



Minutes for NCNWTf Board of Directors Meeting June 25, 2016

Members in attendance were Richard Plattenberger, Carl Dixon, Wynn Smith, Ken Moore, Tony Stallings, Tony Quarino, Howard Rumpfelt, Perry Bryant, Bonni Stephenson, Brent Phillips, Jeff Park, Bill Collart, Greg Ward, Ted White and Robert Smith.

Henry Smith and Richard Conley were unable to attend.

Guests in attendance were Zac Morton, Shawn Jenkins, Brad Miller, Chris Kreh, Sharon Phillips, Jim Vickers, Abby Shingleton, Vickie Bryant, Bryan Perry, Dave Mahlke, Marvin Hartley and Lynn Lewis-Weis.

The meeting was held at the Turkey Center, Edgefield, SC.

1:30 pm: Richard called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. He extended a huge thank you to President of the National Board, Marvin Hartley and other national staff present for their hospitality and use of the facilities.

Ken opened with a prayer.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Members reviewed the minutes of the March 6, 2016 Board Meeting. The minutes were amended to reflect the attendance of Ted White and Greg Ward. Ken motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Jeff seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurers report:

In Henry's absents Richard presented the Treasurers report as follows:

Checking Account Balance: \$36,360.48

Seed Account: \$35,134.83

Balance: \$71,495.31

Accounts Managed by Edgefield:

Superfund Account \$158,897.94

Outreach Account \$17,486.79

Capital Account \$83,000.00

Balance Edgefield Acct. \$186,315.36

Total Funds Available \$330,880.04

Ken moved to approve the report. Perry seconded and the report was approved.

R D Report:

Zac reported banquet dollars, thus Superfund dollars, are up by almost 20% over last year. He stated that between Dec. 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 Superfund dollars are \$107,812 compared to the same period one year ago of \$83,484, an increase of \$24,328. He credits new banquets, chapter development and 2016 sponsor incentives. He reported sponsor memberships are up by almost 150 to date, placing NC number four in the nation and contributing an additional \$7300 to the Superfund.

Zac also reported on a new "Save the Hunt" reporting policy. He stressed any members that may have mentored any non-registered hunt/hunts since 2012 can now go on-line to the NWTf web site www.NWTf.org and report them. All hunts reported will be credited to the state Save the Hunt initiative.

Zac spoke about the 2016 State Sponsor Banquet to be held in Burlington August 20, 2016. He distributed the mailer that will be sent to all sponsors. All sponsors will be eligible for the first set of Henry rifles but do not have to be present to win.

Sponsors wishing to attend the banquet must register to be entered into a lottery limited to the first 125 members. The winner of the second set of Henry rifles must be present to win.

Dave Mahlke, VP of Volunteer Relations, talked about plans for a new chapter incentive program. He also spoke of plans for a national leadership conference to be held in Edgefield, SC October 13-16, 2016. Registrations are due by August 15, 2016.

Brad Miller reported on the Yellow Creek Property that was acquired in late 2015. He covered initial plans for the 900 acre property persisting of timber harvest and habitat enhancement.

Lynn Lewis-Weis, Regional Biologist Supervisor, also commented on the Yellow Creek Property and its diverse potential.

She also announced Brad would be leaving the NWTf to advance his career. She spoke highly of Brad's work here and wished him well with his new endeavor. She voiced expectations of his replacement being in place by early September.

Richard Plattenberger presented Brad with a Tony Quarino box-call as a token of appreciation from the State Chapter.

Chris Kreh, NCWRC Biologist, reported the second highest spring harvest in NC history, second only to 2013.

Chris followed-up on a Lymphoproliferative Disease Virus (LPDV) study. In 2015 the NCWRC staff, with the cooperation of turkey hunters in NC, collected 759 samples from harvested birds. The study revealed that there is about a 50% chance of all birds being exposed to LPDV. Chris likened LPDV to the common cold to humans, saying "it is not likely a major issue at the population level."

Chris also gave an update on the Gobbling Chronology study conducted this past spring. He reiterated this is a pilot year and very early into a multi-year study. The objectives of this year are to familiarize themselves with the recorders, learn where to place recorders for best results and ultimately gather some important baseline data. He said it was too early to look at preliminary data but he hoped to have something in the next few weeks.

Seed Subsidy Report:

Howard reported the program went extremely well so far. He said he was waiting for a load of wheat but had already received one truck load of corn and one truck load of beans. He reported about thirty-five bags of corn remaining and approximately 140 bags of beans.

December Raffle:

Bonni reported about 5000 tickets are out. Wynn noted tickets can now be purchased on-line.

Save the Hunt Report:

Wynn confirmed the dates for the State WITO (WOW) for August 26-28 at Lake Logan in Canton, NC. She said registration is open and the cost per member will be \$150 and will cover all meals, two nights lodging, tee shirt and membership. Additional sessions have been added to the normal list including canoeing, hiking, fly fishing, bee keeping and bee's wax candles.

Wynn also expressed the importance of registering mentored hunts. She asked all Board members to follow up with local chapters.

Old Business:

Richard is still trying to get information on refurbishing turkey decoys.

Richard P. reported 10 applications had been received for Shooting Team grants. Ken agreed to chair a committee to recommend 4 applicants to the board for approval for the four \$500 grants.

Richard also reported the Turkey Hunter 101 classes drew over 1300 participants this year, up from the 1200 last year. He said the classes for the coming year will be condensed to 3 hours and the Beginners and Advanced classes will be the same night.

New Business:

The 2016 National Leadership Conference: Richard said we are allotted 25 slots. There were eleven Board members interested in attending. Zac and Shawn agreed to contact local chapter leaders, especially new chapters, and let Richard know how many are interested in attending.

DDC: There was discussion about the Call Makers Competition and it was decided to continue with it another year and Richard agreed to continue to chair the event.

It was agreed to order 1250 box-calls for the JAKES.

September Board Meeting: Sept. 10, 9:00 am in Siler City. Brent will make arrangements for the venue.

State Leadership Conference and Awards Banquet: January 20-22, 2017 in Atlantic Beach.

More information to come.

5:00 pm: Ken moved to adjourn. Bonni seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Robert J. Smith, sec.