



Minutes for NCNWT Board of Directors Meeting March 5, 2017

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

Zac Morton, Shawn Jenkins, Chris Coxen, Jessie Powell and Luke Huffines were also present.

Members not present were Henry Smith, Greg Ward, Brent Phillips and Howard Rumpfelt.

The meeting was held at the Jim Graham Building in Raleigh, NC during the Dixie Deer Classic.

8:00 am: Richard called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He thanked everyone for helping with the weekend's activities and expressed our appreciation for the support from the local chapter volunteers.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Members reviewed the minutes of the January 22, 2017 Board Meeting. Jeff motioned to approve the minutes, Ken seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurers report:

It was agreed to forego the Treasurers report due to Henry's absents and time constraints.

R D Report:

Zac reported all banquets to this point are up from one year ago.

New Business:

Superfund requests:

1) Chris Coxen reported on recent requests for cooperative funding for the Maggie Valley Acquisition Project. This will be the final parcels acquired to complete the approximate 2400 acres to be managed by the NCWRC. During our January 2017 Board meeting we committed \$500 for the project.

Chris presented documentation identifying other cooperative NGO's and Governmental agencies and their monetary commitments to this project. He stressed the importance and benefits of participating in this acquisition as this will be the first public access to Elk hunting in North Carolina.

After discussion, Ken moved to increase our funding to \$20,000. Bonni seconded and the motion was approved.

2) The Brunswick County Longbeards Chapter presented a request for \$900 to purchase lime and fertilizer to maintain two food plots located on two NCWRC game lands parcels in Brunswick County. The plots were established through previous Superfund projects and total approximately 5 acres.

Jeff moved to fund the \$900 request. Ken seconded and the request was approved.

3) Chris Coxen presented a Superfund request from Mr. Johnny Wills, zone biologist on the Nantahala National Forest. He requested \$3500 in funding to help purchase a Landepride RC 5610 batwing mower attachment to be used on U.S. Forest Service equipment on the Nantahala Ranger District. This equipment will be used to maintain approximately 650 acres of existing wildlife openings over the next several years.

Bill moved to fund \$3500 toward the purchase. Ken seconded and the request was approved.

4) Chris also presented a request for cooperative funding for the NC Prescribed Fire Council Meeting, September 6-7 in Asheville. This meeting is a joint effort with the Consortium of Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientists. The \$2000 request is for sponsoring a game lands field trip including visits to the WRC Green River Game Lands and the site of the 2016 Party Rock Fire.

This request was tabled pending additional information.

Richard P. introduced two members of the NCSU Chapter, Luke Huffines and Jessie Powell. Jessie expressed an interest in attending some type of leadership conference involving other college chapters to share information and ideas and to possibly encourage more college chapter development. She also requested funding assistance for two members of her chapter to attend the national convention.

After considerable conversation and recommendations the consensus of the board was, this is an excellent topic for consideration and warrants further discussion and input from Edgefield. Richard P. said he would talk with some folks in Edgefield.

This request was tabled for additional information.

Wynn reported She, Zac and Shawn almost daily field questions about the web site because it is not mobile friendly. She requested \$2500 to have the entire web site redesigned to make it mobile friendly.

Ken moved to fund \$2500 for conversion of the web site. Jeff seconded and the motion was approved.

9:10 am: Ken moved to adjourn. Bill seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Robert J. Smith, sec.