

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
RAMADA INN STEVENS POINT, WI  
FEBRUARY 12, 2011

Call to order: 8:05am

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Tom Nissen, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to approve minutes from December BOD meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ed Rollins, second by Jim Huhn, to approve donating a framed print for the Trempealeau County Associated Club. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Larry Laehn

Larry Laehn handed out and presented 2011 Cashflow. Motion made by Mike Rynearson, second by Dennis Reinhart, to accept Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

Presidents Report: Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen stated that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation needs to appoint a representative to the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame. Jerry Knuth and Chuck Matyska stated that they would work with that organization. Jack Nissen discussed Annual Meeting break-out sessions and the importance of delegates coming to the meeting. Jack Nissen handed out the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Personnel Practices and Employee Handbook. Jack Nissen discussed the status of the 2011 calendar sales. Jack Nissen discussed the good communication between the WWF and the new administration at DNR. Jack Nissen stated that himself and George Meyer had a meeting with Scott Gunderson in regards to the Hall deer farm fence, the McMiller shooting range, dog training at Bong Recreational Area, the use Pittman-Robertson fund, North Lake public access, the DNR oversight of expenditures of local boat launch fees, Wisconsin Waterway Commission policy on local public access fees, the continuation of cable restraints for bobcat training, cooperative warm water spawning habitat development, audit of DNR procedures for agricultural deer damage shooting permits, the DNR rule making process and Stewardship funds.

Affiliate Club Representation/Membership: Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen discussed the importance of the BOD meeting with the affiliate clubs of WWF. Jack Nissen handed out WWF Liaisons with WWF Statewide Affiliates and lists of affiliate clubs. The BOD split into Districts and discussed who was going to be the contact for each club.

WWF Executive Director Report: George Meyer

George Meyer discussed the current administrative staff at DNR and the current legislature. George Meyer discussed the current status of SB8, relating to the authority of a state agency

to promulgate rules interpreting the provisions of a statute enforced or administered by the agency and to implement or enforce any standard, requirement, or threshold as a term or condition of a license issued by the state agency; gubernatorial approval of proposed administrative rules; economic impact analyses of proposed rules and emergency rules; and venue in a declaratory judgment action seeking judicial review of the validity of an administrative rule and in an action in which the sole defendant is the state, and the current amendments and AB10, relating to an exemption from water quality standards for wetlands and from certain other regulatory provisions concerning water quality and surface water use that apply to a wetland area in Brown County; and review of certain changes to shoreland, wetland, and floodplain zoning ordinances that apply to a wetland area in Brown County. George Meyer discussed the state budget in relation to the DNR and conservation and the future of the Stewardship fund. George Meyer discussed the Green School Network and the necessary needs to grow the network. Motion made by Tom Nissen, second by Jerry Knuth, to allow George Meyer to continue discussions that WWF be the employer, the fiscal agent, and provide time for possible fundraising efforts to allow for the expansion of the Green School Network. Motion carried.

Office Report: Jennifer Evans

Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Mike Rynearson, to approve the membership of the Rock River Rescue Foundation. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rick Lazarczyk, second by Jim Huhn, to approve the membership of the Retreat Sportsmens Club. Motion carried.

Wildlife Committee Report: Ralph Fritsch

Ralph Fritsch handed out and presented Wildlife Committee Report. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Lil Pipping, to support current efforts in Hall Game Farm purchase and future action to accomplish purchase. Motion carried. Motion made by Mike Rynearson, second by Tom Nissen, to oppose AB8. Motion carried. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Tom Nissen, to support moving forward in review and advise a restitution change in current animal and fish species. Motion carried. Ralph Fritsch gave background on new DNR Hunter Education "Test Out" process and stated that WWF and the Hunter Education Association support the process but both have reservations regarding the age.

Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee Report: Jerry Knuth

Jerry Knuth handed out and presented Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee Report. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Tom Nissen, that WWF accept a 5 or 10% adjustment on the Stewardship funds but would have a problem with a 15 to 20% adjustment. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jerry Knuth, second by Lil Pipping, to accept Wildlife Committee and Forests, Parks and Recreation Committee Reports. Motion carried.

Inland Fisheries Committee: Mike Arrowood

Mike Arrowood handed out and presented Inland Fisheries Committee Report. Motion made by Jerry Knuth, second by Lil Pipping, to approve development of a program to promote the DNR Fish Sticks program statewide. Motion carried.

Banquet Advisory Committee Report: Ed Rollins

Ed Rollins gave an update on the status of the banquets that been hold so far this year.

Education Committee Report: Ruth Ann Lee

Ruth Ann Lee handed out and presented Education Committee Report. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to accept Education Committee Report. Motion carried.

Awards Committee Report: John Wagner

John Wagner handed out and presented Awards Committee Report.

Youth Committee Report: David Lorentz

David Lorentz presented Youth Committee Report. David Lorentz informed BOD of the projects that he is currently working on in regards to education. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Jim Huhn, to approve donating \$250 to help with financial costs in installing an aerator into a lake in the Birchwood area. Motion carried. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Dennis Reinhart, to accept Youth Committee Report. Motion carried.

Calendar Committee Report: Lil Pipping

Lil Pipping presented Calendar Committee Report. Lil Pipping updated the BOD on the sales of the 2011 calendar. Lil Pipping stated that the distribution of calendars will be evaluated. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Dennis Reinhart, to accept Calendar Committee Report. Motion carried.

Wetlands Committee Report: Don Hammes

Don Hammes handed out and presented Wetlands Committee Report. Motion made by Don Hammes, second by Tom Nissen, to oppose AB10. Motion carried. Motion made by Don Hammes, second by Tom Nissen, to accept Wetlands Committee Report. Motion carried.

Motion made by Charlie Brown, second by Mike Rynearson, to adjourn. Motion carried.