

## **Wisconsin Waterfowl Association**

### **Board of Directors Meeting – Monday, September 19, 2016**

Board Members present: John Greene, Joe Gonyo, Chris Ferch, Al Klug, Rob Monette, Russ Olson, Joe Porten, John Regan, Patrick Smith, Peter Strenn, Bruce Urben. Excused: Randy Helbach, Eric Urben. Staff present: Don Kirby & Kelcy Boettcher.

#### **Agenda:**

- **6:30 pm – Financials Update & ED Report Q&A**

Don reported to the board that due to the wrapping up of some spring events our financials are now running slightly above budget but as we have lost some budgeted events we will have some impact yet this fall.

- **6:35 pm – By-laws Update Discussion**

Bruce reported that Randy has been working with the board's input on updating the bylaws of the organization since March. Al Klug has brought up an issue under section #2 of the bylaws referring to the selection of members which currently indicates that the application for membership should be provided in written form and the newly offered calendar membership. Bruce noted that it does clearly state more than once on the calendar in writing that it is a membership calendar. It was determined that this last draft of the bylaws do effectively represent all commentary and input provided by the board to date. Al motioned to accept the last draft of the bylaws dated May 13, 2016. Pat seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **6:50 pm – Prompt Event Reporting Document Discussion**

Bruce put together a form that could be sent to all chapter chairs which explains the importance and expectations of the event reporting process. Bruce noted that the expectation is that final reporting be provided to the state office within 30 days of event completion along with fourteen recommendations on completing paperwork in a more timely manner. It is also noted that some chapters may encounter unexpected obstacles that could cause a delay in reporting but it is asked that the chapters then communicate those issues back to the state office. Discussion was had that while 30 days is a good goal, a more realistic expectation may be 45 days as some chapters may need to wait for a month-end bank statement to finalize their reporting. Bruce will modify the document and it will then be mailed out to each chapter chair.

- **7:00 pm – Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial Grant Appeal**

Al Klug reported that the grant application that he had submitted on behalf of the West Bend chapter was not successful as we did not meet the timeframe requirements. There may be other opportunities in the future and Don has some ideas for a matching Class A raffle or similar.

- **7:05 pm – WWA Hall of Fame Concept Introduction/Discussion**

Chris has put together a concept for a WWA Hall of Fame. Four documents outlining the eligibility process/selection, nomination form, code of ethics and scoring have been posted online for the Board's review. Chris explained that he would need a group of 6 to sit on the committee. Discussion was held on various topics and it was overall agreed that while there may be some process issues moving forward they can be addressed as the committee goes along. Pat motioned to approve the Hall of Fame process as written in all four documents. Al

seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Bruce noted that the board now needs to nominate 6 directors to sit on the committee. Bruce nominated Chris Ferch. Rob Monette, Pat Smith, John Regan and Peter Strenn volunteered. Rob Monette nominated Eric Urben. Rob motioned to accept the committee as Chris Ferch, Rob Monette, Pat Smith, John Regan, Peter Strenn and Eric Urben. Pat seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chris Ferch will chair the committee. We will build a tab for the Hall of Fame on the website but for now Don suggested we put it in the News section. In addition to an electronic format to submit nominations we will also provide a hard copy printable form for those without electronic access.

- **7:35 pm – Meetings on UWSP Field Training & '17 Duck Stamp Weekend**

Bruce reported that the meeting on UWSP Field Training with Dr. Jacob Straub will take place this coming Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Cabela's in Green Bay and the directors that had expressed interest are welcome to attend if they are still available. Bruce then discussed the 2017 Duck Stamp meeting, the next planning meeting is taking place next week Tuesday also at the Green Bay Cabela's store meeting room at 5:30pm. Joe Porten, Rob, Bruce and Don were to attend the meeting which will also discuss the proposed decoy carving contest.

- **7:50 pm – Board Nominations**

Rob noted that the following directors are up for re-election in 2017: Russ, Joe Porten, Al and Pat. Rob asked that each director take some time to consider and let him know within the next week or so as he'll put together the ballot shortly thereafter.

**Meeting Adjourned 7:55 pm**