

Wisconsin Waterfowl Association
Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting – Monday December 18th, 2017

Board Members present: Bruce Urben, John Regan, Randy Helbach, Peter Strenn, Joe Gonyo, Russ Olson, Joe Porten, Al Klug, Pat Smith, Patrice Eyers, Chris Ferch and Rob Monette.

Also present: Don Kirby and Kelcy Boettcher

Agenda:

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm by Bruce Urben, President

Financials update & ED report:

- Increase in sponsorship donations from Cabelas
- Budget will be in the red for 2017

Recap – Lakeshore and Christmas Bash Events:

- Lakeshore had a strong banquet and is on the upswing!
- Christmas Bash attendance up 25% from last year. Will stick with same location for next year.

Recap – WWA 2018 Calendar Sales

- Well over break-even point. Big batches of stubs coming in this time of year...could not update count for BoD meeting.
- Goal next year is to sell calendars more evenly through the Fall rather than the big push at the end.

WWF Migratory Committee Updates from 12/4/17

- Bruce Urben attended the meeting and gave a thorough summary.
 - Early teal season violations holding steady
 - Canada goose harvest 50% local Giant geese and 50% migrants
 - May eliminate the separate Horicon zone
 - Push for same day opener in north and south zones
 - DNR working with wildlife groups, including WWA, to update 2018 Strategic Plan
 - Feb 20, final season framework should come out
- WWA survey of 17 questions to go out to 13,000 member email addresses on December 22.

Wetland Legislation Process Update

- SB 600 and AB 547, bills leaving 1M acres of wetlands in Wisconsin unprotected, are schedule for a joint hearing in Madison on December 21 at 11:00.

- Don Kirby and Randy Helbach will be there in person to oppose the bills

Board of Directors Nomination Process Update

- Nominations completed and voting accomplished

Draft Budget Review and Discussion

- In black by end of year by \$3,000
- Possible major changes to calendar program
- Possible additional state class A raffle to bookend calendars

State Meeting Agenda

- Draft agenda looks good
- Taylor Finger, Chief Migratory Bird Ecologist for the State of Wisconsin to attend
- Hall of Fame presentations on track for 2:00

Discuss Re-establishment of a Standing Habitat Committee

- Need for more transparency on projects
- Committee should handle project requests
- Motion to re-establish committee carries unanimously
- Randy Helbach and Russ Olson volunteer to be co-chairs

Agenda ended at 8:20 pm