

**Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Annual Meeting
June 27 – June 30, 2010
Indianapolis, Indiana**

ACTION ITEMS

- < Midwest Furbearer Group report (Completed 6/28/10)
 - < Voted to accept position statement on Hound Dog Coursing Pens

- < Heard Private Lands Working Group and Public Lands Working Group joint report (Completed 6/28/10)
 - < Voted to send letters to (Private Land Recommendations):
the other regional associations and the AFWA Executive and Budget Committees requesting support for maintaining the AFWA Agriculture Conservation Policy Analyst position and finding a long term funding solution;
the other Regional Associations and to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, and the House Committee on Agriculture requesting their support and additional funding for APHIS Wildlife Services to expand their feral swine program;
the other Regional Associations and to Dave White, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief to assist with this important issue.
 - < Voted to send letters to (Public Land Recommendations):
USFWS Regions 3 and 6, regarding consumptive uses on National Wildlife Refuges (rewritten and completed 6/30/10)

- < Heard Climate Change Committee report (Completed 6/28/10)
 - < Voted to wait until after Midwest Climate Change Workshop in December to have Executive Committee discuss recommendations on whether to keep this Committee.

- < Presented Awards to: (Completed 6/28/10)
 - < Fisheries Biologist of the Year – Dr. John Lyons, Wisconsin DNR (accepted by Matt Frank)
 - < Law Enforcement Officer of the Year - Darren Unreiner, Brooks, Alberta, Canada (sending)
 - < Wildlife Biologist of the Year – John Niewoonder, Michigan DNR (accepted by Becky Humphries)
 - < Spirit of the Shack – Rex Amack, Director, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission (accepted Kirk Nelson)
 - < Sagamore – Joe Kramer, F&W Division Director, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (for service as Treasurer)
 - < Past President's Award – Mark Reiter, Indiana DNR
 - < President's Award – National Wild Turkey Federation (accepted by Randy Showalter)

- < Accepted 2009 minutes from annual business meeting in Peoria, Illinois (Completed 6/30/10)

Action Items (continued)

- < Voted to accept Treasurer's Report, cash on hand as of June 18, 2010 – General Account: \$6,969.74; Conference Account: \$56,001.94; Southern Wings: \$38,720; Share Account: \$5; Federal Grant \$507; Conservation Enhancement Fund \$2,779.48; and Money Market and Securities \$245,573.37 (Completed 6/30/10)
- < Approved four resolutions (Completed 6/30/10)
 - < The Private Lands Working Group has drafted a resolution, paying tribute to the Conservation Reserve Program and recognizing the USDA for its administration of the program.
 - < Delist the Gray Wolf and Restore Management to the States
 - < Recognizing the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Conservation Reserve Program (Private Land Recommendation)
 - < Support for National and State Livestock Individual Animal Identification Requirements
 - < Thanking Indiana for Annual Meeting, June 27-June 30, 2010, Indianapolis, Indiana
- < Voted to present Sagamore to Jeff Ver Steeg (Completed 6/30/10)
- < Voted to accept FY2011 budget as presented (Completed 6/30/10)
- < Voted to put together a new Hunter and Angler Recruitment and Retention Committee with help of Jay Johnson, MN and Dennis Fox, WI to be approved in By-Laws (Completed 6/30/10)
- < Voted to approve Southern Wings Projects (6/30/10)
- < Voted to become MOU on Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership (6/30/10)
- < Voted to adjourn

Items discussed, but not voted on:

- < Heard State Reports (6/28/10)
- < Heard Committee Reports (no action items): (Completed 6/28/10)
 - < Law Enforcement Committee (AMGFLEO) report (no full report)
 - < Legal Committee report (no action)
 - < State Wildlife Action Plan Technical Working Committee report (no action)
 - < NCN Committee report (no action)
 - < Pheasant Study Group report (no full report)
 - < Deer and Wild Turkey Study Group report (no action)
- < Viewed PowerPoint on Learning from the Past: Turning Points in Yesterday's Success and the Challenges of Our Time (Randy Stark, Chief Warden, Wisconsin DNR) (Completed 6/28/10)
- < Heard Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) Reports (President John Frampton and Executive Director Ron Regan) (Completed 6/28/10)
- < Heard U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Reports (Tom Melius – standing in for Dan Ashe; Region 3 Director Tom Melius; and Region 6 Director Steve Guertin) (Completed 6/28/10)
- < Heard report from NRCS (Tom Christensen, Central Region Director, NRCS) (Completed 6/28/10)
- < Heard report from the U.S. Forest Service (Logan Lee, Deputy Regional Forester, Region 9, U.S. Forest Service) (Completed 6/28/10)
- < Heard report from the USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services (Charles Brown, USDA/APHIS) (Completed 6/28/10)
- < Heard report from National Park Service (Gary Vequist, Associate Regional Director Natural Resource/Stewardship/Science, Midwest Region, National Park Service) (Completed 6/28/10)
- < Heard Report on Engaging in the Federal Budget Process (John Frampton, Director South Carolina DNR and AFWA President) (Completed 6/29/10)
- < Had Panel Discussion: Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) (Tom Melius, Region 3 Director, USFWS) (Completed 6/29/10)
- < Had Panel Discussion: Federal Aid Reversion (Jim Hodgson, Federal Aid Chief Region 3 USFWS; Glen Salmon, Deputy Assistant Director, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR) USFWS) (Completed 6/29/10)

Items discussed, but not voted on (continued)

- < Had Panel Discussion: Feral Hogs in the Midwest (Seth Swafford, Assistant National Coordinator, USDA/APHIS/WS, National Disease Program) (Completed 6/29/10)
- < Had Panel Discussion: Evaluation of Hunter Recruitment/Retention Programs and Data Mining (Phil Seng, D.J. Case & Associates; and Cortney Mycroft, Southwick Associates) (Completed 6/29/10)
- < Heard report from featured sponsor: National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) (C. Tom Bennett, Vice President of Operations) (Completed 6/29/10)
- < Heard Committee Reports (Completed 6/29/10):
 - < CITES report (no action)
 - < Wildlife and Fish Health Committee report (no action)
- < Viewed MAFWA Executive Secretary's PowerPoint Report (Completed 6/30/10)
- < Discussed FY2011 Budget (Completed 6/30/10)
- < Heard Report on Forming New Technical Working Committees (Completed 6/30/10)
- < Heard Report on Southern Wings Project Approval (Completed 6/30/10)
- < Heard Report on VPAP Funding Request (Completed 6/30/10)
- < Passed the gavel to Iowa (Completed 6/30/10)