

WTA Board of Directors Meeting
Ashley Shooting Club Moisnee, WI
January 18th 2022

The meeting was called to order by president Groehler at 9:17am and resisted the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken quorum was met. Districts 1,2,3,9 and vice president were absent and excused prior. Judy Floistad Proxy for district 1.

President Groehler read the WTA mission statement.

There were no agenda repairs.

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes made by Jim Gordon seconded by Judy Floistad. Motion carries.

Financial Report: Russ provide a copy of the financial report. Checking account is in much better shape compared to last year. Russ reminds districts with larger amounts of money to find ways to put it back into the organization.

Presidents Report: President Groehler spoke about the ongoing with issues and how it's getting a lot attention. Insurance is under control, and everything is paid for, for the year. There are insurance cards for districts to prove they have insurance. Inflation is going to be an issue if prices keep rising on everything. There is an ongoing beaver problem throughout the state. There was talk about having a beaver bounty. The 2023 FTA convention is in progress and is set for Jun 20th-24th. Looking for all kinds of vendors and help setting up from the home districts.

VP Report: Heritage Club is still underway

P&F Comm: Lee Sillars, talked about getting new contracts to the new convention coordinator Julie Gabris. New bi laws are in the works and working on getting electronically accessible. Bi Laws meeting was set for February 9th to finalize. New business, fixing the calander problems on the WTA website.

Break 11:00

Sporting Coalition for Wetlands: Larry Meyer spoke about Pittam-Robertson tax fund and the Dingell-Johson tax fund that goes back to the State of Wisconsin for conservation projects. In 2021 Wisconsin received 30 million dollars from the tax funds. The WDNR would not be able to operate with the funds. If the money is not used it is returned to the federal government. The Wisconsin Wetland Study Council tries to use some of these grants for wetlands in Wisconsin. Larry is asking the WTA board of directors to consider requesting the NTA and FTA to work with the US Congress to also put a 10% tax on the sale of traps and trapping equipment, with the money going back to the state for conservation.

NTA Report: Scott, The NTA convention will be in Ohio this year in July and there will be a WTA booth. They will be at a Green Bay and Dells expo as well. Farm tech days is already in the works for 2022.

FTA report: Ron, lots of lawsuits in the works and they are working hand in hand with the FTA to fight them. New Mexico, Minnesota, and Idaho are some of the bigger situations. Oregon is pushing to stop trapping, hunting, and fishing, and even farming to become the first no kill state. Executive Director is now filled and going well.

FTW Report: There are two summer camps set up with dates and insurance ready to go.

Wolf Program: Groehler, there are 5 different wolf groups and there is a new opening in the wolf group. It is only going to get more difficult starting February when the first draft of the management plan comes out. Money from the wolf hunt goes towards wolf depredation in the state.

Lunch 11:45-12:30

Merchandise Report: Jody, Merchandise has been on the increase and total online sales for 2021 is at 5,833.50\$. Additional direct sales (not online) 549.00\$. Banquet sales was 1,582.65\$. WTA convention sales were 9,265.70\$. Total Merchandise sale for 2021 was 15,549.32\$

Membership Drive: The membership drive at the convention went well using the certain colors of buttons.

Convention Coordinator: The new convention coordinator Julie has signed the contract. It is important to fill booths at the FTA convention in Jefferson, WI. A motion was made by Jim Gordon to pay previous coordinator Pam 1,000\$ and Julie 2,000\$ till the transition is final. Seconded by Scott McAuley. Motion passed.

Media Coordinator: Appoint Skye Goode as the media coordinator for 2022 and create an email list of meetings that need to be attended. A motion to appoint Skye as media coordinator was made by Mike Kluetzman and seconded by Lee Sillars. Motion passed.

Next WTA BOD Meeting: March 19th 2022 at Stoney Creek Hotel in Rothschild, WI
BOD Meeting 9am-12noon
General Meeting 1pm-3pm

A motion was made to adjourn at 2:00pm by Lee Sillars and Seconded by Jim Gordon. Motion Passed.

Secretary, Dylan Lucas

