

**Board of Directors Meeting
Ramada Inn Stevens Point, WI
December 13, 2008**

Call to order: 8:05am

Lil Pipping stated that Patrick Feerick, of Feerick Funeral Homes, contacted her in regards to the deceased, Melvin Bouchonville, whose family has chosen, in his honor, for all monies received to be donated to the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

Moment of silence.

Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Laura Huber, to approve up to \$300 for Ruth Ann Lee, on behalf of the Education Committee, to fix the education trunks. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rick Lazarczyk, second by Ken Barbian, to approve funding for Jack Nissen to stay overnight in Stevens Point, WI to attend Conservation Congress meeting on December 19, 2008. Motion carried.

Motion made by Larry Laehn, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to approve funding for Ralph Fritsch to stay overnight and food to be able to attend State Wildlife Annual Meeting and for funding for food for a joint committee meeting between the Forests, Parks and Recreation and Wildlife Committees. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Laura Huber

Laura Huber handed out and presented the 2008 Cashflow and the 2009 WWF Budget Proposal December Draft III. See attached Cashflow and Proposed Budget. Motion made by Mike Rynearson, second by Bob Kirk, to accept Treasurers Report. Motion carried. Laura Huber stated that Executive Committee had discussed Budget Contingency Plan, which included reducing the issues of Wisconservation, reducing hours in staffing, and an endowment fund. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Jim Weishan, to approve 2009 WWF Budget Proposal December Draft III. Motion carried. Ruth Ann Lee handed out and presented MEEC Proposed FY 2009 Operating Budget. Larry Laehn stated that MEEC and WWF should look into getting grants from utility companies. Motion made by Jim Weishan, second by Rick Lazarczyk, to approve MEEC Proposed FY 2009 Operating Budget. Motion carried. Ralph Fritsch suggested that WWF should look into asking for donations from other organizations when they ask for WWF to help them with issues.

Motion made by Jack Nissen, second by Bob Miller, to approve minutes from October, 2009 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried. George Meyer stated that the word "certain" should be changed to "any", and Laura Huber stated that the word "Presidential" should be changed to "political" in the sentence "She also stated that WWF does not support a certain Presidential candidate." Motion made by Mike

Rynearson, second by Larry Vanderhoef, to approve amended minutes from October 2009 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

Director Orientation: Laura Huber

Laura Huber gave presentation for Director Orientation on how to hold district meetings and discussed Director Incentive Program. The Board of Directors broke into sessions with their own district and held discussions.

Motion made by Jim Weishan, second by Larry Freitag, to approve Mike Stueck as being an Associate Director. Motion carried.

Motion made by Larry Freitag, second by Mike Rynearson, to approve Jim Haldeman as a District Director for District 6. Motion carried.

Presidents Report: Lil Pipping

Lil Pipping handed out 2008 Deer Hunt Survey. Lil Pipping asked Board of Directors to fill out and return to her. Lil Pipping stated that she will be serving on the Deer Management Advisory Stakeholder Panel. Jim Huhn handed out and presented Selected Parts of Roberts Rules or Order of Interest to WWF Members. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Betty Schneider, all BOD meetings ran by WWF are ran by Roberts Rules of order and the vote be at the Feb BOD meeting. Motion carried.

DNR Report: Alan Crossley

Alan Crossley ,WDNR, gave presentation on CWD Management Plan.

Executive Director Report: George Meyer

George Meyer gave background on upcoming legislative session. George Meyer handed out and presented WWF 2009-2011 Legislative and Policy Agenda Draft. See attached draft. Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Al Phelan, to accept WWF 2009-2011 Legislative and Policy Agenda Draft. Motion carried.

Office Report: Jennifer Evans

Jennifer Evans handed out and presented Office Report. See attached report. Motion made by Laura Huber, second by Tom Nissen, to approve Abbotsford Sportsmans Club as a new club. Motion carried. Motion made by Jim Huhn, second by Marj Roach, to approve Watertown Archers as a new club. Motion carried. The list of past due clubs was gone through for contact. Motion made by Tom Nissen, second by Dan Gries, to accept Office Report. Motion carried.

Breakout Sessions for Annual Meeting: Lil Pipping

Lil Pipping stated that Bob Miller will be working on Youth Fishing as a breakout session. Ralph Fritsch suggested having breakout session on Hunter Education online course and having session to build group on going back to old course situation and not online course. Corky Meyer suggested having two speakers on pros and cons of new hunter safety program. Jack Nissen suggested having a breakout session about CWD. Mike Rynearson suggested private land management for feeding and discussion was held

on having Wild Ones give a breakout session on invasive plants. George Meyer suggested having a breakout session the Impacts on Wind Generation on Wildlife. Jim Huhn suggested having a breakout session on Youth Programs. Executive Committee will look into each one of these breakout session suggestions.

Environmental Committee: George Meyer

Jake Macholl submitted the Environmental Committee Report and submitted Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Resolution on the Impacts of Wind Generation on Wildlife. See attached report and resolution. Motion made by Jerry Knuth, second by Jim Huhn, to accept Environmental Committee Report. Motion carried. George Meyer gave background to resolution. Motion made by Jim Huhn, second by Jerry Knuth, to approve Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Resolution on the Impacts of Wind Generation on Wildlife Resolution. Motion carried.

Endangered Species Committee: Chuck Matyska

Chuck Matyska submitted Endangered Species Committee Report. See attached report.

Forests, Parks, and Recreation Committee: Jerry Knuth

Jerry Knuth submitted Forests, Parks, and Recreation Committee Report. See attached report. George Meyer gave update to the agreement made between WWF and CNRF. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Corky Meyer, to re-support appeal process. Motion carried. Motion made by Larry Laehn, second by Marj Roach to accept Forests, Parks, and Recreation Committee Report. Motion carried.

Great Lakes Fisheries: Larry Freitag

Larry Freitag submitted Great Lakes Fisheries Report. See attached report. Larry Freitag gave information about Great Lakes Trout Restoration Plan. George Meyer gave background of the plan. Motion made by Larry Freitag, second by Corky Meyer, to oppose the increasing stocking of Lake Trout in Lake Michigan at this time. Motion carried. Motion made by Larry Freitag, second by Jack Nissen, to accept Great Lakes Fisheries Report. Motion carried.

Inland Fisheries Committee: Larry Vanderhoef

Bob Miller submitted Inland Fisheries Committee Report. Larry Vanderhoef gave information on a DATCP proposal. George Meyer gave background to the proposal. Motion made by Larry Vanderhoef, second by Don Hammes, to oppose allowing conservation programs designed almost exclusively around nutrient management. Motion carried. Motion made by Chuck Matyska, second by Dan Gries, to accept Inland Fisheries Committee Report. Motion carried.

Wolf River Basin Committee: Dan Gries

Dan Gries submitted Wolf River Basin Committee Report. See attached report. Motion made by Larry Vanderhoef, second by Bucky Kilishek, to accept Wolf River Basin Committee Report. Motion carried.

Wisconservation: Dan Gries

Dan Gries presented Wisconservation Report. Dan Gries stated that if you would like Wisconservation sent to places that are selling calendars, that you need to get the addresses to him. Motion made by Jim Huhn, second by Bucky Kilishek, to accept Wisconservation Report. Motion carried.

Wildlife Committee: Ralph Fritsch

Ralph Fritsch submitted and presented Wildlife Committee Report. See attached report. Motion made by Ralph Fritsch, second by Jack Nissen, to accept Wildlife Committee Report. Motion carried. Ralph Fritsch stated that Committee Chairs should have time to give report even though if they don't have an action item.

Wetlands: Don Hammes

Don Hammes presented Wetlands Committee Report. Don Hammes gave background to what Wetlands Committee would be working on in 2009. Motion made by Bob Kirk, second by Larry Vanderhoef, to accept Wetlands Committee Report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Don Hammes brought up WWF policy on taking money from organizations. Lil Pipping stated that Executive Committee will discuss at January meeting and will bring discussion back to February BOD meeting.

New Business:

Mike Rynearson stated that WWF should look into having a booth at the Sports Show in Milwaukee.

Marj Roach mentioned the Chippewa Valley Outdoor Games. Motion made by Lil Pipping, second by Jerry Knuth, to have a booth and attend the Chippewa Valley Outdoor Games. Motion carried.

Larry Vanderhoef asked for plaque, in the name of Melvin Bouchonville, who left money for WWF in his passing, to be hung at MEEC.

Motion made by Corky Meyer, second by Jack Nissen, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tom Nissen, Secretary, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation