

Minutes for NCNWTF Board of Directors Meeting March 4 2018

Board members present were Robert Smith, Perry Bryant, Bill Collart, Roger Reynolds, Bonni Stephenson, Josh Chase, Richard Plattenberger, Ted White, Carl Dixon, Denver Holder, Ken Moore, Henry Smith, Howard Rumpfelt, Brent Phillips

Members not present were Wynn Smith, Greg Ward and Tony Quarino.

Visitors present were Chris Coxen, Rudy Simeone, Zac Morton, Chris Kreh, Terri Campbell, Le Campbell, Hannah Blische, Lindsey Bowers and JoEtta Holder.

Robert called meeting to order, welcomed all board members and guest. Thanked everyone for all the help on Saturday.

Ken Moore opened with prayer.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Members reviewed the minutes of the January 14, 2018 Board Meeting. Denver moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ken seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report

Henry went over treasurers report with limited time.

RB Update

Chris Coxen reported on fire learning in western NC that was tabled from the last board meeting. Ken made the motion to donate \$5000.00 to project. Denver seconded and motion passed.

Chris Coxen reported that he spoke with staff from the mountain office of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) about a funding request to support their Southern Blue Ridge Fire Crew. TNC provides all of the equipment and transportation needed to supply trained volunteer burners to assist on public land burns across Western North Carolina. The NC Wildlife Resources Commission and the Nantahala-Pisgah National Forests are their two biggest partners. Over the last three years, they have assisted on 22 controlled burns on nearly 11,000 acres, nine of which occurred on NC Wildlife Resource Commission high priority game lands. Each burn costs about \$2,600 for them to equip and transport an 8 man crew. TNC is in need of funding to keep this program going through the summer, and has requested \$15,000 from us in program support. TNC has raised \$80,000 in private and federal funds, so we would have over a 5:1 match if we choose to fund their program.

Richard asked could the pledge fund from Edgefield be used on this? Ken made the motion to use the pledge fund and approve the \$15,000 request. Bill seconded and the motion passed.

Chris Coxen also discussed a cooperative burn with WRC and NC State Parks coming up in March where they're going to ignite a controlled burn with a helicopter. The burn is on South Mountains Game land and South Mountains State Park. They've requested \$3,500 from us so we can go 50:50 on funding the helicopter. Richard made motion to fund the \$3,500.00 requested and Roger seconded. The motion passed.

Conservation Seed

Howard reported that seed corn would be here by 3-15-2018.

Howard then asked board to consider donating 1 bag of corn, 2 bags of beans and 2 bags of milo for food plots on the Howard Tuttle Educational Forest food plots. They hold youth hunts by permit only. Henry made motion to donate the seed and Perry seconded. The motion passed.

December raffle

Henry discussed the December gun drawing. The location for the drawing will be determined at a later date. 35,000 tickets have been printed for 2018.

New Business

NCWRC Wildlife Regulation Booklet/Add

Robert reported that he had received an email from Wynn about purchasing an ad in the 2018-2019 NCWRC Regulation books. After discussion, Richard made a motion to table until later, possibly next year. Carl seconded. The motion passed. Bill and Richard will research and report in June.

NCNWTF Museum

Brent reported that there was an opportunity at both Burr Mill Park and Bob Timberlake Gallery for a NCNWTF museum. After discussion Henry made motion to pursue the Bob Timberlake Location. Motion was seconded and passed. Brent will move forward and report in June meeting.

State Youth Turkey Hunting Photo Contest

Robert discussed possibly having a JAKES photo contest similar to what Virginia has on Facebook. Robert recommended that the idea be considered for future years.

WITO - WOW Event

Robert reported that Bonnie will be WITO State Coordinator and that Terri Campbell will be over the eastern part of the state and JoEtta Holder will be over the western half for the WOW event. This year's WOW event will be in Onslow County on Sept 29th.

State Sponsor Banquet

Zac discussed that the sponsors only Banquet will be Sept. 15th in Burlington again with tickets being reduced and possibly doing all sales on line. He also asked about doing a 5-10 gun board for this year's event with presales.

New Committees

Robert discussed committees. He then nominated the following individuals to serve on the Nominations Committee: Richard Plattenberger, Wynn Smith, Bill Collart and Brent Phillips with Howard Rumfelt serving as chair. Henry made motion to accept and Josh seconded. The motion passed.

Robert presented the following for committees for the coming year.

Hunting Heritage Committee

Howard Rumfelt – Chairman

Henry Smith
Carl Dixon
Roger Reynolds

Constitution and Bylaws Committee
Richard Plattenberger – Chairman
Carl Dixon
Denver Holder
Roger Reynolds

State Awards Committee
Ken Moore – Chairman
Josh Chase

National Awards Coordinator
Denver Holder

Save the Hunt Coordinator
Wynn Smith

WITO Coordinator
Bonni Stephenson

WOW Co-Chairs
East – Terri Campbell
West – JoEtta Holder

State and National Scholarship Coordinator
Ted White

State Jakes Coordinator
Bill Collart

State Wheeling Sportsman Coordinator
Perry Bryant

Southeast Call Makers Competition Coordinator
Ted White

Tarheel Open Calling Championship Coordinator
Brent Phillips

Constitution and ByLaws

Robert discussed the two changes that have been made to the NCNWTF ByLaws.
Ken made the motion to accept changes and Richard seconded. The motion passed.

June and September Board Meetings

June 23-24 – Western part of the state

September 30 - Onslow County

Ken made motion to adjourn and Henry seconded. The motion passed.

Wynn Martin Smith, Secretary