

Wisconsin Waterfowl Association

Board of Directors Conference Call - Monday, February 23, 2015

Board Members present: John Greene, Randy Helbach, Al Klug, Rob Monette, Russ Olson, Pat Smith, Peter Strenn, Bruce Urben. Excused: Joe Gonyo, Joe Porten, Eric Urben, Jesse Beske. Absent: Ryan Zankl. Staff present: Don Kirby & Kelcy Boettcher.

Agenda:

- **7:00 pm - Financials Update**
Don went over financials and the status of the 2015 budget which has now been finalized and will be emailed out to the board for an electronic vote. 2014 financials have been finalized and January financials were updated to reflect.
- **7:15 pm - Governor Walker DNR Budget Discussion**
WWA has signed on to a letter put together by the WWF, in support of changing Governor Walker's budget proposals back to what they were, particularly in regards to the DNR scientific positions, Stewardship funding and the Natural Resources Board. Discussion was had amongst the board on their opinions on each issue. Don suggested we put together a position piece for the March 2nd eNewsletter to inform our membership of the position we've taken to date.
- **7:25 pm - DNR Hunter Recruitment Grant Update**
The third in-person meeting of the group was held on Sunday, February 22nd and Don felt much progress was made. Don is working on putting together a second draft of a brochure, which will be emailed out to the board, and it includes event dates. Everyone left the meeting with tasks to complete and in about 30 days the planning and execution will ramp up, especially once the Twin Rivers group has finished their banquet. Bruce stressed that all board members should strive to participate in any of the events they are able to.
- **7:35 pm - 2015/2016 Conservation Calendar Updates**
We did complete the 2015 calendar with sales exceeding the prior year, however we are still waiting on PF to finalize their sales and turn over the balance of their funding. Al updated the board on potential plans for a 2016 calendar.
- **8:00 pm - Website Update**
As Joe was unavailable for the call, this item was postponed to the next call.
- **8:05 pm - Executive Committee Change**
Bruce went over the current structure of the Committee as per our Bylaws, which allow, at the discretion of the board, to add two additional directors of the board as members at-large outside of the officers and immediate past president, who constitute the Committee. Bruce has asked Rob to become a member of the Committee and Rob has agreed. A vote will be put into place at the next Executive Committee conference call.
- **8:10 pm - Board/Chapter Liaison Update**
Due to recent changes in the board membership and a new chapter addition, Bruce has requested that we update the listing to assign board members to chapters. We need to assign the Fox River, Appleton/Valley, Manitowoc/Lakeshore and Sheboygan chapters with a liaison. Peter volunteered to take on the Valley chapter, Randy has agreed to be the contact for Sheboygan, and Bruce will wait until an upcoming call to assign Lakeshore and Fox River.
- **Upcoming Events/Board Clothing**
Bruce went over the list from the agenda of the upcoming events for the organization. Don has asked a new embroidery contact to quote a black, wicking polo shirt for board members interested, cost of \$22. If the board would send their sizes to Kelcy we will place the order.
- **Chapter Financial Guidelines**

Due to feedback from a current chapter, Bruce has asked Don to work on putting together a draft document outlining how chapters should handle financials/money counting, etc.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 pm