

Minutes
MAFWA Business Meeting
June 27, 2012
Hotel at Old Town
Wichita, Kansas

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Breakfast – Sponsored by Safari Club International (SCI)

MAFWA BUSINESS MEETING

Keith Sexson, MAFWA President – Officially called to order at 8:09 AM

Call to Order and Roll Call

Proxies for Michigan (Sharon Shafer), Illinois (John Rogner), Missouri (Tim Ripperger), Kentucky (Benjy Kinman), North Dakota (Bob Timian) and Ohio (Zody part of the morning Tom Rowan rest) (*Proxies - Exhibit 40*); no Canadian provinces present.

Agenda Review

Add recommended changes for Climate Change group.

Discuss and approve use of MAFWA logo in baiting and feeding brochure.

Approval of 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

Scott Gunderson, WI, moved to accept minutes as printed, Chuck Corell, IA second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon M. Schafer – (Exhibit 41) – Three reports end of calendar year, first six months of this year and last six months of last year. Details starting on page 2; summary on page 1 - starting balance as of June 21, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011: general – beginning \$5,515.82, revenue \$26,703.57, expenditures \$13,766.87 for balance of \$18,452.52; conference – beginning \$99,114.73, revenue \$34,201.40, expenditures \$32,758.93 with balance of \$100,557.20 (including \$45,522.69 of Kansas money and \$7,500 of Indiana's); Southern Wings – beginning \$5.00, revenue \$35,000.00 and expenditures of \$30,250.00 for a balance of 4,755.00; Federal grant – beginning \$507, revenue \$54,483.20, expenditures of \$54,483.20 for balance of \$507.00; Share account remains at \$5.00 balance. Investment accounts as of December 31, 2011 - money market \$19,137.09 and securities \$247,234.32 for subtotal of \$266,371.41; conservation enhancement: money market \$1,203.73 and securities \$1,741.51 for a subtotal of \$2,945.24. Total funds \$393,593.37. ***Scott Zody, OH moved to accept Treasurer's Report, Jim Douglas, NE, second. Motion carried.***

Investments Committee Report

Tim Ripperger, MO introduced Shane Hessman, financial consultant.

Shane Hessman – (Exhibit 42) Two bonds called, looking for new investments; 75% bonds, averaging 6.5%, bank CD is 0.85%, slow and steady is proving out well. Other 25% in mutual funds that fluctuates quite a bit, most invested in 2007, downturn in 2008 and 2009, what happened in U.S. now happening in Europe, taken a beating last year, but still ahead of the game. As of June 22, 2012 at \$286,573.55, about an \$8,000 increase. When took over these accounts we invested \$220,332.22, six year growth of \$66,241 average of 5.1%, not that great but compared to S&P close of 0.50%, it is pretty good.

Comfortable with investments and looking to replace bonds as stated before. Still within original guidelines set out for me. Leave some money available for individual projects, up to Investments Committee. Previously, I was an employee of Hampton and Hampton Accounting, now independent; still in same office, but with Great American Investments, because of regulation changes. On \$35 annual fee, if account has no transactions, charged every September, through communication errors, need to have direction from committee to deposit \$50 and then there is no fee. Anyone can contribute at any time, tax deductible donation or can leave in estate. Important, slow and steady and consistent, hope to keep \$225,000 and fund projects from the additional monies. Manage for positive return. *Joe Kramer, KS* – Since you went independent, if you go bankrupt what happens to money? *Hessman* – I am manager only, if I go bankrupt nothing happens to your money, totally insulated. *Kramer* – Same as with Hampton and Hampton? *Hessman* – Yes, eliminated one step, still use their offices, but eliminated extra paperwork. *Kramer* – From legal standpoint is there some place we can see that? *Hessman* – Yes, I can get that for you. *Ollie* – Conservation Investment fund set up to double Jaschek fund, but have never been able to set up fund raising committee; looking to raise another \$300,000. Have nice brochure that explains this, but no one to go out and raise funds. *Hessman* – Happy to help you out with that, send me a brochure. One thing I have seen, in other endowments, is people who donate money from sale of land. ***Chuck Corell, IA moved to accept Investment Report, Ed Boggess, MN second. Motion carried.***

Audit Committee Report

Benjy Kinman, KY – The audit committee met with Sharon and went over extensive materials; compared to her bank account. Books looked good and she is very thorough and competent. Request that we have a professional audit every 3-5 years. ***Bob Timian, ND moved to accept Audit Committee Report, Jeff Vonk, SD second. Motion carried.***

Resolutions Committee Report

Ed Boggess, MN – (*Exhibit 43*) Three resolutions are:

1) LE Committee Resolution executive leadership training academy, discussed in their report, drafted resolution for leadership training to parallel other law enforcement agencies, like the natural conservation training center. “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies supports and endorses the efforts of the National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs (NACLEC) organization and their member conservation law enforcement executive-level professionals to undertake efforts to develop an executive-level leadership training academy for conservation law enforcement professionals. BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies endorses efforts by NACLEC and member state agencies to work in cooperation with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agency’s Management Assistance Team, National Conservation Leadership Institute staff, and US Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center staff to conduct a review of existing leadership development and training programs, conduct a training needs assessment of state fish and wildlife agencies to aid in the prioritization of the types of leadership skills that are required within the conservation law enforcement discipline, and develop a funding support strategy and a draft curriculum for the operation of a conservation law enforcement executive-level leadership training academy.” Basically saying they want endorsement to work with those other groups to develop a curriculum. *Jeff Vonk, SD* – Mentioned \$100,000, is endorsement commitment of funding to endorse? *Boggess* – Does not address funding issue? *Jim Douglas, NE* – No commitment of funding requested and it will be brought up at AFWA. *Boggess* – Ready for body to act. ***Chuck Corell, IA moved to accept, Mark Reiter, IN, second. Motion carried.***

2) Midwest Fur Resources Committee – This pertains to the bobcat harvest data and issues of CITES and how the U.S. certifies status of risk for bobcat and otter. Suggesting dynamics of species operate at state scales and operate in state boundaries. Asking for MAFWA to designate expertise, “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that states and provinces represented by the Midwest Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies hereby agree to cooperate in an evaluation of the potential for regional monitoring programs for river otter and bobcat by contributing 1) expertise of their designated furbearer biologists, not to exceed 5 working days per jurisdiction per year, 2) philosophical support for pursuit of grants to obtain funding for this project, and, 3) if funding is obtained, access to historical datasets as needed to determine optimal sampling strategies for regional monitoring programs.” Not asking for money but conceptual support. *Benjy Kinman, KY* – Discussion with lady who presented CITES, told me non-detrimental status for both of these species on Appendix II non-detrimental list, does that negate this? *Boggess* – Trying for years to get bobcat off this list, initially on Appendix I. Not sure what is happening with otter. If efforts are successful, this could affect this to some extent, but still sounds like good idea. *Ollie* – States and USFWS made valiant effort and we failed again. *Ron Regan, AFWA* – We have been trying for 10 years. *Ollie* – It is a look-alike species so still has to go through tagging. Science would support our efforts. *Kinman* – Would not negate tagging, mechanism to prove populations? *Boggess* – Prove harvest is not detrimental. *Scott Zody, OH, moved to accept; Chuck Corell, IA, second. Motion carried.*

3) Thank hosts of KDWPT, thank Secretary, Keith and Staff and for making us welcome. “NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies at its annual business meeting in Wichita, Kansas on June 27, 2012, acknowledges the hard work and hospitality of Secretary Jennison and Assistant Secretary Sexson and the staff from the great state of Kansas, and hereby passes this resolution in a showing of great appreciation.” *Approved by applause.* *Sexson* – Sheila was at the front of this; also, Joe Kramer and law enforcement division helped us out.

Awards Committee Report

Keith Sexson (KS) – Received 22 nominations for awards we passed out yesterday. Thanks to awards Committee: Terry Steinwand, North Dakota, Mark Reiter, Indiana, Jeff Vonk, South Dakota, Ed Boggess, Minnesota are the awards committee members with me. Ask states to look at awards within your state, and then forward those on for MAFWA process. I think we are back on track with this. I understand some folks volunteered to stay on this committee. *Approved.*

Bylaws Committee Report

John Rogner (pinch hitting for Marc Miller) (IL) – Have bylaw proposal, suggested changes: cover page, change date from 2011 to 2012; strike outs on document. First significant change is raising ceiling from \$6,000 to \$12,000 to help us enter into multi-year contracts. On dues, in deficit budget for years, asking to raise dues from \$1,800 to \$2,300. *Jeff Vonk, SD* – When was last dues increase? *Ollie* – 2004 when I was hired, dues were \$300 and a special assessment of \$1500 paid for my services, these were combined a couple of years later. AFWA model covers cost of living increase, increase is made by percentage of cost of living rather than a dollar amount. *Keith Sexson, KS* – WAFWA does that. *Ollie* – Compared to western consumer price index. *Vonk* – Adopt this, but look at changing that for next year. *Ed Boggess, MN* – Annual adjustments on based on CPI? *Vonk* – I think we should tie to that. *Chuck Corell, IA* – Prevents constant increase requests. *Tim Ripperger, MO* – Agree with that, \$500 increase make sure made at proper level of spending. *Sexson* – New floor and review with adjustment according to index from that point on. *Boggess* – Been in deficit budget situation for a couple of years, this would help with that, not necessarily in deficit spending. *Sharon Schafer, Treasurer* – If increased, would not

totally take away deficit budget would add about \$6,500 and right now at \$14,000. *Rogner* – Add committees and extend 3-year. Last change is amended as of today. *Vonk* – Back to budget, problem for other states to adopt \$1,000 increase, but seems like raw number is not that big and need to justify why such a big jump. Get balanced dues by applying rule and going forward? Propose to amend from \$2,300 to \$2,800. *Boggess* – Confused as we have not talked about this. Have deficit budget, but not having problem at end of year? Budgeting is higher than actual expenses? *Vonk* – How are we balancing at end of year, do we tap into another account? *Schafer* – Depending on where conference is held and income made, we spend from other accounts. Budgeting is a fairly new process for MAFWA. Balances could be used to offset expenses. *Scott Gunderson, WI* – Budget should not have deficit, should reflect what you are saying, not sure that adds up; no deficit budget, should have balanced budget. *Sexson* – When we budget for next year's conference are we budgeting higher? *Schafer* – On high end, start coordinating with Cindy Delaney, will work more closely together. Indianapolis extremely expensive compared to Iowa's state facility. Can look at conference expenses and be conservative so no surprises at the end. *Corell* – Are investment accounts used for operations? *Schafer* – Ollie and Sheila had credit cards when I first came on and that money came from that. *Corell* – Have 6-12 months reserve, build balance somewhere else as operating reserve. Be conservative on income and expenses. Agree with another \$1,000 a year. *Vonk* – Should show balanced budget, whether this way or make an adjustment from reserve draw or somewhere else. *Sexson* – Budgeting high on conferences and need to be more realistic. *Boggess* – In switch over of fiscal to calendar year, like idea of annual inflator, prefer not to change what is requested now and decide what we need for inflator and make sure that it is from right base. ***Chuck Corell, IA, moved to accept report, Scott Zody, OH, second. Motion carried.*** *Sexson* – Instruct by-laws person to come back a year from now to deal with base and increase. Provide instruction for base and index to place into bylaws. ***Jim Douglas, NE moved, Scott Gunderson, WI second. Motion carried.*** *Chuck Corell, IA and Scott Gunderson, WI volunteered to be on By-Laws Committee.*

Executive Secretary's Report

Ollie Torgerson – (*Exhibit 44*) – Good year in Association, whenever calendar year changes I get busy helping with conference, assisting Delaney and getting donations. End of last year Pat Boddy resigned and Chuck Corell became president; he was attentive and good to work with. Normally we change presidents 30 days after AFWA meeting to keep continuity. Keith became president middle of last October. New president does appointments, most important is Executive Committee because whole body only meets once a year and Executive Committee meets six times to conduct business. Dave Lane, OH shortest serving director - 7 months; lost Rex, NE, who was the longest serving - 24 years; just got Scott Zody, OH and Jim Douglas, NE; now MI and IA turning over, hope to keep Chuck. Ron and I will go to MI to meet new director; they hold our meeting in two years. President appoints Executive Committee to balance geographically, Keith appointed Marc Miller, IN and Ed Boggess, MN. Investments committee losing Rodney Stokes; Audit committee, Jim replacing Rex; Ed replacing Rex on National Grants Committee. Three important resolutions last year: deer/turkey baiting/feeding, trapping BMPS and NBCI support. Letters come in to support. Federal budget priorities important to us and MO has represented us in DC (Tim Ripperger). Important process and for years we did not get involved and now are more engaged. You Directors wanted more involvement in banking services and Southern Wings is growing, we charge 5% for banking services; Midwest fish habitat partnership fund was \$398,000; Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference we are banking for KS in 2012 and others in 2015 and 2016 and will charge 5%. Pass through from OH to National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, received and transferred and no bank service charge, as a service to member state. Using sponsorship support for annual conference and I raise money for that and we are increasing level of sponsorship

support each year. Starting in 2004, ND had sponsors paying directly and we never saw accounting, but have accounting of years since then. Shifted web site management and on our own blogger site now; we continue to learn and Chris Durrill, MO helps with this at times. Get new affiliate members, two new ones (Kalkomey and Mark LaBarbera & Associates, LLC have applied this year). On personal note, you gave me tremendous in 2005 when my youngest daughter had brain tumor and had it removed and two years later had it removed again. She has survived due to an excellent surgeon and a strong positive attitude, married 1½ year ago and now with surrogate mother just delivered my new granddaughter, 8 lbs 9 oz. So now I have my two miracle babies. Thanks for support through all of this. Thank our host this year, Kansas excellent host, MAFWA is based and incorporated here and they have kept us going, provide Sheila, and Joe was treasurer for years; our success is how each member state pitches in; WI houses me, MO paid for my first two years; NE laid out brochure, OH provides Carolyn Caldwell; MI provides Sharon Shafer. Kansas always a good partner, good show and the Kansas Cartel was a part of this. Thanks Sheila and Sharon couldn't make it without you two. *Sexson* – Appreciate thank you and on behalf of Association glad everything worked out for you.

Break

MAFWA/Midwest F&W Conference Relationship

Ollie – Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference has been around since 1935, very successful and rotates in 10 of 13 states, is attended by field biologists, students, University professionals - highly attended, but has never been our conference. They have no officers and no funds and the conference just rotates among those states and belongs to state that is hosting it. We have been asked to do the banker for some of our member states that are hosting this conference since it is hard to set up independent banking accounts these days, get sole source bidding and signing hotel contracts is a big issue. Michigan is third state now to ask for MAFWA banking services for this conference (MO asked but went with their foundation). The Executive Committee thinks MAFWA should extend a helping hand to accept business management aspect of Midwest F&W conference, but not its program aspects. It was suggested that Keith and I meet with Time and Place Committee this coming December when the conference is being held in Kansas. This Time and Place Committee is the only structure for the conference, but there is an operating manual. This Time and Place Committee is comprised of the host state's conference committee members and includes members from next few states who will host the conference. Question is do we want to do this? Do you feel we should take this on, already agreed to provide banking service, should we sign hotel contract and take out insurance? I met with Matt Menashes of AFWA and he suggested we take ownership. If run properly should be successful and Delaney does a good job. *Jim Douglas, NE* – Would you imagine that would relieve state's responsibility of raising up front dollars? *Ollie* – I would think it would. If we managed business aspect you would put money in fund and would pass on as seed money to next state. Don't think there is any interest to assume putting program together, which is quite detailed. This conference has been successful for years, but is running into problems we mentioned. It is always your staffs who have the main roll. *Douglas* – Last time NE did it we formed 501 just to have money for the next time, but it is not always so. Wouldn't have made it without agency and University volunteers. *Ollie* – Lot of details to handle. *Corell* – Interested in offering business services so they know it is available, but there is a difference between providing services and being owner, have to come to us and not sure I am interested in that. There are other options out there, a valuable service especially when state government accounting rules are not going to get any looser. *Mark Reiter, IN* – No problem with rest of conference except for signing contracts and collecting money, those items the state makes difficult for us. *Ollie* – believe directors don't want that either.

Sexson – Question signing hotel contract. *Ollie* - Kansas knows all about this because the AFWA conference was delayed when they were hosts due to the 9/11 bombing. It is amazing to me that this conference has continued to move forward and be successful over time. I met with Time and Place Committee in Wisconsin in 2007 at your request and they responded back to leave it the way it is. *Ed Boggess, MN* – Held this conference in 2010 and managed to get through it, also had 501(c)(3), system was too loose. See value in MAFWA providing the support, look at it as services. Don't like the term "own", just be the banker. *Ollie* – Michigan felt lack of structure, and worried about signing hotel contract, need more partnership approach? *Cindy Delaney* – Cancellation insurance costs about \$700 to \$800 a year. *John Rogner* – IL supports business manager, good roll, generally does turn a profit, and write in percentage of funds for managing. *Doug Nygren, KS* – Funds go back to Fisheries Society or Wildlife Society. *Douglas* – Our 501 retained dollars for next turn. *Boggess* – That is what we did and ended up with \$100,000 and spent it when we hosted in 2010, but can't do it again. *Reiter* – Give half to each society. *Ollie* – Each state does it different. *Sexson* – Fair to say that the two societies are driving entities. Board always changes, hard to identify who to talk to about the conference, state agency or society? *Doug Nygren, KS* – NW society folks. *Boggess* – Agency whose neck is on the line should. *Ollie* – Great partner, but don't sign contracts. *Douglas* – Risk insurance, would MAFWA pay that? *Delaney* – AFWA bought insurance that covers their meeting if cancelled and for seed money. *Douglas* – Amend each year according to situation. *Ollie* – The conference is moving dates from the traditional December to January or February to better accommodate student attendance. *Corell* – Don't pay for any expenses and make 5% that either covers that or whatever; no liability. *Ollie* – What do directors do with profits when conference is over? *Cindy* pays bills and gives the profit to the host state. *Corell* – Agreement with host state, what to do with the profits? *Reiter* – Didn't think money would ever go back to state, start with bankroll and money stayed with this Association and state never touched money again. *Boggess* – State would like to see assurance if money left from their conference, like to see that money left behind was available when they host conference again. Get state away from figuring out how to try and hold that money for 10 years. *Reiter* – Don't need to worry about holding money. *Boggess* – If it makes a profit, state contributed to profit and should expect ability to defray the next conference. Keep money going for purpose it was generated. *Ollie* – Apply to benefiting collective MAFWA agency? *Corell* – Not comfortable with MAFWA controlling bank account. *Ollie* – Need to know how you feel? *Corell* – Fine with business end, all profits available to Time and Place conference, get accused of doing banking to take money. Time and Place Committee has to have access to that money for next conference and they direct what they want to do with it. *Sexson* – What you are saying is this would be a service we provide to the conference. *Boggess* – Profits go to next state? *Corell* – No, Time and Place committee decides what to do with funds. *Ollie* – Talking about host state. *Corell* – Guilty of thinking Time and Place committee is like board of directors. *Scott Gunderson, WI* – MAFWA should take care of bookkeeping, be neutral, set administrative fee, pay expenses, etc and pass on money to host state to do what they want with it. *Boggess* – If profit came back to host state, I would agree with this. *Corell* – If we do banking, then no roll of host state other than staffing. *Boggess* – Staffing is big. *Corell* – Try get away from state agency having any financial involvement. *Gunderson* – Host state decides where funds go, not necessarily to themselves. *Douglas* – Agree, might leave money with MAFWA or one of societies. May not commit as much agency and risk of no connectivity. *Gunderson* – Agreement would be very tight. *Nygren* – Time and Place is host state and whoever wants to show up, very loose. *Ollie* – Usually host state and next state or two and players changes all the time. Need to cover costs, mine and Sharon's time, don't do cost free, details need to be written into contract. *Corell* – Maybe it should be a flat fee. *Gunderson* – Not decide today, put something together for us to look at. *Ollie* – Time and Place may not want any help. *Vonk* – Available if state wants us to do it and if foundation available, then let

them use that. *Ollie* – Set parameters of how we will do it? *Sexson* – Accept motion of here is rules and if don't need us then fine; include costs and profits involved. ***Scott Gunderson, WI moved, Jeff Vonk, SD second. Motion approved.*** SD, ND and KY have never hosted Midwest F&W Conference.

New Business

Approval of Affiliate Memberships

Ollie Torgerson – We have two applications Kalkomey, Kurt was here, sent application and LaBarbera & Associates, who attended meeting in March. Requires vote to accept: ***Ed Boggess, MN, moved to accept new affiliates, Tim Ripperger, MO, second. Motion carried.***

Southern Wings Project Approval

Ollie Torgerson – Requires approval of projects for Southern Wings; perfunctory move and Deb Hahn checking to see if this is necessary for us to make this approval. ***Chuck Corell, IA moved to approve, Jim Douglas, NE second. Motion carried.***

New Technical Working Group Proposal

Chuck Corell, IA (Exhibit 45) – AFWA has a committee that addresses fisheries issues and MAFWA doesn't, fisheries chiefs have been meeting loosely so propose new Aquatic Habitat Conservation Committee and have provided draft charter. On second page, under administration and management looking at Executive Committee because of quick response needed outside of full committee. Third page is suggested membership, which includes fisheries chiefs from MAFWA. Last page is suggested list of members and Mark Reiter has agreed to be board liaison to this new technical committee. *Boggess* – I don't go to WAFWA, but they have regular meeting and felt we were lacking in that. Good idea. *Ollie* – Executive committee would take care of financial stuff? *Corell* – Limiting own financial authority. *Ollie* – Cannot act on behalf of MAFWA states. *Corell* – This is a draft, can add financial commitment of MAFWA too. *Vonk* – No committee can do that. *Ollie* – Like concept of fish and wildlife administrators having a new committee. This is a bylaws change, if you approve they bring back guidelines next year. And we add a sunset date to the committee. ***Chuck Corell, IA moved to change bylaws; takes 30-day notice to change bylaws for approval next year, Chuck Corell amended motion to add AdHoc committee to charter and then add full committee next year in bylaws. Jeff Vonk, SD second. Motion carried.***

Delaney 3-year Contract Proposal

Ollie Torgerson – Sent Board of Directors draft contract to provide three years of services for conferences. Looked at it and Executive Committee did endorse this and Matt Menashes looked at it and he believes it is a good value. I would sign for MAFWA or President. *Jim Douglas, NE* – Are amounts \$8,000 and \$2,500 annually? *Ollie* – Up to \$10,500 actual expenses with a 3% increase per subsequent year. ***Chuck Corell, IA moved to approve, Scott Gunderson, WI second. Motion carried.***

FY13 Budget Approval

Sharon M. Schafer (Exhibit 46) – Jan 1, 2012 through Dec 31, 2012, went through budget, affiliate dues are waived if they are sponsors (*went through rest of budget*). *Corell* – Proposing budget with added \$6,500? *Schafer* – Correct. Send out in July or August. *Corell* – Still leaves about \$8,000 deficient, can put in revenue to draw out \$8,000 out of reserves. *Vonk* – Add \$7,400 from reserve accounts and show zero balance planning budget. *Corell* – Gives authority to use reserves. ***Chuck Corell, IA moved to***

change and add new annual dues and add \$7,400 to balance the budget from existing funds to balance the budget, Jeff Vonk, SD, second. Motion carried – to balance the budget.

Organizational guidelines of Climate Change – Look at guidelines before we do this. **Chuck Corell, IA moved, Ed Boggess, MN second. Motion carried.**

Acceptance of MAFWA logo on baiting and feeding brochure.

Make modifications for printing black and white too. *Scott Gunderson, WI* – Contentious in our state, all over the board on this issue; baiting and feeding is an issue, have two gallon rule for 40 acres, problem is people breaking the law, as legislator tried to increase fines. Agree and support this, but politically support this issue. *Boggess* – comment, resolution a year ago on this. *Douglas* – Same boat as WI, not right way to go, gone to legislature three times and rejected three times, put us in difficult position. Sportsmen equally split, contentious issue. *Vonk* – Two uncomfortable, do not support use of MAFWA logo, *Scott Gunderson, WI* – I second that. *Ollie* – Include name too? *Vonk* – Logo and name. *Boggess* – Problematic in MN too, more to enforce, already illegal to bait deer, see not as policy document but education document, providing information, not setting policy so think it would be fine.. *Schafer* – As Rodney (proxy), highly contentious in MI. Michigan had a baiting ban, now limited baiting, same as ND and WI. *Corell* – It is inconsistent to not put name and logo on document that is trying to be educational document. *Vonk* – An educational document that shows this organization in support of it. Hate to have states not use it because there was going to be a problem. If caused MI, ND and WI to potentially not be a part of this organization why would we want to do that? Get state out of this organization. *Gunderson* – Political ramifications are just what Vonk said, don't want us to get caught in this. *Sexson* – All about the logo, not that we don't make information available. *Boggess* – Struggling because this reflects our position, would be helpful even though we haven't been successful with legislature, helpful for me to say this is what MAFWA states feel is truth about baiting and feeding. **MI – yes, NE – yes, IL – yes, IA – no, MN – no, MO – no, KY – abstain, IN – yes, KS – no, ND – yes, OH – yes, SD – yes, WI – yes; to not include 8 yes, 4 no, 1 abstain – not include logo.**

Dove Survey Letter

Sexson - Send letter to ask why delay in doing dove survey? Ron not here to offer more information, but this is not a non-issue but lying quiet to go to USFWS to jar it loose, pure politics and timing. Flyways have accepted questionnaire and it has been vetted. Request came to me to sign letter, do we want to send communication to USFWS to go forward with the survey. *Ollie* – Ours is the first regional association to meet since the decision came out. Dan Ashe said partners of USFWS expressed concern and since election year, not going out until after the Presidential election. From arms and ammunitions companies, I expect. *Vonk* – Letter or not, don't expect it will change decision of whether or not to send out the survey. *Sexson* – Go forward with letter? **Chuck Corell, authorize you to send letter in support of dove survey right away, Ed Boggess second.** Discussion – What happens if it goes out in January, will it dictate or hurt duck seasons? *Vonk* – Timing is important, if not now a year from now. *Boggess* – May be different administration and may not go out at all. *Vonk* – Should send the letter, nothing wrong with survey. *Ollie* – The survey has been approved by Flyways and NGOs. **Motion carried.** *Ollie* – See draft before Keith sends? *Vonk* – Executive Committee can handle this.

Passing of Gavel to Kentucky

Benjy Kinman, KY – Jon leaves me back in the trenches, financial part can't believe Sharon does for free. Kentucky is host next year and hopefully be as good, or better, than Kansas. On behalf of MAFWA and Jon Gassett gives me great pleasure to give Past President's Award to Keith Sexson, Kansas.

Keith Sexson, Kansas passed gavel to State of Kentucky.

Keith Sexson - Thank you all for support of this year's meeting and staff who attended this meeting. Good topics, crammed in, but worked well. Thank Kansas department staff who helped put this on and Tourism side says come back.

Adjournment

Scott Gunderson, WI, moved to adjourn, Chuck Corell, IA, second. Approved.

Appendix A – PowerPoint Photos

