

Wisconsin wildlife Federation
Board of Directors meeting minutes
Saturday, October 25, 2011

Meeting called to order at 8 AM by President Chuck Matyska. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Announcement; lunch, was a knowledge as was the circulation of the attendance sheet. No agenda changes were made.

Approval of the minutes; the minutes of the August 2011 board meeting were approved by Jim Huhn seconded by Charlie Brown motion passed.

Friday business meeting reports;

Treas.'s report was given by George Meyer due to absence of Larry Leahn'. Cash flow shows that we are within budget for every item. Income banquet money and memberships are doing good Charlie made the motion to accept second by Rick motion carried

Ralph asked for money for room and gas to attend the range committee meeting also for expenses for the DNR meeting. Rick made a motion to approve second by Jim motion passed.

John asked for \$100 donation to the Mukwonago River watershed for a poster, Larry made the motion second by Don Motion carried.

DON asked for \$150 for wetland meeting on legislation. Jim made the motion seconded by Larry motion carried.

President's report by Chuck Matyska everyone's doing a good job on selling calendars keep it up. Thanks to Betty and Mary and the committee for the great job they did on this district seven banquet.

John, George and Chuck assessment of George Meyer Executive Director shows he's doing an excellent job.

National wildlife Federation report;

Jason Dinsmore stated that the Sentinel sports show in partnership with the national wildlife Federation would be having a booth and are looking for assistance in manning the booth he spoke to global warming and wildlife education stated if anyone had any questions he would be there all day to answer them.

Important board issues:

Outreach program, Jack stated personal contact made with clubs by Ralph, LIL, and Jerry was a great help. Biggest problem found with clubs is we have no personal contact.

Directors who have not had district meetings please hold your meetings as soon as possible Jennifer is very willing to help on the mailing to clubs or district. Club applications for membership must be filled out completely on the back so we have the all the information needed to get in contact with clubs. Rick made a motion to accept Jack's report this seconded by Oscar, motion passed.

Treasurer's report

First rough draft Wisconsin wildlife Federation budget was presented. They're proposing an increase in donations and in fundraising George pointed out changes from last year's expenses and

income everything within a stone's throw of last year's budget.

Ruth Anne and Derek submitted the imposed budget for the Mackenzie environmental center no questions on income or expense motion name to accept the report by Keith, seconded by John motion carried

Staff report

Executive Directors report,

George explained that legislative is out at this time, which is to our benefit giving us the time to work on different issues. Gray Wolf, can't tell the difference from our standard will form the hybrid saying we support original bill which is not taken up by the Senate, Concealed carry Bill, November 1, four hours training minimum.

Public access to a lake in southern Wisconsin surrounded by millionaires DNR is working on this. Wisconsin wildlife Federation supports.

Mining laws to make it easier for permits to do mining. Wisconsin wildlife Federation is not against mining, it opposed to weakening the laws governing mining.

Wetland protections what it did take 3 to 6 months now will take 2 to 3 years to get a law through.

Calendars, there's a few in the office, please pick some up and get them out.

Website upgrading is in progress, George, and Jennifer is working on the Wisconsin wildlife Federation side, Ruth Anne is working Mackenzie side. Sample will be shown at February meeting.

No wetland Bill at this time until Waiting for the bill to come out.

Green Tree School, Victoria , talked on the progress they have made, resources maps for teachers to find out information to teach and help learn to take kids outside to teach. No teacher left inside. Training teachers every summer to teach conservation in class XXV teachers spent the day at Mackenzie to learn about the outdoors using forestry as a learning subject.

Youth Summit, to tell other kids what they have done in their school. There are presently nine schools, working on getting 22 schools; they have 5 biologists in serving the nine schools. Soil, water wildlife and forestry have a full impact on our lives.

For more information you can click on *Wisconsingreenschool network.org*
Russ made the motion to accept George's report seconded by Jerry, motion carried,

Office report

Jennifer reported the following Clubs have joined the Federation,

Bill Cook Chapter of the Isaac Walton League, Larry made the motion to accept, seconded by Jerry, motion carried.

Wisconsin Division of the Isaac Walton League Amherst Junction, Ralph made the motion to accept, seconded by Jack, motion carried.

South Eastern Rod and Gun Club out of Troy, Jerry made the motion to accept, seconded by Charlie, motion carried.

WWF committee reports

Dog committee, no report,

WWF received a bear tag to bear hunt. The first day they hunted over bait with no success, the second day they hunted with the dog and were successful. Larry thanks the Wisconsin wildlife Federation for the \$300 donation to sponsor the hunt. The club served the group bear and offered the use of their club house for the district 4, meeting. The WWF thank Larry Gollke for donating his Bear permit that he has waited for 10 years for motion made to accepted, seconded by John, motion carried.

Environmental Committee

On the mining issue we are up to speed and ready to go, we have not taken a position on the mine; we are not against mining,

Wetlands Don stated that nothing has been introduced into the Legislature yet. DNR Wetlands meeting couldn't get anything top priority for DNR. There are high quality wetlands that we have to watch out for.

Dairy Farms Mike reported that Rosendale is trucking manure 65 miles to Adam County to spread and have applied for a permit to build a mega farm there. Mike to work with George to ask for a public record report for: What kinds of inspection are done, how often, how many fish kill, number and kind? This report to be given in writing. Larry made the motion seconded by Don. Motion carried.

USS Badger Mike made a motion that we make a statement that we are against any extension of their contract that is due to end July 2012 Seconded by Don. Motion carried.

Parsnip out of Committee:

By-Laws Committee. No report

Scholarship and grant Committee:

Youth Conservation Grant was discussed do to David Lorenz giving up this continuation in the project do to school and work conflicts, the committee feels monies issued for Grand be placed back into the Forming Estate Fund until such time Committee is started up again.

Norm made a motion to accept all three report, seconded by Rich, motion carried.

Banquet report

Ed ask for 250.00 to 300.00 to have made another game board for the banquets to use, Ralph made the motion, seconded by John, motion carried.

Ed reported that banquets are one of our main sources of income, become involved. And that the Annual banquet committee meeting with the Banquet Chairs and treasurer was held on Sept. 24th in the Dells. Jack made the motion to accept, seconded by Dave, motion carried.

Wetlands

John attended the wetlands meeting a full day of meetings _Great experience, every state organization was represented

Youth Committee

Chuck contacted David Lorenz to get the grant money returned to the WWF.

Great Lakes Fisheries

Larry Fritag had to step down from Chairman of this committee due to health problem; He has informed us that he will be back as Chairman. Welcome Back, Larry

Water Fowl

John Wetzel talked on the Mississippi Flyway and hunting opportunities on Lake Michigan. Be aware of this Priority list. No written report. Motion to accept report by Ed, seconded by Don. Motion Carried.

Wildlife committee

Motion by Ralph to support in move forward in securing usage of crossbows for hunters 55 years or older, seconded by Jerry, passed with one no.

Motion by Ralph made to allow coyote harvest during the nine day gun deer season, currently closed now, and taking coyote harvest open year-round, seconded by Jerry, passed with one no

AB 231, to support bird hunting preserves license by DNR to be given same noise protection as shooting ranges, seconded by Jack, passed

AB 234, to support utilization of bow and arrow and regulations by local government, seconded by Jack, passed

Motion by Ralph to support the continuation of dog training for bear in zone C during that state wide training season, seconded by Jack, passed

Motion by Ralph to support the current split bobcat season in making the necessary rule changes. This season is currently in a two-year trial section and is supported by sportsperson's to continue seconded by Jerry, passed

Motion by Ralph to support LRB 1798 – 2 previously supported by WWF in a different form this is a rewrite of an old puppy mill bill it now changes puppy status from 25 to 50 copies and changes regulatory functions, seconded by Jerry, passed

Motion by Ralph to support a use trapper license and a half price license fee costing \$7.00 seconded by John, passed

Motion by Ralph to oppose any stoppage in the use of single lead projectiles in all muzzle loaders, seconded by John, passed

Motion by Ralph to support the hunting of coon during the gun deer season and follow through on its change, seconded by Charlie, passed

Motion by Ralph, to WWF wildlife committee supports the WWF Board of Directors initiating statewide contests for sports clubs and individual sportsmen and women to identify hunting, fishing and trapping regulations to simplify and eliminate, such proposals should not cause damage to the state's natural resources or cause danger to public safety. Upon completion and judging of the contest, the proposals should be submitted to the natural resources Board and the Department of natural resources for review and action. Seconded by John, passed

Motion by Ralph to donate \$850 to be split between the top three places winners, chosen by the committee selected to judge the entries. Seconded by John, passed

Inland fisheries committee report

At present there are hundred and 60 employees and fisheries a 50% vacancy with 20 positions to be filled under the present budget.

A new fisheries staff plan is to be submitted November 15 with field biologists to be the top priority there are currently five biologist's positions vacant.

In February the fisheries management team, conservation Congress and the law enforcement will meet to flesh out the process for introducing new fish related regulations. The library questions do not need an economic impact analysis under Act 21. It is being suggested that DNR submit advisory questions or have a cc submit them so that they can be discussed at this year's spring hearings.

New bass regulations see written report supplied

Report accepted by Larry in seconded by Don, motion carried

Old business

that the September executive committee meeting, the committee discussed the request by board member Don Hammes to have the Wisconsin wildlife Federation hire a person to be development and marketing, based on the market for such position, to hire a quality person for such position would cause an additional annual expenditure of at least \$60,000 to \$75,000 and salary/benefits.

The executive committee voted not to hire such a person for the following reasons. The combined WW F/McKinsey budget is roughly \$600,000 split about 50/50 this is a lean budget for both enterprises and to pay for the requested person would require major cutbacks in existing programs.

New business

2011, Assembly Bill 311. Bill was supported by the directors with changes to the fee structure, reducing the conservation patron's license and sportsmen's licensed to one half the current charge. Motion made by Pat seconded by John, motion carried

hunter and trapper education, This bill it will require school boards award one half high school credit to a pupil who successfully complete a hunter education program, the bow hunter education program, or the trapper education program. Him, Larry made motion to oppose, seconded by Keith, motion carried.

This bill also requires DNR to offer an online course of instruction in under the trapper's education program for persons who are at least 18 years of age. This program also required field testing or completion of a written test DNR must make this testing available at each DNR service and are at least bimonthly for persons who take the online course of instruction. Motion made by Jack in seconded by John Wetzel, passed, three no's

Hunter and trapper recruitment, this bill requires DNR to establish a program to recognize people who recruit others as hunters and trapper.

The portion of the bill requiring DNR to keep reference and issue credits towards future fees under certain conditions a donated price to a person who receives the designation for specific number of times of recruitment, motion to oppose made by John seconded by Kim, motion carried.

The bill also creates a 15 member sporting recruitment and retention consult the bill requires a console to study and advise and make recommendations to the natural resources Board and the legislature on ways to improve recruitment and retention of hunters and trappers, motion to support by Don seconded by Larry, motion carried with one no

Stewardship program, this bill prohibits DNR from awarding a grant under the stewardship program unless the DNR first considers rather the grant will benefit local businesses and the economy him of the state. Motion to oppose by Larry seconded by Don, passed (no need for this bill) it prohibits DNR from acquiring lands under the stewardship program unless hunting fishing trapping hiking and cross-country skiing will be allowed on the land and acquired or unless every member of the natural resources Board approved the land acquisition. Motion to oppose by Don seconded by Jim, motion carried.

Other provisions, current law person must be 14 years old to obtain a sturgeon spearing license under this bill a person may obtain a sturgeon spearing license if person is at least 12 years old. Motion made to accept by my seconded by Charlie, motion passed.

This bill requires DNR to designate the first full weekend in January as a special weekend during which a person may engage in ice fishing without holding or paying for a fishing license. Motion made by Ralph to support seconded by Chuck, motion passed

Motion made to adjourn by Russ seconded by Jim, motion passed meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.