

## **Wisconsin Waterfowl Association Board of Directors Conference Call – June 18, 2018**

Board Members present: Mike Depies, Chris Ferch, Rob Monette, Russ Olson, Peter Strenn, Bruce Urben. Excused: Joe Gonyo, Randy Helbach, John Regan, Eric Urben. Absent: John Greene, Patrice Evers & Pat Smith. Staff present: Don Kirby & Kelcy Boettcher.

### **Agenda:**

- **6:35 pm – Financials Review**

Don went over the ED report and financials posted to the board information site earlier this month. We're still awaiting reporting for a February and a March event which is skewing financials a bit off budget. We are hopeful by week's end we can get both events wrapped up so June financials will be closer to or above budget. The LaCrosse chapter has reconvened with new committee members and their banquet is scheduled for March 30, 2019.

- **6:40 pm – Conservation Calendar Update**

Don reported that Rob did a great job finalizing the 2019 calendar with a mix of prizes including some new ones with tip-ups from BD and binoculars from Steiner. The final proof has been at the printer for approximately two weeks and we should be able to distribute by the week after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

- **6:45 pm – Truck Raffle Update**

Truck raffle sales are slow, with 220 tickets turned into the office to date. Volunteers are struggling to sell the tickets and are hearing some pushback on the fact that it is a lease. Discussion was had on sales pitches and seller incentives. Bruce directed all board members to contact their chapter point of contacts to encourage ticket sales and that all should continue to market the truck through Facebook and other media options and also to reach out to determine if Bergstrom could assist with sales.

- **7:08 pm – Board Position Appointment Updates**

Discussion was had on the prior conference call about potential candidates for the two open board positions. Mike Depies reported that Jim Freck was interested in speaking with Don and Bruce in early July to further explore joining the board.

- **7:10 pm – Habitat Committee Update**

Russ reported that Peter has received more applications for projects this year to date than he had over the past several years together. Peter has a large project that could use up a good portion of our small NAWCA grant funds and is waiting to hear back from Badger Mining. The committee is working on a survey to potentially send to landowners that WWA has completed projects for to determine satisfaction with their projects post-restoration.

- **7:12 pm – WWA DCCE/Calling Comp/Waterfowl Weekend Update**

Bruce reported that the committee has been meeting routinely, all judges have been finalized with two that are nationally known. Much material for logging decoys has been acquired, all ribbons have been received and the committee is working on exhibitors. Unfortunately the MN Decoy Carvers Assoc. is unable to join us this year due to another commitment. Don reported that he is struggling a bit in communication with the venue to set a meeting/walk through to finalize plans. Don will be working on finalizing some of the work on the DCCE and the Calling

Contest after tomorrow's golf outing. Don asked that all board members let him know their availability so he can begin to fill out the volunteer plans.

- **7:18 pm – Organizational Items of Review**

After the last conference call the board put together five items of most concern to the organization. Bruce would like a large chunk of time to further discuss at the next in-person board meeting.

- **7:30 pm – Upcoming Board Meetings**

Bruce discussed a possible conflict of interest for the upcoming Executive Committee call and the in-person board meeting scheduled during waterfowl weekend. Bruce noted that there are limited hotel rooms available during waterfowl weekend, State Fair is ongoing at the same time, so if any board member needs accommodations they may wish to reserve a room sooner than later.

**Meeting Adjourned 7:37 pm**