

WWA Board of Directors meeting-7/28/2013
Cabela's-Richland Center

Meeting Attendees: John Greene, Tom Krsnick, John Regan, Pat Smith, Russ Olson, Bruce Urben, Rob Monette, Joe Gonyo, Don Kirby, Al Klug (prospective Board member)
Excused: Eric Urben, Wayne Folske. Absent: Dave Sachs

Meeting called to order at 3:15 pm by Pat Smith

- Financials Update
 - Don gave a brief update of the financial status. The July financial report will be out the First week of August. Don reported that the South Suburban banquet reporting is still outstanding, however contacts have been made and the Treasurer is proceeding to finalize the report.
 - HRP debt has been fulfilled from 2011 deferment.
 - A meeting was held with the Green School Network (GSN), WWF and Leopold Foundation to discuss continued invoicing for the Dutton Grant. Concluded that the invoices will be retracted and that WWA would prepare a final report to Dutton and GSN. Thank you to Don, Pat and Russ for attending the meeting on July 1st.
 - A question arose as to the listing of the value of the donated property at Abrams on the fiscal report. Don reported the need to report the appraised value according to outside Auditors.
- 30th Anniversary Logo discussion and vote
 - Rob presented the draft of the proposed 30th anniversary logo. The board had discussion about the 30 being displayed so prominently. Discussed need to look at other alternatives or adding "since 1984" instead of the #30. Russ offered to have a contact he has look into some more designs, Rob will send current info to Russ. No vote taken, there is still time to agree on a design that fits the needs of everyone.
- 30th Anniversary Multi Event Raffle
 - John Regan presented the Board with a proposal to have a multi event raffle in honor of the 30th Anniversary of WWA which would include Drake Dropper duck calls specially engraved for each event (with display case and plaque) to raffle or auction in 2014 and to have a secondary raffle for all winners of the Drake Dropper call to be included for a gun drawing at the end of the banquet year. John displayed several alternatives for the final Gun raffle (Fausti, Legacy Auto or Silver Pigeon). Cost to each chapter would be approximately \$200! The board approved John's proposal by vote. Don will look into alternatives for the Chapter's to budget for the cost of the raffles.
- New Event updates for fall!
 - Don reported on the following updates:
 - An Ashland event is being coordinated by John Greene for September or October
 - Lacrosse is looking at an event during the Split.

- Madison will be proceeding in December
- Sheboygan has a firm date set for September 7th.
- South Shore will be back this year, questionable for 2014?
- Hudson has a firm date set for Wednesday August 28th.
- Don explained about a possible Women's wine tour coordinated by Russ' wife in November.
- Hayward is optimistic that an event would be run in late Sept. or early October.
- Calendar Update
 - Don reported that the calendar's would be going to press early next week. Advertisements are still the issue holding up the finalization of the calendar. The Board discussed the need to look at revamping their advertising plan for the calendars in 2015.
- Abrams Update
 - Don and Bruce updated the board about the progress to date. The second trail is complete and is side-dressed. Two new disabled duck blinds have been installed and paths are leading to each (ready for use), the observation deck is complete and backfilling around the deck is completed, erosion control was added to the existing trail, The Parking lot at oak Orchard access was completed and the fence contract has been awarded and the cedar split rail fence on both parking areas should be complete the first week in August. NEW Deer Management Alliance is partnering with WWA to build a disabled Deer blind on the property and install several food plots. Plans for this have been added to the Stewardship grant and should be completed by September 15th. Don and Bruce are meeting with Oconto County to prepare for a reimbursement request under the Stewardship grant. There was discussion about the need to utilize all of the two grants and to look into potential land acquisition under stewardship in adjacent property that is for sale.
- New Director Application, directors dropping off
 - Mark Kakatsch has resigned from the Board due to his personal situation. Mark will continue to advise Don on Govt' affairs issues and host "Steel Shooting clinics". There was a request to have more input when and where these clinics were being held. Don will followup with more info as it becomes available.
 - Board member Dave Sachs is no longer communicating with the Board
 - Al Klug (Cedarburg) attended the meeting as an interested new board member who has applied. Don and Pat will schedule a call with Al to discuss expectations and then a vote will be scheduled electronically with the full Board.
- Director Updates on Activities
 - Pat confirmed his plans to have a yearend review with each Director, but requested that each director review with the Board what they have been involved with the last 6 months. A good discussion proceeded. Opportunities are available for new directors. Pat recommended events that are currently ongoing in nearby Chapters are a good way to get their "feet wet" and learn the process. Directors that would like to discuss opportunities should contact Pat Smith or Don Kirby.

Next meeting-Sunday December 8th location TBD

Next Call-Thursday, September 12, 6:30-8pm (Executive committee)
Next Call-Thursday, October 10, 6:30-8pm (full board)
Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm

Minutes ,Respectfully submitted by Bruce Urben, 7/29/13