



Executive Directors' Report

13 Nov 2023

□ **Organization: *Fun, Focused, Funded***

- Division of Gaming contested case: Admin Law Judge has all documents expected for her ruling on Class A raffle dispute. Decision expected prior to 20 November. In event of....
 - ... unfavorable ruling, will require decision as to next step: accept, or circuit court action, and/or legislative "fix".
 - favorable ruling, will plan to submit request for reimbursement of reasonable expenses.
 - ... favorable ruling: Only raffle planned is Waukesha's "Frosty Five" + Calendars (although Kelcy has no calendar inventory).
- State level event budgeting draft available for Board review
- Planning revenue opportunities
 - Give Big Green Bay
 - SHC appeal
 - Giving Tuesday (with \$5k match)

□ **Habitat: *Creating the environment for better waterfowling experiences***

- PLE Program continues moving forward.
 - Anna attending wild rice symposium in MN and beginning to explore possibilities at Kettle Moraine Southern Unit, Jackson Marsh, and Koshkonong, Swan Lake.
 - Mark continues to refine Peter Helland WA and Necedah WA plans and permit submissions, looking at possibilities at Pine River (Lake Poygan) & Deer Creek.
- Private lands:
 - Pines project moving forward but with some new concern about stand-alone \$100K NAWCA grant likelihood as there were more grant applications submitted for this opportunity than is the norm.
 - Several smaller PL projects also moving forward into approval and permitting.
- Kick-off for NRCS contract for easement monitoring pends, likely in next two weeks. 4th ecologist hiring effort likely in early spring 2024.
- Initial FSA approval received for Green Bay chapter and NRCS partnership on Abrams property

□ **Advocacy: *Respected as responsible users of WI natural resources***

- SHC presentation to over 30 legislative offices on 25 October, partnering with WWF, SCI, Delta Waterfowl and USFWS. Unexpectedly triggered remarkable interest from Gov Policy team, legislators, DNR. Met with Gov environmental policy team to discuss topic. Could lead to possible movement on issue. Rep Considine (D-Baraboo) interested in pursuing comprehensive, multi-stakeholder collaboration under DNR (problematic unless Governor requires it). Simultaneously, we are pursuing legislative approach.
- The Fowl Life podcast on SHC topics (Ermert, Ross, etc) recorded in early Nov.

□ **Education: *Passing a waterfowling ethic to the next generation***

- R3 Waterfowler Academy LTH's launched strong with over 27 students. Good media coverage of October's "by women, for women".
- Initial R3 grant report submitted by Todd