

Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Annual Meeting
June 24 - June 27, 2012
Wichita, Kansas

ACTION ITEMS

- < Presented Awards to Michael J. Hawkins, IA, Fisheries Biologist of the Year; Jim Pitman, KS, Wildlife Biologist of the Year; Russ Fell, WI, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; – Christopher B. Vitello, MO, Spirit of the Shack; no Sagamore Awards; President's Award to National Conservation Leadership Institute; and Past President's Award to Jon Gassett, KY. Excellence in Conservation was awarded to two agencies SD Game, Fish and Parks Wildlife Division Staff and OH received the award for Restoring Lake Erie Hydrology and Coastal Marsh at Middle Harbor, OH. (Completed 6/24/13)
- < Voted to keep Carolyn Caldwell as CITES representative after her retirement from Ohio, until new person is located (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Motion made to authorize president to draft a resolution to allow pheasant group to create the framework for a national board and national technical working committee (Pheasant Committee Recommendation) (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Accepted 2012 minutes from annual business meeting in Wichita, Kansas (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Voted to accept Treasurer's Report (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Voted to accept Audit Report (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Voted to accept Investment Committee Report (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Approved one resolution (Completed 6/26/13)
 Thanking Kentucky for holding conference
- < Voted to approve Awards Committee Report (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Voted to put together proposal to add New Technical Working Group (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Voted to approve by-law changes as recommended (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Voted on MAFWA/Midwest F&W Conference Relationship Proposal (Ollie Torgerson, Executive Secretary) (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Voted to send letter to Dan Ashe on LCCs and State Wildlife Action Plan (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Letter to USGS regarding SCWDS funding cut (Completed 6/26/13)

- < Voted to form Feral Swine Technical Ad Hoc Committee (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Voted to approve Affiliate Memberships (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Voted to ask Pheasant Committee to submit specific funding request for National Pheasant Plan Coordinator (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Voted to accept FY2014 budget as presented (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Voted to adjourn (Completed 6/26/13)

Items discussed, but not voted on:

- < Discussed State Hot Topics (6/24/13)
- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Law Enforcement Regional Issues and National Leadership Academy (Bill Woody, USFWS Law Enforcement and Randy Stark, Law Enforcement, Wisconsin DNR) (Completed 6/24/13)
- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Program/Industry-State Relations (John Frampton, AFWA State-Industry Liaison) (Completed 6/24/13)
- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration: Dealing with the Influx of Additional PR Funds (Hannibal Bolton, USFWS) (Completed 6/24/13)
- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Federal Budget Review: How Do We Improve the Process? (Tim Ripperger, Missouri Deputy Director) (Completed 6/24/13)
- < Heard and discussed State of the USFWS: Landscape Conservation Cooperative's Surrogate Species and Sequestration (Dan Ashe, USFWS Director) (Completed 6/24/13)
- < Heard Midwest Furbearer Group report (Laura Patton, KDFWR) (Completed 6/24/13)
- < Heard Law Enforcement Committee (AMGFLEO) report (Randy Stark presented during Leadership Academy Presentation) (Completed 6/24/13)
- < Heard Private Lands Working Group and Public Lands Working Group joint report (Dan Figert and Tony Black, KDFWR) (Completed 6/24/13)
- < Heard NCN Committee report (Jim Douglas, NE) (Completed 6/24/13)
- < Heard State Wildlife Action Plan Technical Working Committee report (Benjy Kinman, KY) (Completed 6/24/13)
- < Heard Hunter & Angler Recruitment & Retention Committee report (Marc Miller, IL) (Completed 6/24/13)
- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Feral Hogs and Asian Carp (Charlie Brown, APHIS-WS; Greg Conover, USFWS and Mark Gaden, KDFWR) (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Successful Methods for Recruiting and Retaining Hunters, Shooters, Anglers and Boaters (Stephanie Hussey, RBFF; and John Frampton, AFWA State/Industry Liaison) (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Heard and discussed The Farm Bill (Jim Inglis, Pheasants Forever) (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Using Social Media Effectively to Communicate with our Customers (Chris Dolnack, NSSF) (Completed 6/25/13)

- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Wildlife Disease Issues: Ongoing and Emerging Threats to Wildlife (John Fischer, SCWDS) (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Heard and discussed Sue U – A Legal Strategy Proposed by AFWA (Carol Bambery, AFWA and Margaret Everson, KDFWR) (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Innovative Approaches to Restoration: Mussel Propagation in KY (Monte McGregor, KDFWR) (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Heard CITES report (Carolyn Caldwell, OH) (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Heard Legal Committee report (Chris Tymeson, KDWPT) (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Heard Climate Change Committee report (Chuck Corell, IA) (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Heard Pheasant Study Group report (Budd Veverka, KY) (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Heard Deer and Wild Turkey Study Group report (Emmett Keyser, SD) (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Heard Wildlife and Fish Health Committee report (Elizabeth Danks, KDFWR) (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Heard Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) report (Executive Director Ron Regan and President Jeff Vonk, SD) (Completed 6/25/13)
- < Viewed MAFWA Executive Secretary's PowerPoint Report (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Heard New Business (Completed 6/26/13)
- < Passed the gavel to Kentucky (Completed 6/26/13)