

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OF THE
WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION ON DECEMBER 15, 2012

A meeting of the Board of Directors of The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation was held at Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Avenue, Stevens Point, WI pursuant to notice.

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Matyska at 8:00 a.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

B. A lunch count and an attendance sheet was circulated

C. Agenda - Lil Pipping made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Rick Lazarczik, motion carried

D. October Minutes - Lil made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 2012 Board of Directors Meeting seconded by Rick Lazarczik, motion carried.

E. Executive Directors Minutes - Carolyn Brown read the minutes from the Executive Directors meeting Friday, December 14, 2012. Roxanne Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Jack Nissen, motion carried.

F. Treasurer's Report - Pat Ramirez went over the cash flow and budget for 2013. Lil made a motion to accept the reports seconded by Larry Laehn, motion carried.

G. McKenzie Budget - Ruth Ann Lee went over the McKenzie budget for 2013. Russ Hitz made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by Lil Pipping, motion carried.

H. Youth Conservation Leadership Program – Dave Murphy of the Youth Conservation Federation of Missouri gave a presentation. Also, members who accompanied him gave presentations. He gave George Meyer a flash drive with all of their information for the past ten years.

I. President's Report –President Chuck Matyska – 5 Year Plan – A power point presentation was given going over the plan. Jerry Knuth made a motion to accept the plan, seconded by Lil Pipping, motion carried.

J. WWF Executive Director Report – George Meyer discussed the renegotiations of the McKenzie Center with the DNR are being worked out. The Federation has been notified they will have an IRS audit. He discussed the Green School Network and also the Mining Bill..The Outdoor Youth Expo in Beaver Dam be held May 16th and 17th. There is a written report of the Preliminary Draft for the WWF 2013-2015 Legislative, Policy and Project Agenda.

K.Office Report – George brought up that calendar receipts need to be in by January 15th. He briefly discussed the Website.

L. WWF Committee Reports:

1. Membership – Jack Nissen – Jack has had a challenging month of November with deer hunting and the holidays but he is working on clubs that do not have directors with the WWF. He is working on the Ladysmith area.

2. Wetlands – Don Hammes - Don discussed the environmental issues and wetlands.

3. Endangered Resources – Chuck Matyska – Written Report

4. Calendars - Lil Pipping - Lil reported that some of the calendars were missing July and August. Let Jennifer know if you have any of these. Lil has the raffle ready for lunch time; it includes a 14# turkey and a bag with everything in it to complete the meal.

5. Scholarships – Betty Borchert - No report - Applications will come out in February and be presented at the April meeting.

6. By-Laws – Betty Borchert - No report

7. Environmental – Russ Hitz – Russ discussed the frac mining meeting which was held in Poynette. This mining is not going away. We first need statewide policies on these issues. He discussed alternative energy. He discussed the large dairy farms that are being built. He also discussed using solar energy to dry corn.

M. Lunch

8. Wildlife -Ralph Fritsch- Ralph had a written report but went over it. Ralph made a motion to allow people over 55 to use a crossbow,

seconded by Russ Hitz, motion carried. Jack Nissen made a motion to support a license fee increase or alternative funding for hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, seconded by Mike Arrowhead, motion carried. The transferring of bear permits to any disabled not just to youths was discussed. Jerry Knuth made a motion to accept Ralph's report, seconded by Craig Challoner, motion carried.

9. Awards – John Wagner -Written report – They will have a meeting in March at the Meade Inn in Wisconsin Rapids

10. Great Lakes – subcommittee – George Meyer and Larry Fritag discussed the Asian carp issue and the restocking of salmon.

11. Education/Youth Committee – Ruth Ann Lee – Ruth Ann reported the DNR is refocusing on the MEEC environmental and outdoors skills that they are doing there.

12. Banquet Advisory – Ed Rollins - No report – Jack Nissen and Rick Lazarczik have volunteered to chair the Milwaukee Banquet. January 26th is the annual banquet at Ho-Chunk. Jerry Knuth discussed that if the paper work from the banquets is received in 60 days, they would receive two tickets to the annual banquet and the office would pay for the tickets.

13. Waterfowl – John Wetzel – John Wetzel made a motion that the WWF request that the DNR hold special informational meetings throughout the Northern Duck Zone to review and discuss the 2012 duck season that included a 5-day split from November 5 – 9, seconded by Don Hammes, motion carried.

14. Wisconsin Conservation – Dan Gries – No report

15. Forest, Parks & Recreation – Jerry Knuth - Written report

16. Shooting Range – Bill Tollard - No report

17. Dog Committee – Andy Lewandowski – Andy had a written report and they will have a meeting in January.

18. Inland Fisheries Committee – Mike Arrowood – No Report

N. Old Business - Betty Borchert reported that Jacob has received his scholarship. Bill Tollard has submitted a resume for running for 2nd vice-president. Betty Borchert made a motion to accept the resume, seconded by JohnWagner, motion carried.

O.New Business - Jerry Knuth made a motion to support and send a letter of support to have the Little Plover River listed on the most endangered river list, seconded by Mike Meyer, motion carried. Don Hammes would like to go on records supporting the remodeling at Poynette pheasant farm, seconded, motion carried.

P. Adjournment A motion was made by Rick Lazarczik, seconded by Mike Arrowhead to adjourn, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Brown, Secretary

Committee Reports should be submitted in writing. Oral presentation on key items ONLY please.