

## **Wisconsin Wildlife Federation**

### **Board of Directors Meeting February 9, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.**

#### **Held at the Econo Lodge in Stevens Point**

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Matyska, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

An attendance sheet was circulated with a lunch count on the sheet.

Agenda Adjustment may be made later.

Approval of Minutes from December 2012 Board of Directors Meeting Jerry Knuth made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 2012 Board of Directors Meeting, seconded by Lil Pipping, motion carried.

Minutes from Friday, February 8th, 2013 Carolyn Brown read the minutes from Friday night's meeting. Roxanne Taylor made a motion to accept, seconded by Rick Lazarczyk, motion carried.

George Meyer introduced Jeff Merrifield.

Treasurer's Report - Ralph Fritsch went over the treasurer report which was approved Friday night.

President's Report – Chuck Matyska discussed that State Affiliate Directors need go back to their Clubs and report to them what is happening at the Federation on our issues. He discussed that the Executive Board discussed having the August Board Meeting a trip to Ashland and meet with the Bad River Tribe and visit the mine area. Thoughts are to meet in Stevens Point at noon on Friday, travel either by bus or vans. The trip is about a four hour trip. We would check into our hotel, and then possibly have a meal with the Tribe. Saturday morning we would meet with the Tribe and people involved with the mining issue, then take a tour of the mine area, which is 4 ½ miles long and a total of 22 miles. We would come back on Saturday night. It was brought up to possibly spend Saturday night and have a meeting on Sunday. Keith Pamperin suggested the Executive Committee make the arrangements and set this up and come back to the Annual Meeting with their discussion.

Guest Presentations: Jason Dinsmore was not able to attend our meeting but did send a written report.

#### **Board Issues**

1. Annual Meeting Information – Jim Huhn suggested that along with the registration to Clubs, an extra sheet be enclosed explaining what is expected of the Club Delegates responsibilities and how they fit into our organization.
2. Jacob Marty from Stevens Point University sent a letter of inquiry of obtaining a grant to support a coyote project they are wanting to have to give students experience with coyotes' using trail cameras. This is a one year project. Jack Nissen made a motion to support this project and send it over to the Scholarship Committee, Bill Tollard seconded, motion passed.

3. Issues Related to Gun Regulations -Bill Tollard's shooting committee met and discussed the gun regulations, and to take a stand on opposing the Feinstein Bill. Ralph made a motion to oppose the Feinstein Bill, seconded by Jerry Knuth, motion carried. Ralph made a motion to support the Second Amendment, seconded by Bill, motion passed unanimously.

#### Staff Reports

WWF Executive Director Report – Executive Director George Meyer - George distributed the flyer for the Annual Meeting. Director's room will be covered for two nights but they need to cover their registration and meals. Club delegates will have one night paid for and their registration but no meals. George went over the Legislative Summary Sheet; we will be kept up to date in the Wisconservation. George then went into some confidential issues.

Jennifer Evans has received applications from two Clubs to become members; Pumpkin Center Sportsmen's Club in Juneau County, which has a very active shooting range, also Breed Sportsman Club north of Suring with 25 members involved in trap shooting. Ralph Fritz made a motion to accept the new Clubs, seconded by Rick Lazarczyk, motion carried unanimously. There are now 182 clubs where 10 years ago there were 79.

#### Lunch Provided by WWF

#### WWF Committee Reports –

1. Membership – Jack Nissen discussed possibly inviting new clubs to come to their first meeting and paying for their lodging and meals for that meeting. Gary Dieck will be going to Prairie de Chien's open house; Don Hammes will be setting up a display. The materials are at MacKenzie. .

2. Endangered Resources – Chuck Matyska had a written report; he discussed the delisting of 16 species and adding 8 species.

3. Wisconservation –Jerry Knuth reported Dan needs articles for the Wiconservation.

4. Forest, Parks & Recreation – Jerry Knuth will have a meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> of February and with Ralph and Andy's committee meetings on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the public library 9:30

5, Environmental/Wetlands – Russ Hitz discussed AB1, SB1, and SB3 bills. Lil Pipping made a motion to oppose bills AB! & SB!, seconded by Dean Borofka, motion carried unanimously. This bill will be voted on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Larry Laehn made a motion to support SB3, seconded by Jerry Knuth, motion carried. Lil made a motion to write a letter to the Department to fully implement this bill, seconded by Jerry, motion carried unanimously.

6. Inland Fisheries – George Meyer read over bill AB6, but no action can be taken without Larry Vanderhoef and he was unable to attend. This will be brought up at the next meeting.

7. Youth Leadership – Lil Pipping – Lil had a written report. She went over the poster and the application. Applications will be sent to Jr. and Senior high schools and freshmen and sophomores in college.

8. Calendars – Lil Pipping - Lil had a written report but noted that we lost 19 distributors but gained 28 new ones. There are 39 spots open for ads in the 2014 Calendar.

9. Banquet Advisory – Ed Rollins reported there are invitations out and they had 315 at the winter banquet.

10. Wildlife Committee - Ralph Fritsch - Ralph had a written report. At his committee meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> they will review the DNR Hearing questions. Ralph had action item:

Action item 1. LRB 0784 – Ralph discussed Hunting Heritage Bill, he would recommend an amendment to take it back to the 2012.

Action item 2 AB7 – Jack Nissen made a motion to support AB7, seconded by Mike Meyer, motion carried.

Action 3 AB8 – Bill Tollard made a motion to support AB8, seconded by Gary Dieck, hand vote, motion carried.

Action 4 –Ralph discussed revisiting our stand on crossbows, this issue as to any age may use a crossbow during the Bow Season. Bill Tollard made a motion to support the use of a crossbow, seconded by Jerry Knuth, motion

Action 5 – Youth bear hunting tag usage –WWF has participated in a mentor program for terminally ill, handicapped or those suffering a serious illness. Seven tags were filled, three in Oconto County thru the Oconto County Alliance River Kids. Jack Nissen made a motion to give a tag to Keith Warmke’s youth program Learn to Hunt for one year, and we have a voice in the student chosen, seconded by Lil Pipping motion carried

11. Scholarships/By-Laws – Betty Borchert No report

12. Dog Committee – Andy Lewandowski – Written report- Andy has meetings with Kettle Moraine Area DNR and he is going to a meeting in Sauk County.

13. Awards – John Wagner reported that March 4<sup>th</sup> is the cut off for nominations. You need to do a write up on the nomination form and turn that in to the office. These awards are presented at the Annual Meeting.

14. Great Lake Fisheries –George Meyer discussed three items from the committee report, Lake Michigan fishing violations, revocation of licenses, fines assessed. There will be a meeting March 15<sup>th</sup> on Asian Carp. If anyone is going the Federation will pick up the tab for lunch. Gary Dieck is going and possibly John Wagner.

15. Waterfowl – John Wetzel –They will be having Waterfowl meeting in March 16<sup>th</sup>.

16. Annual meeting – Rick Lazarczyk briefly discussed the meeting. Door prizes and raffle items are needed.

Old Business - Lil Pipping discussed having all of the Club and State Affiliates dues, due at the same time. This will be discussed with Jennifer and the Executive Board. Jerry Knuth discussed having a seminar for Non-Profit groups concerning their status, and how it affects their reporting. Mike Meyer talked about having a range seminar in June or July.

New Business – Jack Nissen discussed having the roles of the directors and associates directors, explained to them. Lil Pipping made a motion to pay for Jacob and Leah's expenses the day of our meetings, seconded by Roxanne Taylor, motion carried. Ralph reported the proceeds for Randy's gun was \$204. Thank you to everyone for their donation.

George discussed that the Wisconsin Sporting Heritage Council will be having a meeting and the different slots and ad hoc slots will be filled. Ralph Fritz has been dominated for the Deer Committee.

A motion was made by Mike Meyer, seconded by Rick Lazarczyk to adjourn, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Brown, Secretary