

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION  
ANNUAL MEETING – RAMADA INN STEVENS POINT, WI  
SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2011

Call to order: 9:00am

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Meeting Orientation: Jerry Knuth/Ralph Fritsch/Jennifer Evans

Jerry Knuth, Ralph Fritsch, and Jennifer Evans informed attendees on locations of different events and informed delegates and Board of Directors of different roles throughout Annual Meeting.

Presidents Report: Jack Nissen

Jack Nissen presented Presidents Report. Jack Nissen discussed calendar distribution, banquet expansion, Shooting Range Committee, Camo Coalition, WWF branding, filling vacant Board of Director positions, looking for a major sponsor for WWF, the wolf petition, Puppy Mill bill and rule making process, new DNR administration, Stan Hall deer farm, new charter school program, and new WWF policy in regards to positions.

Future Trappers of Wisconsin: Maegan Loka/Sara Shumaker

Maegen Loka and Sara Shumaker, FTW, gave a presentation on their organization and the projects that their organization is working on.

Treasurers Report: Larry Laehn

Larry Laehn handed out and presented 2011 Cashflow. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Dan Gries, to accept Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

Keynote Address: Cathy Stepp, WDNR Secretary

Cathy Stepp, WDNR Secretary, gave presentation regarding the future of WDNR and the different plans that will be acted on. Cathy Stepp also answered questions that attendees had for her.

Green School Network: Jeff Nania

Jeff Nania gave presentation on the Green School Network in Wisconsin and the projected future of the program.

Executive Director/Legislative Report: George Meyer

George Meyer handed out WWF 2011-2013 Legislative Report. George Meyer discussed the new administration at WDNR and the change in the legislature. George Meyer stated that these changes must be recognized by the WWF in regards to issues.

NWF Report: Jason Dinsmore

Jason Dinsmore, NWF, gave presentation on the governmental budget in regards to conservation, the Asian carp issue, and the Vanishing Paradise program.

Resolutions: George Meyer/Tom Nissen

George Meyer and Tom Nissen read the Resolution #1, Wildlife Federation Resolution on the Night Hunting of Raccoon, Resolution #2, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Resolution on Dog Training Study, and Resolution #3, Presently Divers Can Legally Spear Panfish in the State of Wisconsin Waters.

The title of Emergency Resolution #1, Continuing the Prohibition Against the Use of Stewardship Funds for Golf Courses, was shown. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Jim Gleash, to approve reading ER #1. Motion carried. The resolution was read. The resolution was re-titled Resolution #4.

The title of Emergency Resolution #2, WWF Support for Continued DNR Payment of Aid in Lieu of Taxes to Local Units of Government for Land Purchased for Recreational Lands, was shown. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Tom Nissen, to approve reading ER #2. Motion carried. The resolution was read. The resolution was re-titled Resolution #5.

The title of Emergency Resolution #3, Support for Federal Legislation Removing the Wolf from the Federal Endangered Species List, was shown. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Dan Gries, to approve reading ER #3. Motion carried. The resolution was read. The resolution was re-titled Resolution #6.

The title of Emergency Resolution #4, WWF Support for Continued Support of the EE Consultant for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, was shown. Motion made by Tom Nissen, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to approve reading ER #4. Motion carried. The resolution was read. The resolution was re-titled Resolution #7.

Breakout Sessions:

Attendees attended two of the four breakout sessions. The breakout sessions were the Conservation Congress process, deer research study, mining issue and crossbow issue.

Resolutions:

Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to adopt Resolution #1. Motion carried. Motion made by Jim Weishan, second by Corky Meyer, to adopt Resolution #2. Motion made by John Wetzel, second by Corky Meyer, to add the phrase "of support for dog training and trialing" after the phrase "reaffirms its position." Motion carried unanimously. The original motion was called. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by John Wetzel, second by Ed Rollins, to adopt Resolution #3. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Lil Pipping, to adopt Resolution #4. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Tom Nissen, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to adopt Resolution #5. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Bob Kirk, to adopt Resolution #6. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Jim Weishan, second by Jim Gleash, to adopt Resolution #7. Motion carried unanimously.

Elections: Ralph Fritsch

Ralph Fritsch stated that the nomination committee has nominated Chuck Matyska as President. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to approve Chuck Matyska as President. Motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Fritsch stated that the nomination committee has nominated John Wagner as Vice President. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Lil Pipping, to approve John Wagner as Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Fritsch stated that the nomination committee has nominated George Borchert as Second Vice President. Motion made by Tom Nissen, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to approve George Borchert as Second Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Fritsch stated that the nomination committee has nominated Tom Nissen as Secretary. Motion made by Keith Pamperin, second by Jim Gleash, to approve Tom Nissen as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Fritsch stated that the nomination committee has nominated Larry Laehn as Treasurer. Motion made by Rick Lazarczyk, second by Corky Meyer, to approve Larry Laehn as Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Ralph Fritsch stated that the nomination committee has nominated Craig Challoner, Bob Chojnowski, Jim Huhn, Norb Moes, Jeff Nania, Tom Nissen, Russ Froehlich, Mike Arrowood, Clay Utzig, Mike Bizak, Mike Stueck and Roxanne Taylor as Associate Directors. Motion made by Keith Pamperin, second by Lil Pipping to approve the Associate Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Keith Pamperin, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to approve adding the immediate Past President to the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Keith Pamperin, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to approve the Executive Committee being the President, Vice President, Second Vice President, immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Keith Pamperin, second by Tom Nissen, to approve Jack Nissen and Chuck Matyska as delegates from WWF to the 2012 NWF Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.