

**Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
Annual Meeting  
June 29 - July 2, 2008  
Estes Park, Colorado**

**ACTION ITEMS**

- ▶ Presented Awards to Don Bonneau, IA, Fisheries Biologist of the Year; John Schulz, MO, Wildlife Biologist of the Year; Jeff Finn, KY, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; Dennis Figg, MO, Spirit of the Shack; President's Award to The Nature Conservancy Colorado Chapter; and Past President's Award to Jeff Ver Steeg, CO (Completed 6/30/08)
- ▶ Voted to approve addition of four new affiliate organizations: Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership; Wildlife Forever; Southwick and Associates and XON TV (Completed 6/30/08)
- ▶ Voted to send letter regarding state fire training guidelines on federal lands operated by states (Public Land Recommendation) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Voted to send letter to Matt Hogan, AFWA, thanking him/them for extra Farm Bill assistance (Private Land Recommendation) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Voted to send letter to USDA Secretary Ed Schafer on CRP sign up and removal of allocation (Private Land Recommendation) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Voted to send letter to USDA Secretary Ed Schafer and FSA on CRP contract cancellation (Private Land Recommendation) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Voted to send letter to NRCS via Directors on EQIP funds disbursement (Private Land Recommendation) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Voted to send letter to USDA Secretary Ed Schafer and FSA on native grassland conversion (Private Land Recommendation) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Voted to send letters to Senators Johnson, SD and Stabenow, MI in appreciation for introducing the Teaming With Wildlife Act (Wildlife Action Plan Recommendation) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Voted to send letter to Senator Boxer, CA in appreciation for asking for wildlife funding in climate change legislation (Wildlife Action Plan Recommendation) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Accepted 2007 minutes from annual business meeting in Minocqua, Wisconsin (Completed 7/2/08)
- ▶ Voted to accept Audit Report (Completed 7/2/08)
- ▶ Voted to accept Treasurer's Report, balance as of May 30, 2008 - \$243,032.05 (Completed 7/2/08)

- ▶ Voted to accept Jaschek Report (Completed 7/2/08)
- ▶ Voted to accept Investment Committee Report (Completed 7/2/08)
- ▶ Approved 4 resolutions (Completed 7/2/08)
  - Clean Water Act
  - Coursing Pens
  - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Thanking Colorado for holding conference
- ▶ Voted to approve by-law changes as recommended (Completed 7/2/08)
- ▶ Voted to purchase General Liability and Directors and Officers Insurance for \$897/mo (Completed 7/2/08)
- ▶ Voted to move 2009 meeting to last Sunday in June (Completed 7/2/08)
- ▶ Voted to adjourn

**Items discussed, but not voted on:**

- ▶ Discussed State Hot Topics (6/30/08)
- ▶ Heard Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) Reports (President Pugh and Executive Director Hogan) (Completed 6/30/08)
- ▶ Heard U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Reports (Region 3 Director Thorson, Region 6 Director Guertin, and Pallid Sturgeon PP by Hill (Completed 6/30/08)
- ▶ Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Climate Change (Flather, USFS) (Completed 6/30/08)
- ▶ Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Energy Development (Greenman, CO DOW) (Completed 6/30/08)
- ▶ Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Invasive Species (Grann, Wildlife Forever) (Completed 6/30/08)
- ▶ Heard Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services Report (West Region Director Green and East Region Deputy Director McConnell) (Completed 6/30/08)
- ▶ Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Crossbow Dynamics (King, ATA) (Completed 6/30/08)
- ▶ Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Hunter/Angler Recruitment and Retention (Enck, Cornell University) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on (Re)connecting People with the Outdoors (Charles, Children & Nature Network) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Discussed Enhanced Funding for Wildlife Agencies (Dave Schad, MN and Rich Leopold, IA) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Report (Momper) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Discussed Hot Topics (Completed 7/1/08)  
Possible topics for 2009 - Climate related initiatives; fish and wildlife disease issues; ballast water and invasive species; shooting ranges; and commission/public/audio-video conferencing/webcasting
- ▶ Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Report (Ethridge) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Heard Eco Associates talk on Farm Bill Conservation Effects Assessment (Evans) (Completed 7/1/08)

- ▶ Viewed PowerPoint on National Park Service (NPS) Report (Baker) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Heard National Fish Habitat Initiative Report (Cooper) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Heard Private Lands Working Group report (Completed 7/1/08) – Letter to Directors to continue LIP (no action required)
- ▶ Heard Public Lands Working Group report (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Heard Law Enforcement Committee (AMGFLEO) report (No full report –view it on MAFWA website) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Heard NCN Committee report (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Heard Deer and Wild Turkey Study Group report (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Heard Wildlife and Fish Health Committee report (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Heard Midwest Furbearer Group report (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Heard State Wildlife Action Plan Technical Working Committee report (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Heard Legal Committee report (no full report) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Heard CITES report (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Heard Pheasant Study Group report (no full report – meet every 2 years) (Completed 7/1/08)
- ▶ Heard 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Stories from Amack/Kramer/Salmon (Completed 7/2/08)
- ▶ Heard investments report from Shane Hessman, Hampton Consulting Corp (Completed 7/2/08)
- ▶ Viewed MAFWA Executive Secretary's PowerPoint Report (Completed 7/2/08)
- ▶ Passed the gavel to Illinois (Completed 7/2/08)