Pribnow handed out and presented Shooting Range Committee Report. Motion made by Al Pribnow, second by Norb Moes, to join NSSF at the \$200 level. Motion carried. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by George Borchert, to accept Shooting Range Committee Report. Motion carried.

#### Calendar Committee Report: Lil Pipping

Lil Pipping showed the BOD a map of Wisconsin to begin the process of entering new markets for calendar sales. Lil Pipping gave information on the prizes and pictures of the 2012 calendar. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to accept Calendar Committee Report. Motion carried.

#### Wildlife Committee Report: Ralph Fritsch

Ralph Fritsch handed out and presented Wildlife Committee Report. Ralph Fritsch introduced AB99 and SB75, relating to prohibiting the DNR from establishing certain restrictions on hunting antlered deer and regulating the establishment of fall open seasons for hunting deer with firearms. Motion made by Jack Nissen, second by Lil Pipping, to oppose AB99 and SB75. Motion carried. Ralph Fritsch discussed current WWF stance on crossbows. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer, to drop archery resolution not to allow any crossbow hunting during archery deer hunting season of expansion usage and to honor 65 years and older usage. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer, to totally eliminate previous crossbow stand. Motion carried. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer, to support the 55 years and older usage of crossbows during the archery

deer season. Motion carried. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Tom Nissen, to allow crossbow hunting during any hunting season as lesser weapon and for the WWF President to contact the Crossbow Federation and the Conservation Congress to let them know our new stand on crossbows. Motion carried. Ralph Fritsch introduced AB116, relating to creating a microstamping requirement for certain handguns, certification of compliance with the microstamping requirement, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and providing penalties. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer, to oppose AB116. Motion carried. Ralph Fritsch introduced the current concealed carry legislation; AB126, SB90, and SB93. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Al Phelan, to support concealed carry, and current legislation, with amendments to include a training course. Motion carried. Ralph Fritsch introduced AB103, relating to receiving a stolen firearm and providing a penalty. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Jack Nissen, to support AB103. Motion carried. Ralph Fritsch introduced AB104, relating to membership of the Natural Resources Board. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Jim Gleash, to support AB104. Motion carried. Ralph Fritsch introduced AB158, relating to voting at meetings of the Conservation Congress. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Dick Baudhuin, to oppose AB158. Motion carried. Motion made by Tom Nissen, second by Corky Meyer, to accept Wildlife Committee Report. Motion carried.

#### Education Committee Report: Don Hammes

Don Hammes presented Education Committee Report. Don Hammes gave an update on the current status of MEEC and events being held there. George Meyer gave an update on the Youth Outdoor Expo. Motion made by Larry Vanderhoef, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to accept Education Committee Report. Motion carried.

#### Dog Committee Report: Corky Meyer

Corky Meyer presented Dog Committee Report. Corky Meyer stated that the new administration at DNR has been very helpful in relation to dog issues. Corky Meyer informed BOD on furbearer season dates and Learn to Hunt bear program. Corky Meyer gave background on SB88, relating to possession of dogs by certain felony offenders and providing a penalty. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Jim Gleash, to oppose SB88 as written. Motion carried. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Jim Gleash, to accept Dog Committee Report. Motion carried.

#### Great Lakes Fisheries Committee Report: George Meyer

George Meyer gave background on SB113, relating to minimum harvesting requirements for commercial fishing in the Great Lakes. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Jim Gleash, to oppose SB113. Motion carried.

#### Environmental Committee Report: Betty Borchert

Betty Borchert presented Environmental Committee Report and handed out WWF Environmental Committee on Phosphorus Regulations and Motion on Mining Legislation. Motion made by Betty Borchert, second by Larry Vanderhoef, to oppose any modification or delay of Wisconsin's current phosphorus standards that would have detrimental impact for Wisconsin's lakes and streams. Motion carried. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Tom Nissen, to oppose any modification of Wisconsin's current mining law that reduces protection for the environment or significantly reduces public input into the issuance of mining permits.

Motion carried. Betty Borchert introduced AB165, relating to the display of turf fertilizer containing phosphorus. Motion made by Betty Borchert, second by Tom Nissen, to oppose AB165. Motion carried. Betty Borchert discussed news article on bill to be introduced regarding permit processes. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by John Wagner, to oppose a bill streamlining DNR permit process for developers. Motion carried.

Awards Committee Report: John Wagner

John Wagner presented Awards Committee Report. John Wagner discussed this past years Awards Banquet and things that could be improved. Motion made by John Wagner, second by Tom Nissen, to accept Awards Committee Report. Motion carried.

Scholarships/By-Laws Committee Report: Betty Borchert

Betty Borchert presented Scholarships/By-Laws Committee Reports. Betty Borchert stated that she had received thank-you cards from scholarship recipients. Motion made by Larry Vanderhoef, second by George Borchert, to accept Scholarships/By-Laws Committee Reports. Motion carried.

Endangered Species Report: Chuck Matyska

Chuck Matyska handed out and presented Endangered Species Report. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Dale Zaug, to accept Endangered Species Report. Motion carried.

Wetlands Committee Report: Don Hammes

Don Hammes presented Wetlands Committee Report. Don Hammes gave BOD an update on the Clean Water Act. Motion made by Don Hammes, second by Dale Zaug, to support the implementation of the 5/11 EPA proposed guidance of the EPA Clean Water Act. Motion carried. Motion made by Don Hammes, second by Lil Pipping, that WWF request that DNR to require the Army to conduct adequate testing of the ground water, surface water and soils near the Wisconsin River to make certain the wildlife, fishery, waterfowl and humans who may use the Wisconsin River will not be harmed by chemicals from the Army lands. Motion carried. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Corky Meyer, to accept Wetlands Committee Report. Motion carried.

New Business: Chuck Matyska

Don Hammes requested that the Executive Committee consider hiring a director of communications for WWF.

Motion made by Tom Nissen, second by Corky Meyer, to adjourn. Motion carried.