

The meeting of the Board of Directories of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation was held October 12, 2012 at MacKenzie Environmental Education Center, W7303 County CS, Poynette, WI pursuant to notice.

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Matyska at 8:05 a.m.

A. Pledged of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

B. Announcements

1. Lunch Count/Attendance Sheet Circulation
2. Agenda Adjustment – None

C. Approval of Minutes from August 11, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting. Lil Pipping made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 11, 2012 meeting, seconded by Roxanne Taylor, motion carried.

D. Executive Committee Report - Carolyn Brown read the minutes from Friday night's meeting. Larry Vanderhoef made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Jack Nisson, motion carried.

E. Treasurer's Report (Highlights & Questions) – Pat Ramirez went over the report and the budget for 2013. The budget will be approved at the December meeting.

F. McKenzie Report- George Meyer reported on McKenzie as Ruth Ann Lee was unable to attend. Things may change but a further report will be given in December. Jim Huhn made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Rick Lazarczyk, motion carried.

G. President's Report –President Chuck Matyska discussed the 5-year plan which should be completed by the December meeting. Charlie Brown moved to accept Chuck's report, seconded by Larry Vanderhoef, motion carried.

H. Guest Reports:

NWF Report – Jason Dinsmore, the NWF representative for Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, introduced Minnesota Conservation Federation member Keith Blomstrom , also he is past president of the Minnesota Conservation Federation. They discussed the Asian carp issue and VHS, and also the need to bring more youths into wildlife.

I. Staff Reports

A. WWF Executive Director Report – Executive Director George Meyer discussed the wolf hunt issues. At this time there is a temporary injunction, that dogs are not permitted to be used in the hunt. There will be another hearing on December 20th. There are more wolves killed by farmers than hunters. George discussed the Green School Network which has gone from 2 schools to 9. George has an anonymous person who would like to give the funding of \$100,000 for three year, but they would like to be on the committee for the Green School Network. Ralph Fritsch made a motion to go on record to form a committee within the WWF, seconded by Russ Hitz, motion carried. It was discussed having someone from the Conservation Leadership Corps; of the Conservation Federation of Missouri attend our meeting in December. The Strategic Plan will be presented in December.

B. Office Report – We have received applications from Northern Wisconsin Hounds Men Association for membership. Ralph Fritsch made a motion to accept them as a new Club, seconded by George Borchert, motion carried. Russ Hitz brought in an application for the Friends of the St. Croix Wetland Management District, Don Gries made a motion to accept them as a new member, seconded by Lil Pipping, motion carried..

J. Break and CALENDAR DISTRIBUTION-A break was taken and then everyone broke into a committee meeting.

A. WWF Committee Meetings –

1. Environmental
2. Shooting Range
3. Inland Fisheries

K. Lunch Provided by WWF

L. WWF Committee Reports

1. Wildlife/State Affairs/Hunter Ed – Ralph Fritsch had a written report but he brought up two points. He tried to get a list of people who were awarded wolf permits. But 70% of the people requested not to be listed, in order to get the list, there is a cost of \$100. The Wisconsin Trappers are supportive of an increase of \$2.00 in license fees. Trapper education is an important part of their organization. Charlie Brown made a motion to be supportive of the increase, seconded by Rick Lazarczyk, motion carried..
2. Dog Committee - Andy Lewandowski –Andy had a written report and briefly discussed his report. Dan Gries made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Ralph Fritsch, motion carried
3. Forest, Park, and Rec. - Jerry Knuth – Jerry had prepared a written report, motion to accept the report was made by Jack Nisson, seconded by Andy Lewandowski , motion carried.
4. Waterfowl – John Wetzel – No report
5. Shooting Range – Al Pribnow/Bill Tollard – George Borchert stood in for Bill. They have plans to have two shooting seminars in 2013, one in spring and one in fall. These are a good way to get the youth involved in shooting competitions. Larry Laehn made a motion to have the two seminars, seconded by Gordy Merz, motion carried
6. Membership – Jack Nissen - Jack has been making three or four club visits each month. Rick Lazarczyk made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Dan Gries , motion carried. Jack is available to visit any Club and is focusing on one district at a time.
7. Calendar- Calendar – Lil Pipping - Chuck reported we need to sell more calendars in districts four and seven.
8. Banquet Committee - Ed Rollins - No report – Chuck reported a meeting was held August 25th in Wisconsin Dells. It was decided to have a special gun of the year made for every banquet. The company they had chosen to make the gun was not able to fulfill our order in time for a banquet in January. They are still looking for a supplier. The office will pay for the guns, and then each banquet would reimburse the office. Charlie Brown made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Dean B., motion carried.
9. Wisconservation – Dan Gries – Dan reported he has changed page two back to the way it was, listing District, Associates, etc. Jack Nisson made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Larry Laehn, motion carried.
10. Environmental- Betty Borchert –Betty report that Russ Hitz was named chairman of committee in their meeting this morning. George discussed the frak mining and the low cost \$20,000 per car

load. The DNR regulates this site by site. The motion is in the packet, Jack made a motion to accept the frac issue as printed seconded by Jim Huhn motion carried. Betty made a motion to accept the wetland general permit (printed) which Don Hammes made at their meeting this morning, second Dan Gries, motion carried. There is a written report on table, which a motion was made by Charlie Brown to accept, seconded by Dan Gries, motion carried.

11. Inland Fisheries - Larry Vanderhoef had no written report. He discussed contacting local state fishing organizations. He read a resolution from Minnesota promoting Asian carp barriers. There will be a resolution ready for December. Dan Gries made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Rick Lazarczyk motion carried
12. Endangered Resources - Chuck Matyska – Chuck reported there is not all that is happening. The DNR has put on the back burner changing endangered species list. Betty Borchert made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Charlie Brown, motion carried
13. Great Lake Fisheries - Larry Frietag - No report, George M. attended the Wisconsin Great lakes Fisheries meeting.
14. Education /Youth – Ruth Ann Lee -No report
15. By-laws/scholarships – Betty Borchert – Betty has had two meetings with students. Dave Lorenze may not be able to help on this committee, so if you have someone in mind, let her know. Betty is working on updating the by-laws. Rick Lazarczyk made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Russ Hitz, motion carried.
16. Awards – John Wagner - No report, but keep in mind people eligible to receive an award

M. Old Business - Andy Lewandowski reminded people to call on Senate Bill SB835 Puppy Mills. Jim Huhn brought up that any written report given or printed does not need to be voted on. It is just filed. If there are recommendations, they need to be voted on. The executive board will discuss this. Larry Vanderhoef brought up that a Copps store was going out of business in Stevens Point and asked if McKenzie could use a meat grinder. This will be referred to Jennifer Evans.

N. New Business – There was a concern over the poor attendance at last night's meeting. It was discussed that this is possibly because of dorm rooming. It was discussed to possibly move the meeting to nearby Portage and have the banquet at McKenzie next year. That way they wouldn't have to hurry to set up. This will be left up to the executive board. Don Hammes brought up the upcoming mining bill and to keep an eye on it.

P. Adjournment - Dan Gries made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary Dieck, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Carolyn Brown, Secretary

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