



Minutes for NCNWTF Board of Directors Meeting September 13, 2014

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

Bonni Stephenson was not present.

Visitors present were Evan Stanford, Gary Peters, Brad Miller, Sharon Phillips, Zac Morton and Chris Kreh.

9:00 am: Richard called the meeting to order. He welcomed Board members and guests and thanked all for attending. He also thanked Jeff, Jonathan, Andrea, Perry, Vicki, Scott and his parents for hosting the cook-out for us on Friday evening.

Ken opened with a word of prayer.

Members reviewed the minutes of the June 21, 2014 Board Meeting. Jeff moved to approve the minutes. Ken seconded and the minutes were approved.

Henry gave the Treasurers report:

Checking Account Balance: \$35,411.66

Seed Account: \$26,357.13

Balance: \$61,768.79

Accounts Managed by Edgefield:

Superfund Account \$47,962.65

Outreach Account \$16,117.88

Capital Account \$47,000.00

Shooting Fund \$50.00

Balance Edgefield Acct. \$111,130.53

Total Funds Available \$172,899.32

Jeff moved to approve the Treasurers report. Ken seconded and the report was approved.

RD's Update:

Scott was unable to attend. In his absence, Zac reported Scott would be taking on additional responsibilities as RD for Western Virginia and there is presently a position open for an RD for Central and Western NC.

Regional Biologists Report:

Gary introduced Brad Miller whom was recently assigned Regional Biologist for Tennessee and NC. Brad said his responsibilities at present are mainly focused on the Golden Winged Warbler project over five states. He is also working with private land owners to do habitat improvement through the newly developed Private Lands Delivery Program.

Turkey Project Leader Report:

Evin reported the summer brood survey is complete, ending August 31. A new online portal was developed to allow the general public to report observations. The NCWRC sent out a news release asking for input and received phenomenal results. The full report should be out by mid-October but preliminary numbers look to be down again this year.

He also reported there were no regulation proposals from staff for this cycle.

In August the State Chapter requested the NCWRC put together an internal agency review committee for superfund proposals. Evin reported the superfund proposal violation committee met on August 31 with eight proposals presented, not all from gamelands staff, but all were written to use NWTF money to capture PR match for Federal Aid money. So the State Chapter is being asked to fund 25% of the project dollars. In order to apply funds to PR match two changes will have to occur. The payment will have to go directly to the NCWRC and it will have to come in the same physical year as the purchase is made.

Evin introduced his replacement as new turkey project leader Chris Kreh. Richard welcomed Chris and expressed our pleasure as we look forward to working with him and continuing our partnership with the NCWRC.

And for the tremendous amount of work and dedication Evin has done, not only for the NCNWTF but for the Wild Turkey in NC, on behalf of the State Chapter, Richard presented Evin the Wayne Bailey Award. We wish Evin well with his new duties with the NCWRC.

Conservation Seed:

Howard reported the wheat is here. We received 858 bags with a surplus of 208 bags. He also said there are possibly 2/3 more drop sites for seed. The details are still being worked-out.

Habitat Signage:

Tony researched signage cost and availability for habitat projects. He found that an appropriate size of 24"x36" with SHSH, NWTF logo and chapter recognition would cost \$40.25. The signs can be ordered in any quantity and shipped to multiple sites if necessary. Carl moved to approve the sign and to order as needed. Jeff seconded and the motion passed.

Gun Raffle:

In Bonni's absence, Richard said she had distributed about 13000 tickets and Brian had previously distributed 2000. He expressed a need to push raffle ticket sales.

Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt:

Wynn asked that we pass the word to local chapters to fill out reports and keep records of their events and get that information to her so we can document what we are doing. She will attend the national SHSH weekend in Edgefield October 16-19.

The WITO event had 35 ladies attend and was very successful. The event produced interest and plans for a chapter in Granville County. It also produced 30 new memberships and a lot of positive feedback on the Facebook page. The banquet grossed \$5,600 and should contribute approximately \$1,000 to the Superfund and a net profit of around \$500.

New Business:

Richard proposed we send all of the officers to the National Convention.

Bill moved to send all of the officers to the National Convention. Perry seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Richard announced Brandon Lyon was selected for Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Richard said he has not been able to contact Bruce to confirm the DDC. We are assuming it will be as usual.

The State Leadership Conference and Awards Banquet is scheduled for December 12-14 at Bass Pro Shops in Concord. The State Chapter will pay for two nights lodging for one member from

each chapter and if an additional member wants to attend there will be a cost for that. Wynn has sent out a survey asking for topics to be covered.

Richard said Jonathan and Andrea are prepared to produce the news letter but they need content.

Superfund Requests:

US Fish and Wildlife Service Request- This year is the first year since 2010 there is good Long Leaf Pine seed production in the Uwharrie National Forest. They have enough funds to collect 80-90 bushels of cones and would like to collect 150-200 bushels. That converts to about 450,000 seedlings which converts into a little over 1,000 acres of Long Leaf Pine habitat. They agreed to print the NWTF logo on the boxes. It was agreed that we need some additional exposure on this project.

Henry moved to fund \$2,500 for the request. Ken seconded and the motion passed.

Nantahala National Forest, Tusquittee and Cheoah Ranger District project proposals: Requested funding for a seed drill and reestablishment of a 10 acre food plot. The request for the seed drill funding was tabled until more information on possible cooperative funding and drill size could be obtained.

Ken moved to fund, contingent on supplying product or funds, for the 10 acre plot, not to exceed \$3,796. Jeff seconded and the motion passed.

NCWRC presented eight proposals for 25% financing on total project costs.

Suggs Mill Pond	\$17,027.26
Troy crew seed drill	\$4,000.00
White Oak Game Lands	\$2,615.25
Whitehall Plantation	\$3,160.06
Holly Shelter- Pender	\$6,013.94
Juniper Creek	\$2,148.22
Pisgah	\$1,250.00
Uwharrie	<u>\$1,250.00</u>
Total	\$37,464.73

Carl moved to fund all eight of the requests. Ken seconded and the motion passed.

1:30 p.m. Jeff moved to adjourn. Bill seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Robert J. Smith, sec.