

MINUTES OF WEST VIRGINIA WILDLIFE FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 21, 2012 Charleston WV

I. Call to Order – President Jerod Harman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the WVWF Annual Meeting.

II. Election of Officers – Wayne Kirby reported that the election committee slate of Officers - President Jerod Harman, 1st VP Jim Summers, 2nd VP Arthur Mullins, 3rd VP Dana Brown, Treasurer Bob Wines, and Secretary Jim Evans. President Jerod Harman asked for nominations from the floor, hearing none Wayne moved that the nominations be closed. It was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

III. Secretary Report – The Secretary read the highlights of the previous meetings minutes.

IV. Guest Speakers

a. Asst. Chief of Game Management Paul Johansen – Paul Johansen gave an interesting report on the game harvests of last year. He commented on the High Allegheny Park initiative and reported that DNR was involved in several land acquisitions. WV is looking at other states electronic licensing and game checking and has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to pursue electronic checking and licensing. This is probably 2 – 3 years down the road. Ed asked if the crossbow kill would be in the game tally and Paul confirmed that it would. Paul also answered a question on the number of deer farmers and said there were 37.

V. Officers Report

a. 1st Vice President (Affiliates) – Jim Summers reported that we have 63 affiliates. The WV Bowhunters have about 4 thousand members and the WV Chapter of the NWTf has about 10 thousand members.

b. 2nd Vice President (NH&FD) – Arthur reported that NHFD went well. The new DNR Representative to NHFD is Krista Snodgrass, 304-558-2771, Krista.R.Snodgrass@wv.gov

c. 3rd Vice President (membership) – Dana reported that we have about 175 annual members. We are actively soliciting new members.

d. Treasurer's Report – Bob reported that the NHFD account went from \$4,807 last year to \$24,875 and the general account went from \$7,423 to \$10,084.

e. Regional and County Directors Report

f. Affiliates – John reported on WVBA activities this year. WVBA is giving about \$5 thousand a year to the Archery in the Schools project. Jim reported on Bass Federation Nation conservation projects. Tim Mitchum is the new president. Also present were WV Firearms and Sportsmen's Assoc. and New Creek Mt. S.C.

VI. Committee Reports

a. NH&FD committee – Bob reported that Bench Mark the concessionaire of Stonewall Jackson S.P. wants WVWF to add them and the Corps of Engineers to the liability policy. Our current liability insurance is unwilling to do this. The WVBA uses Outdoors Insurance the agent is Tim Reed,

outdoorsinsurance.com. Bob and Arthur will look into this and check with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

b. Other

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

a. High Allegheny National Park – WVWF wrote a letter to Senator Manchin, which was distributed opposing the High Allegheny Park initiative.

b. Captive Cervid Legislation – SB 151 would take out the exemption for white-tailed deer as nontraditional agriculture. This would remove a compromise agreed to by WVDOA and WVDNR several years ago. It has been reported that the WV captive cervid lobby is attacking WV DNR biologist Randy Tucker over his supervision of the captive cervid program. All who know Randy and his work with the captive cervid program applaud the work he has done to regulate the movement and holding of captive deer.

HB 2527 The Captive Cervid Farming Act would transfer authority for captive cervids including white-tailed deer to the WVDOA.

HB 2229 would make it a crime to attempt to purchase over two handguns a month. All sportsmen should oppose this.

c. Other Legislative discussion

d. Other

IX. Adjournment