

## **Wisconsin Waterfowl Association**

### **Board of Directors Conference Call - Thursday, June 26, 2014**

Board Members calling in: Joe Gonyo, John Greene, Al Klug, Rob Monette, Russ Olson, Joe Porten, Pat Smith, Bruce Urben, Eric Urben. Excused: Joe Gonyo, Tom Krsnich. Staff calling in: Don Kirby, Kelcy Boettcher.

#### **Agenda:**

- **7:00 pm - Financials Update**

Don went over the emailed financials and ED report, we're still behind on wrapping up some of our spring events. Our Madison golf event has now been scheduled for August 6. The endowment fund has been opened with the Green Bay Community Foundation.

- **7:10 pm - 2015 Conservation Calendar progress update**

The Parker crossbows have been received and we have secured bows from Mathews again for 2015. We still need to secure additional ads but have determined we are still able to use the new printing company to save costs. Don reports that he is hopeful the calendar can be printed by Labor Day.

- **7:15 pm - August 16 Board Meeting Conflicts**

We currently have three events that we will need board staffing for on the same day that the August board meeting is currently scheduled for, set to occur after the Calling Competition. Due to the very busy event/staff month of August the board discussed cancelling the meeting at this time, with the thought that, if needed, a conference call could be scheduled. Pat motioned, Russ seconded, to cancel the August meeting at this time. Motion passed unanimously.

- **7:25 pm - 2015 Annual Meeting Plan**

We generally had good feedback on the revised format for the 2014 Annual Meeting and would like to move forward with a similar format for 2015. Bruce would like the chapter mentors to also reach out this year to encourage attendance by their mentored chapters. Discussion was had on different options to potentially make the meeting more attractive to attendees and, at this time, Eric has asked to table any decisions as he'd like to bring a new proposal to the executive committee at their July conference call.

- **7:40 pm - Update on late July, August, September activities and opportunities for Directors to participate**

Don updated the board on the summer events, including two new-to-July events of Hudson on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 3-day Wild Wings shoot on July 25-27<sup>th</sup> which Rob and Al are running. Contact Don in the week after the 4<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in helping at any events. We then have the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fox Valley Golf Outing on July 30<sup>th</sup> where we appear to have enough volunteers but if any board members would like to golf please register as soon as possible. August 6<sup>th</sup> is our new Madison Golf Outing. August 9<sup>th</sup> is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Outdoor Event at Scheels in Appleton. If anyone is interested in helping volunteer at the booth, let John Greene know ASAP. August 16 & 17 is the Cabela's GB waterfowl weekend and if we could have a booth presence on Saturday it would likely be highly beneficial due to the high volume of attendees. August 16 is also our

state calling competition and the GB chapter's Abrams shoot which has staff and many board members already working that day.

- **Non-Toxic Shooting Clinic**

There is a possibility of doing a non-toxic shooting clinic on September 6<sup>th</sup> if we have board members interested in the training. We would need to reserve the equipment, if so, the clinic is an 8 hour course with lunch provided, and we are required by DNR to charge a \$25 fee to help cover lunch, shells & birds. Through our agreement with DNR we do need to put on one more clinic. Directors should reply to Bruce or Don with their interest in attending (any dates in early September may work) within the next week.

- **Sand Lake Conservation Camp**

Bruce and Peter presented today at a youth camp in Marinette County, Camp Bird, at the Sand Lake Conservation Camp for students grades 6-8, which is a 3-day overnight camp. Bruce and Peter did one-hour presentations throughout the day on wildlife and duck ID and waterfowl facts to kids interested in conservation. The cost per child is \$60 which includes food, room and board and all equipment kids use, and about 100 are chosen to attend. Various other conservation groups offer scholarships to the camp and Bruce suggested attempting to get two scholarships through WWA, and to offer an electronic application process for interested students. Selection of students is done in early March so we have some time to make a decision.

- **8:30 pm - Meeting Adjourned**