



Minutes for NCNWT Board of Directors Meeting June 13, 2015

Members in attendance were Richard Plattenberger, Henry Smith, Carl Dixon, Wynn Smith, Ken Moore, Bill Collart, Tony Stallings, Tony Quarino, Jonathan Brown, Howard Rumfelt, Perry Bryant, Brent Phillips, Jeff Park and Robert Smith.

Bonni Stephenson and Richard Conley were not present.

Guests present were Vickie Bryant, Rita Plattenberger, Martha Smith, Lynn Lewis-Wies, Chris Kreh, Gary Peters, Brian Perry, Zac Morton, Brad Miller, Debbie Le Gette, and Glenn Tanis.

The meeting was held at the Tyson Lodge in Pageland, SC.

9:00 am: Richard called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and guests.

Ken opened with a prayer.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Members reviewed the minutes of the March 1, 2015 Board Meeting. The minutes were amended to include Brent Phillips and Jeff Park present for the meeting. Ken motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Jeff seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurers report:

Henry gave the Treasurers report:

Checking Account Balance: \$20,703.24

Seed Account: \$31,324.84

Balance: \$52,028.08

Accounts Managed by Edgefield:

Superfund Account \$128,697.26

Outreach Account \$27,412.19

Capital Account \$47,000.00

Shooting Fund \$00.00

Balance Edgefield Acct. \$203,109.45

Total Funds Available \$255,137.53

Jeff moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Ken seconded and the report was approved.

R D Report:

Zac reported that Superfund revenue from banquets is down approximately 10% from this time a year ago although regular and sponsor memberships are up. He expressed little concern as there are still some good banquets that have not yet been reported as well as some new chapter banquets on the schedule. He also expressed kudos to the efforts of the new western R D, Shawn Jenkins. Zac said he is doing a very good job with banquets and showing promise with a couple of new banquets ticketed.

R B Report:

Lynn Lewis-Wies, Conservation Field Supervisor covering Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, thanked the Board for extending an invitation to attend the meeting. She reiterated the point of Brad now being our Regional Biologist and main point of contact. She explained that Gary's responsibilities may be shifting primarily to SC and Georgia.

Brad presented documentation for an application process for soliciting habitat projects from other NGO's and state and federal agencies. He explained that the process includes guidelines and instructions for filling out an application and subsequent reporting's should the project be funded.

Brad also spoke of developing a process for keeping the STH initiative moving forward. He suggested educating local chapters with some type of work-shops or adding brief discussions to planned events, i.e. hunts and outreach events. It was also suggested to include this in the Turkey Hunting 101 seminars.

The consensus of the board was favorable of these recommendations.

Turkey Project Leader's Report:

(See Attachment A)

Conservation Seed Report:

Howard expressed concern with the lack of cooperation in Edgefield. The seed coordinator has been asked numerous times for shipping costs prior to shipment but she cannot furnish that information. This makes pricing the seed to members extremely difficult.

Howard also expressed concern with an issue of a local chapter ordering half of a load of soy beans without the knowledge of the State Chapter. This is not the first time this particular chapter has ordered large quantities of seed and was unable to move all of the seed. Upon

inquiring about the shipment Howard was informed an RD approved the order therefore the seed coordinator processed the order and delivered the seed.

The current process for seed orders requires all conservation seed coming into NC to be ordered through the State Chapter. Subsequent to knowledge of this issue the chapter and RD in reference were reminded once again by Richard Plattenberger of this process and were informed the Board expected strict adherence going forward.

Howard said the order process is not without flaws but is still working well. He suggested orders being placed earlier would help improve the process.

December Raffle:

Bonni could not be present but she had spoken to Richard P. and reported there were about five thousand tickets in circulation. She conveyed there had not been a lot of requests during the summer months for tickets but she predicted requests would increase after school starts.

Henry reported on the 2014 Raffle stating there were 18,000 tickets sold resulting in the gifting of 94 prizes, \$21,000 going to the RD's and \$31,000 net revenue to the State Chapter.

Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt:

Wynn indicated the main focus presently is more activities that offer more opportunities. She expressed a desire to get more chapters involved in mentoring hunts and similar activities in the coming year.

She expressed gratitude to those participating in the Turkey 101 seminars and making them hugely successful. She reported there were 8 locations, 17 seminars with 1377 participants yielding 267 people pledging to mentor a new hunter within 1 year and the NCWRC will follow-up with them and ask if they mentored someone for our records for Save the Hunt.

Wynn said plans for the State WITO event is scheduled for September 18-19 in Wilmington. The New Hanover County Law Enforcement Training Center in Castle Hane has been secured for the venue. The weekend's event will begin on Friday evening at the Motel with a reception. Saturday's events will start with a key note from Brenda Valentine followed by break-out sessions. A banquet will be held that evening also at the NHCLETC. Bobby Trantham has agreed to take care of meals for the banquet. She also requested solicitation of donations for the banquet.

Wynn reminded everyone to mark their calendar for December 4-6 for the State Leadership Conference at Bass Pro Shops in Concord.

She reported we had received a request to participate in the National Hunt and Fish Day at Lake Wheeler in Raleigh on September 26th. She asked for volunteers to attend the event and man a BB range.

Old Business:

Prescribed Fire Trailers: Already approved, Brad to be coordinating outfitting trailers.

Forest Service No-Till Drill: Tabled

Suggs Mill Pond Project: Completed

Wayne Bailey Museum: Not in the works yet.... Richard agreed to request an update

New Business:

Threat to open NC Turkey Season earlier: Agreed to wait until formal action occurs.

Jeff suggested we obtain some type of token to present to conservation seed cooperators. The Board agreed and Jeff volunteered to handle the project.

Hillsboro Saltwater Fishing Club Tournament: Tony moved to decline taking-over the tournament. Jeff seconded and the motion passed.

Brent asked about sponsoring this year's PBR event. Jeff moved to donate \$500 to sponsor the event. Bill seconded and the motion was approved.

The September Board Meeting will be September 20 in Wilmington, NC following the WOW event. More specific info to follow.

2:15 Jeff moved to adjourn. Tony seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Robert J. Smith, sec.