

**NWTF State Board
Meeting Minutes
3/7/2010**

In Attendance: Directors Robert Burcham, Buddy Fry, Joe Sawmiller, Dave Williamson, Dave Wright, Dave Honeycutt, Cody Bell, Greg Keeton, Jeff Wright, Del Ghia, Jim Leezer, Matt McDermott, Antony Brooks, Jim Leffel, Mike Strawser, Joel Wood, Jim Sexton, Donnie Rogers, NWTF Staff: Skip Markland, Shawn Dickey, ODNR Mike Reynolds ,

1. Robert Burcham called meeting to order at 9:05am with a thank you to the board for 2 years of support. Buddy Fry thanked the board for their support which got him elected to the National Board.
2. Robert invited the board to the USSA legislative reception in Columbus 3/9/10. Board will not have to pay sponsorship for 2010. He also reported USSA would possibly want to hold a NWTF fund raising banquet in the future.
3. Robert reported that the Raven Rock chapter has resolved and has sent \$2000 to the state board. He also reported the Great Seal chapter needed startup money.
4. Robert pointed out that we had two qualified directors voted in in the 2010 election they were Jim Sexton and Cody Bell. Their term will end in 2013. There are 3 unfilled positions and it was discussed to fill with the candidates who were not elected. Jim Leffel is appointed to a term ending in 2011 (Buddys old position). Joel Wood is appointed to a term ending in 2011 (Dave Swansons old position). And Donnie Rogers to fill the position vacated by an unqualified candidate. Term to end 2013. Jim leezer moved to accept these appointments, Mike Strawser second. Motion passed.
5. 2010 Elections For President – nominating committee nominates. Jeff Wright and Joe Sawmiller. Dick Sorg motioned to close nominations. Del Ghia second. Ballot vote taken. Jeff Wright voted new president
Vice President, Nominating committee nominates Dave Williamson, Jim Leezer. Dick Sorg motioned to close nominations. Donnie Rogers second. Ballot vote taken.
Dave Williamson voted new Vice President
Treasurer, Nominating committee nominates Del Ghia. Dave Williamson motioned to close nominations. Del accepted the job.
Secretary, Nominating committee nominated Matt McDermott and Jim Leezer. Dick Sorg motioned to close nominations Cody Bell second. Ballot vote was taken.
Matt McDermott voted new Secretary.
2010 Officers seated.
6. Secretary's Report
Approval of January Minutes was moved by Jim Leezer, Seconded by Anthony Brooks.
Motion approved.

7. Treasurers Report

Del Ghia Reported the current account balance and presented the cash flow reports for the period of 3-1-2009 through 2-28-2010.

Del presented the proposed budget carried from last meeting.

Former President Burcham recommended the proposed budget be amended to cut the Governors Hunt Budget and increase the National board hunt budget. He also requested the Board reimburse RD Shawn Dickey for the new sound system that he had purchased for the amount of \$764.99.

Del made a motion to amend the proposed budget to reflect the changes, Matt McDermott Seconded. Motion Passed.

Dave Honeycutt made a motion to accept the amended budget, Robert Burcham Seconded. Motion Passed.

Buddy Fry recommended that Raven Rock Chapter funds turned over to the State Board be set aside in a separate account for Chapter Development purposes only.

Dave Williamson made a motion to establish a new "separate line item" with the funds of the disbanded River Rock Chapter to be used for Chapter development purposes only.

Dick Sorg Seconded. Motion Passed.

Jim Leezer moved to accept the Treasurers Report, Cody Bell Seconded. Motion Passed.

8. ODNR / Superfund Report.

Mike Reynolds presented the Ohio Superfund Report from 3-1-09 through 2-28-2010.

Mike presented the FY 2011 SF budget.

Discussions were had to review SF draw amounts to certain chapters and percentages dedicated to land acquisitions.

Robert made a motion to accept the 2011 SF report as amended, Dick Sorg Seconded. Motion Passed.

Del made a motion to approve the 2011 SF budget, Jim Leffel Seconded. Motion Passed.

Mike Reynolds reviewed the proposals for the 2011 Hunting Regulation Proposals.

Mike reported record Deer Harvest in 2009, 200,000+.

Mike discussed the Spring Turkey hunting projections and Jake and Gobbler availability and average percentages. About 70,000 gobblers available in Spring in any given year.

Mike noted that the check in procedures will remain the same for 2010 but should be Electronic check-in in 2011.

9. Regional Directors Report:

1. Skip Markland

- Spending at Banquets more at raffles than auctions
- Memberships are up
- Original Founder of the South Central Chapter passed away recently and Troy Conley was requesting a donation in his honor

Joel Wood moved to donate \$100 in his memory to the NWTF Legacy Program, Mike Strauser Seconded. Motion Passed.

2. Shawn Dickey
 - Excitement is up
 - Games are up at Banquets

10. Deer Turkey Expo

Floor was opened for final planning and preparations for the Deer Turkey Expo and Calling Contest. Dave Williamson has 2000 tickets printed for GOY and 1000 for the Call Makers Set.

Del made a motion to purchase a Parker Tornado Crossbow for raffle for \$200. Dick Sorg Seconded. Motion Passed.

Greg Keeton discussed details of the Calling Contest and has all things in order.

11. Wheelin Sportsmen

Skip announced the Maumee event winning the National award for last years event, too be awarded at the National Convention.

Dick Sorg discussed the upcoming Blue Rock State Forest Event, up to 20 turkey hunters.

12. Chapter Development

Jeff Wright presented an outline for the proposed 'Chapter Handbook'. He asked for comments by email before next meeting.

Skip discussed his upcoming Regional Meeting in Fostoria on September 19th.

13. WITO

Jim Leezer requested that he be CC'd from the RD's on all ticketed WITO events in the future. Jim urged all to try to attend the State Event at camp Muskingum in Carrol County this year.

14. Patches and License Plates

Matt McDermott reviewed current status and income from patch sales.

Joel Wood will put together mock license for Deer Turkey for advertisement.

15. Jakes

Dick Sorg reported that Emily Schaad of the WolfCreek Chapter won the State Scholarship out of 13 applicants.

16. Old Business

Dick Sorg reported that Tom Berger is no longer with Div. of Forestry. We need to contact Dave Lytle of the Division if we wish to have a representative with them. Jeff Wright indicated he would send them a letter.

17. New Buisness

Dick Sorg reported the details of Paul Bunyon Days, 1st weekend in October, he will bring costs for the available booths to the next meeting.

Dave Williamson inquired as to RVLB Chapter purchasing Troy's old trailer for \$400.00. Robert made a motion to sell RVLB Chapter the old trailer for \$400.00, Dave Honeycutt Seconded. Motion passed.

Jeff Wright asked the board to consider selling the old sound system. There are three old

systems and possibly sell two. Jeff will make up a list of Chapter Equipment and Fair Market Values for the next meeting.

Shawn Dickey asked the board for a \$40 donation for purchasing a box call for the retiring Division Three Supervisor for March 19th.

Del made a motion to buy a box call for the retirement gift, Jim Sexton Seconded. Motion Passed.

Matt McDermott asked the Board to consider the purchase of folders and flash drives for the new Committee chairmen to be able to better track from Chairman to Chairman over the long term.

18. Report from National Board Member, Buddy Fry

- Of 309 banquets to date; verbal auctions are down, silent and raffles are up.
- National is changing its logo to 'Heritage' instead of 'Hunting Tradition'
- There may have to be changes to the State Constitution to comply with new rules surrounding moving the NWTf 5013c status from Virginia to S.C.
- Jim Leezer will be the new Web Administrator and Buddy will notify Steve, our website provider.
- Is ready to introduce our Handbook at the National level when it is complete
- Will give the State Chapters .22 rifles and crossbow to Robert.

19. Next Meeting Dates announced

6-13-2010 at D-1 Headquarters

9-12-2010 Board Hunt/Meeting

20. Adjourn

Jim Leffle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:07pm, Dave Honeycutt Seconded. Motion Passed.