

**Midwest Association of
Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2012, 2:00 p.m. (CDT)
Conference Call**

Call to Order – President Keith Sexson called the meeting to order at 2:12 pm.

Quorum – Keith Sexson, Kansas; Chuck Corell, Iowa; Marc Miller, Illinois; and Ed Boggess, Minnesota were present. Also present were Ollie Torgerson, Executive Secretary; Sheila Kemmis, Recording Secretary, Kansas; and Sharon Schafer, Treasurer.

Agenda Review – Keith – One additional – how to process letter from private lands working group to Dave White regarding the National wetland inventory.

Approval of March 16, 2011 Executive Committee Minutes – Chuck Corell, IA moved to approve the minutes, Ed Boggess, MN second. **Approved.**

Financial Report – Sharon – General Checking: 3/5/12 - \$9,511.99, revenue included Southern Wings 5% fee of \$1,000 and interest \$1.38 for total revenue of \$1,001.38, expenditures included: travel and supplies for executive secretary and treasurer \$2,372.88, 1099 accounting fees \$50.00, for an ending balance 5/11/12 of \$8,090.49; Conference Account: balance as of 3/5/12 - \$90,569.59, revenue included federal draw reimbursement from Michigan \$14,492.62 and interest \$26.43 for total revenue of \$14,519.05, expenditures – executive secretary salary \$7,646.00 for March and April, 990 accounting fee \$750.00, transfer to federal account \$14,492.62, and DMEM KS Midwest Fish and Wildlife conference \$7,554.00 for total expenditures of \$30,442.62, balance as of 5/11/12 of \$74,646.02 (Note: Kansas subaccount balance \$27,968.69 and \$7,500 and Indiana); share account remains the same at \$5; Southern Wings Account - balance as of 3/5/12 \$4,755.00, \$20,000.00 revenue from Missouri and South Dakota, expenditures for American Bird Conservancy (ABC) \$23,750.00, MAFWA administrative fee \$1,000.00, expenditures of \$24,750.00, for total balance 5/11/12 of \$5.00; Federal Grant Account – \$507.00, revenue from drawdown of \$9,192.62, expenditure of \$5,700.00 to Tom Niebauer for balance 5/11/12 of \$3,999.62 (to be disbursed soon); Conservation Enhancement Account balance 12/30/11 \$2,945.24 with revenue of \$8.22 from dividends and interest, no expenditures for balance as of 3/30/12 of \$3,140.46; Money Market and Securities Account - balance of \$278,251.56 as of 1/31/12 revenue \$2,723.55 from dividends and interest, change in market value gain of \$6,685.58 for a balance as of 4/30/12 of \$287,660.69. Ed Boggess, MN moved to accept financial report, Marc Miller, IL second. **Approved.**

By-Laws Revision – Marc – two simple changes, page 3, amending total dollars disbursed from annual meetings, from \$6,000 to \$12,000; page 5, dues, discussed at last meeting, increase to \$2,300 from \$1,800. Other changes are committee end dates

at the end. Chuck Corell, IL moved to approve, Ed Boggess, MN second. Discussion – Ed – Are we approving this to go to vote at annual meeting. Ollie – Our bylaws require a 30-day advanced notice to be voted on at annual business meeting. Ed – Have question on dues, rationale on raising dues? Ollie – Deficit budgeting for last couple of years, several directors don't like that. Have proposed budget with a \$14,000 deficit. Ed – Investments money not counted as earnings. Sheila – Have funding applications for grants, but no one ever uses it. Ollie – Don't think the intent of this money was to underwrite operating costs. Sharon – Last two years deficit budgeting, need to look at end of the year, depends on where we have our conferences. Ed – Voting yes.

Approved.

Delaney Multi-Year MAFWA Contract – Ollie – Trying to get advice from Matt Menashes and Carol Bambery, playing phone tag, they haven't had chance to look at 3-year contract. I requested something in writing before our June 24 meeting. Also, their comments on contracts with AFWA and others. Have item on MAFWA annual business meeting agenda dealing with Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference.

Indiana Midwest F&W Contract – Ollie – In Atlanta, you approved motion for me to go forward with a signing a contract with Delaney for the Indiana Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference for 2015. All I am doing is reporting that we will be banker for this conference; will not be involved in signing hotel contract. Sharon has \$7,500 banked from Indiana of which we take 5%. Keith – Make contact with Midwest F&W Conference? Still not good sign of good structure there. Ollie – You asked me to go to their meeting in December in Wichita to meet with their Time and Place Committee to see if more formal relationship could be formed. Your KS Fisheries Chief is interested. State agency ends up with main role. Keith – Driving force behind this conference is each state fish and wildlife agency when their turn to host comes up.

Michigan Request/Midwest F&W Conference Banking – Ollie – Michigan wants to do same thing Kansas and Indiana are doing, have MAFWA be banker for 2016 Midwest F&W Conference. Would include 5% banking fee for us. Would take motion. Ed Boggess, MN, moved, Chuck Corell, IA second. **Approved.** Ollie – Large conference so they need to line up hotel soon.

2012 Meeting Update – Keith – Sheila, you do the report. Sheila – Have agenda in place and speakers lined up. Working on door prizes and local sponsors. Shooting, archery, demonstrations and other activities are set up at Cheney State Park for Tuesday afternoon. Lining up transportation for shuttling people from shooting site to sailing association building. Have sailing set up for evening, after supper, have two buses going back to hotel, one at 7:00 for those not interested in sailing or staying and one at 9:00 for the rest. Plan on having shuttle service at airport so will need to know when people are flying in. Meeting plans are coming together.

Other Business – Keith – Letter (time sensitive too late in June) ND, SD and MN concern NRCS is giving up on national wetland inventory map, using FSA imagery only, make point to Dave White to use NWI maps to supplement FSA imagery. Has to do with

tiling going on in that part of the country. Ollie – Send to Ollie and will put in format. Can electronically vote – ask for review, motion and 2nd and get letter out. Executive Committee can act between meetings. Keith – Just to Executive Committee? Ollie – Yes, then send to full board. Can send to full board if you want to – send to at least directors involved. Ollie – Don't know if all will vote. Keith – Will send to ND and SD for their feedback as well as Executive Committee. Ollie – Ask for motion, you can second, but not make a motion as President. Ed – Don't know details, know national wetland inventory stuff is useful information. Ed moved, Keith second. Discussion will be copy of letter to review.

Next Meeting Date – Ollie – June 24, 5:00 pm at hotel in Wichita.

Adjourn – Marc Miller, IL moved to adjourn, Chuck Corell, IA second. **Approved.** The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.