

**NWTF State Board
Meeting Minutes
03/10/13**

In Attendance: Dave Williamson (Pres.), Matt McDermott (Sec), Bill Suliks (Treas), Mike Reynolds(ODNR), Lee Crocker (RB), Anthony Brooks, Barry Coffing, Lew Teale, Keith White, Adam Hollobaugh, Charles Cleavanger, Heath Zwiebel, Shawn Dickey (RD), Jim Sexton, Shane McGrew, Eric Kirby, Jon Sorg, Ted Johnson, Gene Goodwin, Tracy Jacobs.

1. President Dave Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:10AM. Dave introduced new board member Tracy Jacobs. Adam will send Tracy a PDF of the 'Incoming Board Member' packet.

SECRETARY: Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. It was noted that the date was incorrect at the top of the Meeting Minutes. Minutes were amended to file. Bill. moved to accept the minutes as amended. Eric. Second. Motion Passed, Minutes approved as amended.

TREASURER REPORT: Bill discussed the State Banquet income/expenses. Using sales girl help next year was discussed. It was discussed *not* to use them again next year. Bill explained the proposed State Budget. The budget was discussed. Chuck made a Motion to approve the new State Budget. Seconded Heath. Motion approved.

Bill presented the Treasurers Report.

Anthony made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Seconded by Keith. Motion approved.

SUPERFUND REPORT: Mike discussed the SF report that was filed during SF meeting with whole Board.

WILDLIFE REPORT: Mike discussed the new hunting proposals. Mike discussed that 56 counties will be open for Fall hunting next year.

FORESTRY REPORT: Lee (new RB) gave a brief overview of Forestry items until new Forestry representative, Jeremy Shcerf, can attend a meeting. Mike was glad to have Lee on board as the new NWTF RB.

RD REPORTS:

Shawn discussed that the Banquet are strong and they are \$14,000.00 over budget so far for this year. Raffles are up, memberships are down. Guns are difficult to get right now. We have to utilize what we get as best we can.

YEARLY ELECTIONS

Elections for officers with term up this year were discussed and held as follows. Dave discussed that Jeff Wright had sent in a request to run for VP again. Matt made a motion to nominate Keith White. Matt made a motion to close nominations. Jon Seconded. Passed. Ballots were distributed. Mike Reynolds will count ballots. Jeff Wright was re-elected 8-6.

Anthony nominated Bill Suliks as Treasurer. No further nominations were taken. Chuck made a motion to Tracy seconded. Bill is nominated as Treasurer.
Jim nominated Anthony for Secretary. Eric Seconded.
Keith nominated Matt for Secretary. Tracy Seconded. Barry made a motion to close nominations. Seconded by Jim. Ballots were distributed. Mike Reynolds will count ballots. Matt was re-elected 12-1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: It was discussed that we need to get out and recruit candidates. We currently are out of applicants for the State Board.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: The revised Constitution has been sent to Bill Marvin for review. Dave has not heard anything yet and will check on it.

DEER AND TURKEY EXPO: Keith discussed the set up for the Deer Turkey. Chuck will be bringing the Take Aim trailer. They are giving us the space for the trailer for free. Chuck is handling all of the labor and organization for Take Aim. Shawn gave a list of the items ordered to sell at DT. The games and gun list were discussed. They will try to find a pistol in the \$400 range for the DT.

CALLING CONTEST: Dave discussed the Calling Contest details. Dave said Cabelas was sponsoring this year, as well as ZINK. He and Greg have everything under control.

WITO: Bill said the upcoming Grand River event is scheduled in May for anyone who wants to come/help.

WHEELIN SPORTSMAN: Shane will be Chairing the WS with help from Jim.

JAKES: Ted discussed the upcoming State JAKES day. We are half way to our max sign ups. Mike discussed an E newsletter by the Division for April. Everyone agreed that it would be great to get it into the newsletter.

SEED SUBSIDY: Dave went over the Seed Subsidy/Tree order forms that recently came out. There seem to be no issues so far.

TAKE AIM TRAILER: Anthony and Chuck discussed the trailer components and schedules. Dave said we saved almost \$3000.00 on purchasing the trailer locally. He has it going into get wrapped. They will get some fire extinguishers for each one if they are using gas/gas generators.

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: Shawn discussed the new Chapters that are starting up. Dave will send Adam some information so he can update the map online. Dave is going to ask Jeff to start looking into Regional Leadership meetings. Dave discussed that the SF committee approved June 14-16 for the National Leadership Conference for up to 20 people. Registration and lodging will be paid by SF.

TECH COMMITTEE/WEBSITE: Adam discussed the updates he has made to the website with Seed/Subsidy forms

AWARDS DINNER: Dave said when Jeff is at next meeting we can discuss changes or adjustments to the Banquet because he is in charge of it. Items to discuss will be salesgirls and number of 'comps'.

PARTNERSHIP HUNT: Gene Goodwin gave an update on the Partnership Hunt progress (flyer filed). Gene thanked people for their efforts in getting this done. It was discussed that the hunt may move around the State to showcase different regions. Gene discussed Ohio NWTF Shooting Committee.

OLD BUSINESS: Matt asked if we got the other 1/2 of a loan back. Bill said yes and it was listed in the treasurers report.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave discussed ideas to promote new Outreach events. Matt asked if we could 'poll' the Chapters to find out what the #1 reason they don't have an Outreach. Dave asked the Outreach chairman to get a questionnaire together and get it to him. ACTION ITEM.

Jon Sorg presented a power point on Federal Aid, Robertson Pittman Money, and possible partnerships. Mike discussed that the Budget was set and no matter what total money was available, the Division could only spend up to their spending limit. That would need to be changed by legislators.

Shane made a motion to approve \$150.00 Ohio call package for Randy. Seconded by Heath. Shawn will look into the calls and get to Dave who will write up a card.

USSA legislative reception is on March 19th for those who can try to attend.

Dave discussed the new SF split changed from 25% to 2.5%. The new rules give the most to the State. Dave said that other States are offering the local Chapters back up to 15% from the Outreach Fund. Dave wants to discuss how to pass a standing rule to offset the change and prevent Chapters from stopping having events. Discussion was held on how to work the details of this. It was discussed to make a standing rule that Chapter can apply for a grant for the additional money. Dave will talk to the other States and find out how they worded their motion and will distribute to the Board to review so we can vote on at next meeting. ACTION ITEM.

Dave asked about the NWTF logo being in the Digest. Mike will look into it and see if there is cost.

Next Meetings: June 2nd possibly at Cabelas in Columbus, Dave will send out information before meeting Superfund at 8am. If not it will be at Dist. One office.
Board Meeting at 9am

Motion to Adjourn by Jon. Seconded by Anthony. Motion Passed. Adjourned at 1:38pm.

