

**MI State Chapter Board Meeting**  
**National Wild Turkey Federation**  
**Conference Call**

July 25, 2020, 9:00 to 10:12 AM

Bert called the meeting to order.

Bert offered a prayer.

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present Region 1: Ken Buchholtz, Chris Stewart

Present Region 2: Pete Demos

Absent Region 2: Frank Darling, Brian McPhail, Ryan Longanbach, Evan Traynor

Present Region 3: Bert VanderWeele, Jon Gray, Jan Kuhtic, Art Pelon, Hugh Marx, Mike Black

Absent Region 3: Tony Snyder, Dave Godley, Jason DeFrenn, Jonathan Edgerly, Zach Mulder

Others Present: Tom Karsten, Regional Director, Ryan Boyer, NWTF Biologist

There were no additions to the agenda.

There was no correspondence.

MUCC, no report from Pete or Brian. Bert will confirm with Amy that Pete, Brian, and he have a vote.

Tony gave us a Treasurer's Report as of July 13, 2020. On March 28 the balance was \$27,065.02. Deposits were \$19,536.00, expenses were \$21,471.21. The current balance is \$25,129.81. A Wildlife Seed check for \$16,930.00 was given on July 8 and a Conservation Seed deposit for \$19,036.00 on July 6.

Ryan gave us updates on NWTF. Contributions from the Call for All is now over \$1.7 million with 5 weeks left to the end of August. In MI, the DNR Eaton County parcel deal is done with 444 acres of access opened. Details are being worked out in Muskegon County on an acquisition.

The DNR work is frozen since April due to Covid-19. The USFS work on 325 acres continues at Huron-Manistee since the money was previously secured and matched.

A large proposal with Coca Cola is in the works to improve water quality in the Great Lakes watershed.

Tom thanks us for our work. He has 6 events planned for August. The North Ottawa Gun Bash has 19 tickets left for August 6. The Grant Gobblers' event for August 14 is sold out. Thornapple Valley is planning an August 15 event outside. Turkeyville Toms is selling the Core Package at a Flea Market on August 15 and 16. Beards and Spurs' event is August 20. Highbanks' banquet will be August 27 outside at the Mulder business.

Aaron's banquet supplies need to be stored. Offer from Ryan Longanbach, but still need another location for SE MI. Scottville and Albion are offered.

Aaron has been working on the 2021 calendars (thanks!). They are proofed and sent for printing.

The DNR has been frozen since April, so the spring turkey hunt survey was not done. Bert will send a letter requesting a survey, important since regulations have changed. He will ask the money amount needed, with a view to offering our help.

### **PR, Media Committee**

No report today.

### **R3 Committee**

Jon suggested that we add Save the Hunt contacts, such as Ed Shaw.

### **Habitat Enhancement Committee**

Pete had no report today. We are waiting to see if Carol Rose will be approved by the MI Senate.

### **Rules and Regulations Committee**

We are aware that more requirements for hunter safety instructors are coming.

The spring turkey hunt survey is very important because of the recent rule changes. We have seen increased pressure at the hunt. Even the deer regulations were passed through the NRC without face to face contact.

### **State Convention Committee**

Jan reports that the 2021 State Convention dates are January 15 and 16, 2021. Jason will help this year. This is the last year of our Holiday Inn Big Rapids contract.

### **Patch Program**

Evan gave no report

### **Awards and Scholarship**

Bert asked Jon to chair this committee. No report today.

### **Conservation Seed Committee**

Ryan is preparing a new order form for next year. He has enough corn for next year's orders. Remember that our Super Fund is temporarily frozen.

### **Old Business**

For the State Board, chapter contacts will be assigned. We will make contact, explain the Call for All, and request any available chapter or individual monies for the NWTF.

### **New Business**

We reviewed the Super Fund hand-out.

The NWTF will be sending an e-blast to all members. If we know of money sent to NWTF, make sure Tom Glines is aware.

Ken is helping Steve with some JAKES Take Aim events.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn (Pete, Jan, carried).

Submitted by Jan Kuhtic

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