

Sunday, April 14, 2013

Chuck Matyska called the meeting to order at 9:00. Chuck gave a report of his appreciation of all the involvement of our members. There is an attached written report. Chuck then passed the gavel to the new President, John Wagner.

The minutes of Fridays night's meeting were read. Lil Pipping made a motion to approve, seconded by Roxanne Taylor, motion carried.

President John Wagner gave a brief report of his goals for the WWF, and presented the new board, 1st Vice President George Borchert, 2nd Vice President Bill Tollard, Secretary Carolyn Brown, Treasurer Pat Ramirez, and Past President Chuck Matyska. John told everyone that George Meyer will continue as Executive Director.

Committee Reports - Jack Nissen, membership chairman, has two meetings in July in Rusk County and made a motion that we will provide dinner for these meetings, seconded by Charlie Brown, motion carried.

Ralph Fritsch reported the Department will be releasing the numbers of the wolf population next Friday and will be addressing the 2013 numbers. Ralph will keep everyone informed.

Betty Borchert last week Friday presented 8 scholarships.

Lil Pipping discussed the calendars and if anyone wants to place an ad, this has to be done by the end of the month as the calendar will go to the printer. She is looking for ads for 10 spaces at \$75.00 a piece. Please contact Jennifer. One of the problems this year is the availability of guns from Gander Mountain. Dan Gries needs to have wanted ads in the 7th of the month 45 days in advance for the newspaper.

Old Business - George Meyer reported the Jim Huhn was awarded the Ron Gibbs Award for Excellence, from the Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers. Jim is retired from Watertown High school as a science teacher.

George Meyer discussed MacKenzie there was a bidder's conference at MacKenzie, which he and Don Hammes attended and gave a tour of the buildings and the grounds. There are many repairs that need to be done as three of the buildings are at least 30 years old and the rest of the buildings are 40 or more years old. Many of these buildings are in need of new roofs. There were eight bidders there but no one made a bid. George discussed the RFD and how it was written. WWF will continue until January as several schools have already signed up for their fall semesters but there will be changes and the capital reserve will be all used to operate until January. George will contact Keith Thiel and Scott Gunderson with an update. There will be an update at our June meeting. It can continue to be a school based center, with the animals and also a skills training and mentoring program. George questions where the funding for repairs will come from.

Don Hammes, who serves on a committee, discussed the Badger Army Ammunition Plant. George M. discussed what has been done there in the past. John thanked Don for doing an excellent job on his work towards MacKenzie.

New Business - Don Hammes discussed the pipeline of the oil that was found in Alberta Canada. Jason Dismore also discussed the issue, with the issues NWF is dealing with.. The oil is very thick and there is a lot of sand in the oil and the present pipeline was not designed to handle this and it will wear out the pipeline and it will be very costly to redo and recertify the pipeline.

Lil Pipping discussed setting the date for next annual meeting April 11 - 13, 2014. If we book this weekend, we are guaranteed the ball room on Friday night and the Promenade room for the weekend. Ralph made a

motion to set the date as Lil suggested and starting the meeting on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. seconded by Lil, motion carried. Also have available a list of the churches in the area as it is Palm Sunday.

Jerry Knuth reported that there is a large announcement on the Little Plover River issues, watch for media on Wednesday for good news.

John Wetzel made a motion to have our print of the year, Our Sporting Heritage, seconded by Lil Pipping, motion carried.

Next meeting will be at the Econo Lodge in Stevens Points, June 7th and 8th, 2013.

Doug Nelson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chuck Matyska, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Carolyn Brown, Secretary