

**NWTF State Board
Meeting Notes
6/13/2010**

In Attendance: Directors Robert Burcham, Dave Williamson, Dave Honeycutt, Greg Keeton, Jeff Wright, Del Ghia, Matt McDermott, Antony Brooks, Jim Leffel, Mike Strawser, Joel Wood, Jim Sexton, NWTF Staff: Troy Conley, Shawn Dickey, ODNR Mike Reynolds ,

1. Jeff Wright called meeting to order at 9:29am
2. Secretary's Report
Matt McDermott presented the January meeting minutes. Minutes were reviewed and amended. Dave Williamson made a motion to accept the Minutes as amended, Second Mike Strauser. Motion Passed.
3. Treasurer Report
Del gave the current checking account balance (\$13,068.25) and reported that all invoices he has have been paid. He has not yet paid the In Memoriam motion passed the previous meetings. Troy to get him the proper spelling of Ores Menzer (sp) so the donation can be made. Del has not yet given the State any of the \$1.00 per patch sold for the feeding the hungry donation set up last year. He recommended that we would make a lump sum check for presentation to the Division at the end of the year. Del has still not received the check from the Gander Mountain sponsorship of this years Ohio State Calling Championships. They said it is in process. Dave Williamson will have an invoice for shipping for guns for the Deer Turkey. Jeff Wright asked the Board to reimburse River Valley Longbeards for paying for lunches at the Governors Hunt. Robert made a motion to reimburse the River Valley Longbeards \$250. Seconded Dave. Motion Passed. Dave Williamson will get an invoice copy to Del. Del brought up that a package of checks (numbers 1161 to 1190) were missing from the treasurer records that were passed on to him. He asked Robert to check one more time through his paperwork for them.
Dave Williamson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Second Mike Stauser Approved.
4. Super Fund Report
Mike Reynolds gave a Superfund report. The State Chapter is down to a (-\$12,089.32) balance. The 1st quarter deposits were up about 50% over last years. The Super Fund should be in the black by the September meeting. Mike commended everyone for the great work to getting the loan paid off this year. By the end of February the budget should be, with banquet projections, plus \$20,000-\$30,000
5. ODNR Report. Mike Reynolds
The State purchased REMA, 16,000 acres in Vinton County, will be called the Vinton

Furnace Experimental Forest. In about 1956, it is the original spot where turkeys were first released in Ohio. Mike urged Chapters to take part of the Operation Oak Program. When information comes out he will get it to the Board to filter down to the local Chapters. Mike also asked Board to promote online Brood Reporting form. Turkey permits have flat lined. There has been a 16% decline in Senior permits. Small Growth in the reduced priced Senior permits. Youth permits have been steady. Regular Spring turkey permits have been flat for the last 5 years. 2010 Spring Turkey harvest total is 23,421 (Second Highest all time). Youth season plus the first two weeks were 75% of the harvest. All day hunting does not seem to impact the harvest adversely.

6. Regional Directors Report

a. Troy Conley

- i. Pro Strutters are taking the place of Tri State.
- ii. Great Seal Chapter is back up and running
- iii. Another event in Meigs County. Trying to make them yearly.
- iv. Asked that Dwelly's Gun Shop be used instead of Vance's for State Awards Banquet guns.
- v. Tim Ratliff is now on Wildlife Council
- vi. The guns, bows and muzzleloaders are shown on NWTf inventory. Will let us know after Summer meetings and will get their info to Jim Sexton.

b. Skip Markland

not present.

c. Shawn Dickey

- i. Has had 23 banquets so far
- ii. He is +\$13,000.00 over this time last year in SF contribution
- iii Portage County Banquet was the only one in the 'Red' this year
- iv Working on getting banquets in Lorain and other counties now.

Took a recess from 10:25-10:34

9 Committee Appointments

Jeff commented on the list of committee appointments he had sent out. Asked for any comments or questions. None received.

11. Marketing Report: Joel Wood, Matt McDermott

Matt reported that Patch sales have been steady on the new. There are a limited supply of new ones (approx. 20+). Plenty of old patches still left. Some chapters are using as \$100 raffle package gifts. Joel presented custom labeled hot sauce/barbeque sauce for the state chapter. Six bottles would be a minimum order. Manufacture costs around \$4.50. Retails around \$8/bottle. The product could be marketed at Deer Turkey. Joel will get for Sept. an idea of how many bottles would need to be purchased for sale at the DT Expo based on the attendance. Also distributed vinyl and metal 'no hunting' style signs that can be produced. Sign manufacturing costs around \$1 each. He is talking to Budweiser about possible underwriting. Dave Williamson discussed a White Castle

coupons fundraiser that is available in area that have that restaurant.

13. Awards; Dave Williams

Wanted to get all of the information on the Awards and how they were issued. Shawn will work with Dave as it gets closer.

14. Chapter Development

Discussed the Hunting Heritage Super fund manual and asked everyone to try to print one off for use. Discussed all of the handbooks available from NWTf and bullet points of the chapter development handbook.

No Wheelin, JAKES or WITO Reports because Chairmen not available. Shawn commented on the two WITO events he has had recently.

15. Tech/Equipment; Jim Sexton

Jim asked the Rd's to help list their inventory of State Chapter owned equipment and qualify which items they used consistently. Jeff was going to send out an email for everyone to report all State Chapter owned equipment and report it back to Jim Sexton.

16. Events; Anthony Brooks

Greg Keeton thanked all of the people who helped with the State Calling contest. He is also planning to up prize monies in other classes as well as video the contest and sell the DVD's at the DT booth. Jeff was going to check with Leezer to confirm the venue for the Awards Banquet was booked and to see if a deposit was required. Del reported that a \$1000 down payment for next years DT booth was made.

17. Old Buisness

- Legacy Program: Del has received the information to issue the check.
- To check with Dick Sorg about who the new Div. of Forestry Rep. at the Sept. meeting.
- Shawn is still working on the Paul Bunyon days the 1st weekend in October. Sent out emails to local volunteers. He requested anyone available to help man the booth or who can help in the planning.
- Jeff asked all committee chairs to maintain a binder of all of their subcommittee items to be able to pass on to future chairmen.

18. New Buisness

- Biologist position details to be discussed at next meeting when more information is gathered from Randy Showalter.
- Leffel asked about how to start Archery classes in schools. Mike Reynolds discussed the process and the costs. Future SF monies could possibly be used to help Schools offset these costs. Jeff is going to get a booklet on the process and from Troy and will forward to Jim.

- Jeff Herrick received his retirement gift at the Board hunt.
- Jeff discussed the highpoints of the Superfund meeting and the possibilities with the projected positive balance.
- The License Plate fundraiser was discussed. Only about 30 of the 100+ signatures are complete enough to apply to the total needed. Troy has a Representative lined up to submit when the signatures compiled.

19. 2010 Meeting Dates.

March 7, 2010 Superfund 8am and Board meeting 9am at district 1 office

June 13, 2010 Superfund 8am and Board meeting 9am at district 1 office

September, 12, 2010 Chapter dove hunt Mt Orab Ohio Time TBD

Mike Strauser moved to adjourn, Seconded Del Ghia, meeting adjourned @ 11:58am