



Executive Directors' Report

20 June 2023

- **Organization: *Fun, Focused, Funded***
 - Events: SEWI golf outing well-attended, financially successful; 2nd Fox Valley shoot very successful; Bass Bay event (West Allis) successful under new leadership (Tom Faber).
 - Re-starting biennial BBB charity review.
 - Draft website specification ready to send out.
 - Staff comp analysis submitted to ExComm.
 - Met with Chad Belding (The Fowl Life) to explore partnering opportunities.
 - Calendar delays, but should be out by early August.

- **Habitat: *Creating the environment for better waterfowling experiences***
 - PLE Program busy visiting and surveying DNR properties for potential hydrological restorations.
 - In late May and Early June, PLEs visited 13 DNR properties and 21 potential project sites. To date surveying and site visits have resulted in two draft plans being presented to DNR with more in the works. Desktop reviews have been completed for 64 sites in total and of those 16 have potential for restoration.
 - Wild Rice Program: On June 1, Anthony attended the Joint State/ Tribal Wild Rice Committee meeting led by GLIFWC in Red Cliff. It appears that WWA will be tasked with securing green rice for seeding efforts on at least three different DNR properties late this summer and early Fall which is about the same as last year. Attendees were also interested in WWAs ongoing efforts to educate waterfowlers about the importance and protection of wild rice beds.
 - No word yet on NRCS or Fund for Lake Michigan grants submitted earlier.
 - Pines project proceeding well (including film coordination)

- **Advocacy: *Respected as responsible users of WI natural resources***
 - Flooding mitigation bill funded at \$2M (notably, in advance of authorizing legislation (but also expected to pass). WWA registered in support.
 - Refining SHC presentation for September-ish delivers in capitol.

- **Education: *Passing a waterfowling ethic to the next generation***
 - R3 Waterfowler Academy branding effort commenced.
 - EXPO proceeding ahead of last year's schedule for vendors, sponsors. Youth zone, vendors, etc. to see expansion.