**Wisconsin Waterfowl Association**

**Board of Directors Meeting – Friday, January 24, 2020**

Board Members present: Ian Bartelmez, Mike Depies, Andy Ducato, Jim Freck, Tim Gerdmann, Randy Helbach, Dennis Nelson, Russ Olson, Todd Schultz, Pat Smith, Peter Strenn, Bruce Urben. Excused: Joe Gonyo

Also present: Bruce Ross, Rob Monette and Kelcy Boettcher

**Agenda:**

* **7:00 pm - President’s Remarks**

Introduction of board members. Installation of Officers: President – Bruce Urben, Vice President – Dennis Nelson, Russ Olson – Treasurer and Randy Helbach – Secretary.

* **7:10 pm - Executive Director’s Report**

Bruce Ross gave an overview of the Executive Director’s report and the thought process behind the 2020 action plans. The agenda for tomorrow’s Annual Meeting was presented. We are still without a membership committee/chair. The development committee could also use help to become fully functional.

* **7:30 pm – Financials Report & Budget Approval**

Bruce presented the 2018 Compilation, 2019 financial reports and 2020 draft budget. 2019 was a challenging year financially in the event revenue category but evened out as the year progressed. With some budget cuts and the success of the UTV and Conservation Calendar raffles the year ended just under budget. Discussion was held regarding corporate sponsorships and the ways board members can assist. Russ motioned to approve the 2020 budget, Dennis seconded. Unanimously approved.

* **8:00 pm– WI Duck Hunter’s Conference**

Bruce Urben reported that the long-running Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunter’s Conference, created around 2007 to bring waterfowlers together to talk about waterfowling from the science and practical perspective, disbanded as of this year. There is interest in continuing this type of conference in the waterfowling community. Discussion was had in regards to WWA’s involvement should such a conference move forward. Ian motioned to form a WWA ad-hoc committee to explore a leadership role in a future waterfowl conference. Andy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

* **8:45 pm - Committee Assignment/Action Planning**

Bruce Urben went over current committee assignments. The Education Committee is chaired by Ian, Development does not have a chair, Policy is chaired by Randy, Communication does not have a chair, Habitat is chaired by Jim. Bruce asked that, by the next meeting, all members look at and complete the Making a Difference letter posted on the board secure page to determine how they would like to contribute and participate.

* **9:00 pm - Calendar Update**

2020 board meeting calls will be scheduled for the 3rd Monday of each month from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Executive Committee meetings will be held from 1:00 – 2:00pm the 3rd Monday in March, June, September and December.

* **9:10 pm – Shoot Series**

Ian discussed the exploration of renewing the shoot series, adding in one or more shoots to our current schedule. The Development Committee will explore renewing the series in 2021, Ian, Todd & Dennis will participate in that meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm