

Minutes
MAFWA Business Meeting
June 29, 2011
Honey Creek Resort State Park
Centerville, Iowa

Wednesday, June 29, 2011

Breakfast – Sponsored by Safari Club International (SCI)

MAFWA BUSINESS MEETING

Pat Boddy, MAFWA President – Officially called to order at 8:01 AM

Call to Order and Roll Call

Proxies for Wisconsin (Scott Gunderson/Tom Hauge), South Dakota (Emmett Keyser) and North Dakota (Roger Rostvet) (*Exhibit 48*). Minnesota and Kentucky absent (no proxy) and no Canadian provinces present.

Approval of 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes

Rex Amack, NE, moved to accept, Marc Miller, IL, second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon M. Schafer – (Exhibit 49) – Checking accounts as of June 21, 2011: general \$5,515.82, conference \$99,114.73, Southern Wings \$5.00, and federal grant \$507.00; Share account \$5.00; Investment accounts: money market as of May 31, 2011 \$13,461.98, securities \$269,216.49 for subtotal of \$282,678.47; conservation enhancement as of March 31, 2011: money market \$1,038.34, and securities \$1,951.74 for a subtotal of \$2,990.08. Total funds \$390,816.10. Investments reflect accounts as of May 31. One Canadian province not paid and some affiliate dues not paid. General Checking: 4/28/11 - \$7,646.74, revenue included dues and interest of \$0.65, one outstanding member dues, Saskatchewan (Ollie asked Keith to try and talk to the SK representative at Western meeting), sent second invoice, expenditures included, Ollie's travel, Southern Wings transfer to keep account open, travel for Sheila and I, ordered checks and conference gifts, used debit card, for a total of \$2,131.57, ending balance 6/21/11 of \$5,515.82; Conference Account: balance as of 4/28/11 - \$76,828.42, revenue - conference sponsorships (all of last years and most of this year's paid) and registrations and interest for total revenue of \$33,090.63, expenditures – Ollie's salary for April and May, conference expenses, bank fees, and Delaney fee at \$10,804.32 for balance 6/21/11 of \$99,114.73 (Note: Kansas subaccount balance \$45,522.69). Southern Wings Account - balance as of 4/28/11 \$37,970.00, revenue from transfer from general checking account \$35.00 (to keep account open), expenditures - \$38,000.00 for total balance 6/21/11 of \$5.00 (may combine federal and Southern Wings because they are wash accounts). Federal Grant Account - drawdown and payment of \$39,457.29 for balance 6/21/11 of \$507.00. Share Account - no change (\$5.00). Shane Hessman will provide more detail than I will, but Money Market and Securities Account - balance as of 2/28/11 of \$273,298.55, revenue \$1,462.04 and change in money market value of \$5,917.88, no expenditures for a balance as of 4/28/11 of \$282,678.47, if you consider the change in the market value. Conservation Enhancement Account balance 3/31/11, no

activity balance \$2,990.08, should have been \$200 deposit, but Shane placed in wrong account. **Marc Miller, IL, moved to accept, Keith Sexson, KS, second. Motion carried.**

Investments Committee Report

Rex Amack, NE – Met last night with Shane Hessman, had a quorum, but Missouri was absent. Turn floor over to Shane Hessman. **Shane Hessman** – Front page is Jaschek fund as of last Friday, second page is last year. There is \$15,000 immediately available in money market; original directive was to keep \$10,000-\$15,000 available. Worst market downturn in market history, even more than great depression and expected to last longer. Most negative in 10-year period. 6.24%, interest. \$10,500, few individual stocks, suggestion is to eliminate them and reinvest (first two were spin offs) PS has 7% return. Funds have grown from \$75,000 to \$86,000. Portfolio is an endowment, no end in sight, look over and ask if you have questions. I have handled account for five years. Third page is year to year comparison; not what you make, but what you get to keep. Made \$6,500 on original return in five years, 5.81%, not great, but DOW is 1.3% and S&B is negative on annual basis. When I first took over fund, had issues, below minimum investment amount, wanted to grow it back to that original amount and then grow from there. It is set to be perpetual funding source for Midwest Association. Reports can be confusing, if anything you want to know, ask me and I will answer questions for you. **Ollie Torgerson** – Mentioned liquidating stock; to where? **Shane Hessman** – Move \$6,500 to another bond. I do have traders that can find a \$5,000 bond. **Ollie Torgerson** – Rex, what is your recommendation to move? Rex – That is the only change. **Rex Amack, NE, moved to move shares to a bond. Motion carried.** **Ollie Torgerson** – Jaschek fund came as gift to Association from a little old man out of Milwaukee gave us this money in his will. Did not know the man, seems there is an investment guy in Milwaukee that likes conservation organizations because other groups have received money. Want to grow Conservation Enhancement Fund to \$300,000; Director Amack and PF have donated to this fund, a little over \$2,000. Put \$5,000-\$10,000 in your will to come to us. Nebraska did good job of laying out brochure explaining this fund. Everyone does good job of providing services to this Association. Michigan provides Sharon, Kansas provides Sheila Kemmis, and Wisconsin provides office housing for me. **Pat Boddy, IA** – You can also leave life insurance funds to us also. **Rex Amack, NE moved to accept investment report, Keith Sexson, KS second. Motion carried.** **Pat Boddy, IA** – Thank you Shane for coming.

Audit Committee Report

Keith Sexson, KS – The audit committee met with Sharon, went over extensive materials she forwarded to audit committee. Books looked clean for last year and recommend acceptance of audit committee report. It is being well managed. **Keith Sexson, KS, moved to accept. Motion carried.**

Pat Boddy, IA – Ed Boggess couldn't be here so Dale Garner is going to present the resolutions committee report.

Resolutions Committee Report

Dale Garner (IA) – (*Exhibit 51*) Resolutions are:

1) Best management practices: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies advocates: 1. The continued development of Best Management Practices for Trapping in the United States as a means of improving traps, trapping systems, and trapper education; and 2. The continued funding of the development of Best Management Practices for Trapping in the United States via a Cooperative Agreement between the AFWA and USDA-APHIS-WS at a level of \$300,000-\$500,000 annually. **Bob Ziehmer, MO, moved to accept**

version two; Marc Miller, IL, second. Motion carried. Ollie Torgerson - Where should resolution be sent? *Dale Garner* – I will look through report and see what it says.

2) detrimental consequences of baiting of deer and wild turkey: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies hereby advocates that member states and provinces: 1. Collectively work to educate deer and wild turkey hunters, conservation organizations, the agricultural community and the general public as to the dangers and potential impacts resulting from baiting and feeding of deer and wild turkey; and 2. Remain resolute in prohibiting the practice of baiting and feeding of deer and wild turkey in those states and provinces where baiting and feeding bans currently exist; and 3. Prohibit baiting and feeding of deer and wild turkey in those states and provinces where those practices are currently allowed; and 4. Communicate these concerns to the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. ***Rex Amack, NE, moved to accept; Marc Miller, IL, second.*** Discussion: *Bob Ziehmer, MO* – Be careful it passed a broad band and education approach in wildlife watching, have serious concerns in research arm. Missouri will not support because of broad net. Defined term, people will look at this. Do not allow baiting in Missouri, for urban deer and sharp shooting also. Look at all perspectives. Lay that out for others. Need to answer questions on other states. *Ollie Torgerson* – Staff have recommendation on altering resolution? *Bob Ziehmer, MO* – No. *Keith Sexson, KS* – Okay with this, now therefore, advocating and mandating, within our state serious issue we are looking at, okay with #3, decisions still left in hands of the state. *Dale Garner* – Mandate was in earlier version asked them to take it out. *Tom Hauge, WI* – Baiting and feeding prohibited in south, if find CWD or TB we would prohibit in those counties from baiting. This is a legislative matter in Wisconsin and out of our hands completely. Can't move the needle, #3 is issue for us, without change Wisconsin will abstain. *Rodney Stokes, MI* – Michigan has already made decision, Commission voted 4 to 3 to allow baiting, #3 the word advocate, I will vote for it because of that. *Roger Rostvet, ND* – North Dakota shares concern, had legislative battles and lost, believe part about advocating, try to point out dangers of baiting every chance we get, still continue on practice, legislature says when get depredation you feed. North Dakota will vote for it. *Bob Ziehmer, MO* – Intent was to cast net much broader than hunting, understand intent and clarify for everybody and that is where Missouri is hinging, firm, fair and consistent and many components, advance stewards, violating intent of resolution. *Dale Garner* – Understand, when health and deer/turkey groups met \$1.8 million was going to for captive cervids on CWD and nothing to wild herds, trying to help those states when you lose all of your funding. For photography and other things is important. Tried in Iowa a year ago and it was close to going through, when trying to ban baiting and feeding it was all or none. Have to use bait for sharpshooting, have parts in our legislative bill to allow that for wildlife management. *Rex Amack, NE* – Devil is in the details, word most prevalent is feeding, there isn't a farmer in Nebraska that doesn't feed deer. *Pat Boddy, IA* – Fixable with intentional feeding, rather than feeding by happenstance. *Tom Hauge, WI* – How are you approaching food plots? *Dale Garner* – Discussion on lot of issues you are talking about, crops and food plots in same category. ***Friendly amendment by Rex Amack, NE to change to "intentional feeding".*** *Dave Lane, OH* – If you look at Ohio programs as far as handicap hunting they have to bait, don't want to change to not allowing that. *Bob Ziehmer, MO* – Definition to baiting is that if feed on ground less than 30 days it is baiting. Science of this is moving through. Sending resolution and 3-page document was helpful on this. Once site is clean then site is on 30-day clock. ***Motion carried (2 no votes, SD and MO; 2 abstentions, WI and OH).*** *Bob Ziehmer, MO* – Thanks for bringing topic forward, Missouri doesn't allow baiting, as disease becomes more prevalent; congratulate staff for continuing to work on this. Need to educate citizens to viewing wildlife. Charge on. *Pat Boddy, IA* – Ask Committee to continue to work on this. *Dale Garner* – Through in Iowa's stuff to give idea. Starting in Kansas a few

years ago and North Dakota wanted to pursue it and health committee has discussed. *Tom Hauge, WI* – Do directors ever provide charges, education is only way we are ever going to direct this. Need unified theme for everyone to use, deer/turkey and health get articles in magazines and stuff to educate. *Dale Garner* – Did 2½ round tables with Drury Brothers, on YouTube and website. It has been seen by several hundred deer hunters. We will take that back to those two committees.

3) national bobwhite conservation initiative: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies at its annual meeting in Moravia, Iowa on June 29, 2011, foresees and suggests the need to work with the SEAFWA, NEAFWA and other partners to begin charting a long-term course for the nation that fosters greater collaborative conservation of priority resident game birds across state and regional boundaries. ***Bob Ziehmer, MO, moved to accept, Marc Miller, IL, second. Rex Amack, NE – Vote yes for this! Motion carried.***

4) *Rex Amack, NE* – I volunteered to sum up and do this resolution - Thank you to Iowa, personal thanks to Pat and her staff: WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources has so efficiently and enthusiastically organized and conducted the 2011 annual meeting of the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; and WHEREAS, Department of Natural Resources Director Roger Lande and Deputy Director Pat Boddy and staff have worked together with local and national conservation partners making all the participants welcome; and WHEREAS, Pat Boddy has announced that she is leaving the Iowa Department of Natural Resources at the end of this month to pursue new opportunities and has served the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies admirably, most recently as its President; and WHEREAS, the members of the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies wish to express their gratitude for the efforts of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies at its annual business meeting in Moravia, Iowa on June 29, 2011, acknowledges the hard work and hospitality of Director Lande and Deputy Director Boddy and the staff from the great state of Iowa, and hereby passes this resolution in a showing of great appreciation. ***Pat Boddy, IA, moved to accept, Rex Amack, NE second. Pat Boddy, IA – All credit goes to Lisa she has done an amazing job. Motion carried.***

Break

Awards Committee Report

Keith Sexson (KS) – Thanks to awards Committee: Kansas, North Dakota, Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota. We received several nominations for four major awards. Ask states to look at awards within your state, instate winners could be forwarded on to MAFWA process. Thanks to everyone and will do again next year. Thank Sheila for her help too. Have additional award to consider for next year to build into awards system. ***Rodney Stokes, MI, moved to accept report, Mark Reiter, IN, second. Motion carried.***

Bylaws Committee Report

Marc Miller (IL) (*Revised Bylaws – Exhibit 52*) – Keith and I have some of the driest assignments, audits and these committees. Have bylaw proposal, three items: remove Colorado from membership; have committees we need to change; and amounts of dues. Fiscal year is changing to be consistent. For your discussion, legal committee was extended to 2014; NCN to 2014, deer/turkey to 2014, AMFGLEO to 2014 and added H&R group. ***Bob Ziehmer, MO, moved to accept report, Rodney Stokes, MI, second. Motion carried. Marc Miller, IL*** – Thanks Ollie.

Executive Secretary's Report

Ollie Torgerson – (PowerPoint - Exhibit 53) – Honor and privilege to serve you, September will be ninth year. Missouri proposed I become Executive Secretary in 2002 and they paid salary for two years. I'll go through challenges and highlights during the year from my perspective. Lisa, I want to give her credit for her leadership role in putting this conference together and to our presidents, who take office 30 days after AFWA annual meeting (because our President sits on AFWA Executive Committee (ExCom). Neither Mark Reiter nor Pat Boddy realized they would be MAFWA President and on AFWA ExCom. Never saw it coming but they both paid close attention. Biggest challenge of the past year was director turnover: 6 of 13. Rich Leopold left for USFWS, was good supportive director; Becky Humphries left for DU, stalwart member; Minnesota changed at top, Dave Schad was promoted to deputy commissioner. In Ohio Dave Graham who was faithful member was switched out and we lost him; Matt Frank served for 2 years in Wisconsin; in Kansas, even though they changed at the top, no change in Joe, Keith and Sheila; and Jeff Vonk stayed on in South Dakota. Welcome new members Roger Lande in Iowa (met with him last December), Rodney Stokes replaced Becky in Michigan, Ron and I went to Michigan in April, Rodney came up through agency, met with him and his staff; Ed Boggess promoted to replace Dave Schad in Minnesota, solid performer and well acquainted on national level; Dave Lane, Ohio, Ron and I made tentative date of December 7 to go to Ohio to meet with him and his staff; Cathy Stepp, Ron and I went to Madison, Wisconsin and met with Cathy and Gundy and their staff. These changes change our committee structure, Rex and Jeff stepped up to ExCom. Ziehmer, MO stepped up to investments and resolutions; Boggess, MN and Stokes, MI (and he signs checks) stepped up; and Amack, NE to National Grants Committee. Keeps our president busy appointing new people. The highlight is the Angler and Hunter Recruitment and Retention committee was approved, Marc Miller, IL is the director/liaison. Another highlight in Indiana last year: approved wolf resolution and some states have used it. Approved to be more assertive in federal budget priorities, and are represented on the technical committee; provide inputs, directors prioritize, and Missouri represents MAFWA in DC on the Federal Budget (Assistant Director Tim Ripperger – thanks MO). My contract was renewed for two years until 2013. More involved in banking services and grants, Sharon gets all the work on that, Southern Wings, Midwest Fish Habitat Partnership, Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference (which is not our conference), but we are banking for them in 2012 and 2014; National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, do charge fees on some of these accounts so do earn money. Sponsorship support: in 2004, had DU & PF and they paid for meals directly. Good year this year, lost APHIS was a Gold Sponsor, all travel and budget was cut, but saw Stephanie Hussey from RBFF got Gold Sponsorship and got TNC, given economic picture had good increase. Manage website, been on AFWA server for years, had trouble with server and AFWA recommended we get off their server, moving to new server, blogger website – will have different look, had to buy web services and pay for someone to do technical background to move it. Two new affiliate applications: Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation and Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation, now have 24, had only one in beginning, WMI. Passed new resolution, Iowa has done a great job, Thank you Lisa, she came to Indiana last year and figured out how this worked and she put this together. Thank you Pat for putting this meeting on. How could we survive without Sharon Shafer and Sheila Kemmis, do yeoman's work for this Association. Have evaluation form, please complete them. Helps us plan next year's conference (helps Kansas). *Pat Boddy, IA* – Ollie could not have been better, and Lisa was great. Give Ollie round of applause (*applause*).

New Business

Roger Lande, IA – You should feel sympathy for me; we will miss Pat Boddy.

Task Force on State contributions to NAWMP/NAWCA projects

Tim McCoy, (replace Jim Douglas), NGPC – (Exhibit 54 - PowerPoint) Talk about contributions to NAWMP and NAWCA, resolution passed in 2005 on how to best to communicate to directors. Comprehensive action plan – history, started in 1986 to match dollars, AFWA established a \$10 million goal for state funding of Canadian projects. Current issues: goal to get \$10 million a year, never achieved, got about to \$2.5 million a year, some states contribute small amounts, some a lot. States are suffering budget pressures. Did survey in 2011, substantial amount of directors not aware of what was going on and very few were aware of AFWA goal affirmed 6-7 years ago. That was why task force was put together. State funding sources that are used, variety of ways states send money: 45% of states use revenue exclusively from the sale of wildlife stamps or associated prints; almost 50% of states use funds from hunting license sales (fixed amount/license or a percentage of sales); some states are obligated by law to contribute a portion of stamp sales or license fees to conservation organizations and/or habitat; Florida uses a state documentary stamp tax derived from real estate transactions; and other states use lottery sales, income tax check-off, budget appropriations, and non-resident license sales. AFWA goal for state contributions, 1991 to 2005 stayed at \$10 million, background from Canada, 20 million acres in habitat needed. Task Force wants to retain that goal and update state contribution using 2009/2010 data. Top four states contribute bulk, different states have different resources. One of points made, grants that come to states, benefits NAWCA greatly exceed money we send to Canada. Action plan, this is as far as this group is going to take it, to move forward is to give this to appropriate AFWA committees. Need to reaffirm goal to breeding bird habitat in Canada. At annual meeting in Omaha there will be a resolution and recommendations. Have opportunity to provide input. How can we achieve these NAWMP goals to fulfill habitat needs in Canada? *Pat Boddy, IA* – Provide feedback? *Keith Sexson, KS, moved to reaffirm goal; Tom Hauge, WI, second. Motion carried.* Feedback: thank Illinois for carrying the day. *Rex Amack, NE* – For those who are interested DU Canada hosts commissioners and to go to Canada to see work on the ground changes perspectives, beneficial for boards to see that. *Dave Lane, OH* - Happy to set those tours up.

Approval of Affiliate Memberships

Ollie Torgerson – We have two applications(due by April 1): Congressional Sportsmen Foundation and Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation out of Missouri, met at Grand Rapids and have applied. Have their bylaws and they fit our guidelines. *Marc Miller, IL, moved to accept new affiliates, Bob Ziehmer, MO, second. Motion carried.*

Southern Wings Project Approval

Katy Reeder (Exhibit 55, 2011 Recommendations & Update; Exhibit 56, Partnership PowerPoint) – I am filling in for Deb Hahn from AFWA. Several of you may be new directors and unfamiliar with this program. We needed a funding mechanism. The idea is to work with successful and reputable organizations so we work with groups that have already taken off and don't need much money. States participating are: Arizona, Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and NEAFWA. Map shows the areas, but we are not locked in but show what has been found to date. Matrix shows linkage for states, also willing to look at Latin

America, but not locked in. Deb conducted webinar in April, developed draft language and got some new states interested in program. Working on updating brochure; develop case studies on how to leverage money more effectively; consolidate NGO partners for state agencies; working to develop vision document. Update: raised \$128,500 and \$48,400 in partner contributions, state is usually well matched. Critical habitats in several areas; key species include Golden-winged Warbler, Bicknell's Thrush, Cerulean Warbler and a suite of grassland bird species. If you don't contribute and would like to, you may need a cooperative agreement with AFWA, assign a staff person to technical team, and they will work with you to choose program to work on. You have long version of projects, states have already approved these but we ask for MAFWA approval since money flows through you: SD, NE – Saltillo Grasslands of Mexico; IA, WI – Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica; MO – Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico; and MO – Sierra Caral, Guatemala. Projects on map were from last year. Final thoughts from Deb: state agency and partner response has been amazing, want more states and we are accepting voluntary commitments for year three (2011-2012). The last slide shows contact information for Deb Hahn and Mike Senn. **Tom Hauge, WI, moved to approve, Mark Reiter, IN, second. Motion carried.**

Chronic Wasting Disease letter handed out yesterday by Tom Hauge (*Appendix A*). **Pat Boddy, IA** - Take out Wisconsin and say MAFWA. **Keith Sexson, KS, moved to send letter, Marc Miller, IN, second. Motion carried.**

H&R recruitment letter (*see Exhibit 20*). **Marc Miller, IL** – Concern with \$20,000 request from each state when we are all doing more with less. What they are asking for is very important to all of us. Need more info on Taylor program. Submitted more detail, reduced request of \$13,000 for total of \$115,000, summarized goals and objectives, but does not outline. Need to go back and ask what it would take to go back to contractor. Have to use PR to fund human dimensions work, problem for us, but could tag along with other surveys. All do human dimensions work and piece it all together. **Pat Boddy, IA** – You are suggesting we go back to respective states and ask what can we do for money? **Marc Miller, IL** – Committee did great deal of work, did great job; try to make this easier to swallow, see if any alternatives. Offer to directors for discussion. **Keith Sexson, KS** – Supportive of that process. **Pat Boddy, IA** – Makes sense to me, not sure what RFP ought to look like, need key answers and can be significant savings to states joining together to do this work as opposed to each state doing individually. See where we are with each state and bring that to bear. What feedback do we need to get? **Marc Miller, IL** – Perhaps we should ask committee to develop questions we can take to existing human dimensions workers, not sure if appropriate request. **Pat Boddy, IA** – Not sure if specific questions, but answers we would get from report. Not ready to ask this table to put forth certain level of funding. **Tom Hauge, WI** – Opportunity to partner here, one of sponsors was NASP aimed at recruitment and retention, any number of partner organizations that have own forms of recruitment and retention, expand beyond agencies themselves and get baseline information to move forward together and share cost burden. **Pat Boddy, IA** – Great point. **Roger Rostvet, ND** – All states spend a lot of time on how to retain, one thing North Dakota is doing is where is best bang for the buck, deal with populations and now with individuals, mentor programs are one at a time, are there other ways of doing it? As we go down this road, which programs have given us biggest bang for the buck? **Pat Boddy, IA** – Like committee to elaborate on proposal by establishing additional funding through partnerships, proposals are good, but flesh out funding in greater detail and ask states to identify ways to move this forward and bring back to this body and bring back to ExCom. **Ollie Torgerson** – Executive Committee can't commit funding for all 13 states. **Pat Boddy, IA** – If done good job at finding out what states are interested in ExCom could come

up with resolution for states to approve instead of waiting full year. Ask Marc to go back to committee and ask them to flesh out more funding. Shoot for something in September.

Pat Boddy, IA - As one of last duties, I will be appointing an Ad Hoc committee for NFHAF.

Letters from Committees (Appendix B).

FY12 Budget Approval

Sharon M. Schafer (see Exhibit 49) – Budget is Page 9 of treasurer’s report. Did estimates of revenue for annual dues for 13 states \$23,000; Canadian provinces \$300; affiliates 12 - \$900; sponsors \$43,000; registrations \$12,500; hotel supplement \$1,500; exhibitors \$500 and interest \$100; for total estimated revenue of \$82,200 Expenditures total \$98,236 for a deficit of \$16,036. Affiliate dues do not include two new affiliates (\$150), conference registration based on 45 registrations; does not include income from investment funds as they are reinvested. On revenue, Ollie gets help with annual meetings on web posting; awards plaque costs are up from \$900 to \$1,500 so increased that amount; put in speaker fees even though there were none this year. It will be easier to do budget when our fiscal year changes, easier to look at one conference at a time then. **Mark Miller, IL, moved to accept to accept budget, Roger Rostvet, ND, second.** *Mark Reiter, IN* – Some estimates were on high side? *Sharon Shafer* – Some places are higher. *Mark Reiter, IN* – Don’t like deficit budget. *Sheila Kemmis* – Kansas paid \$8,000 for DMEM so that \$6,300 is moot point. *Sharon Shafer* – Adopted deficit budget last year also, but we’re not in the hole. Staging of timing of expenses will be easier. Have mixture of years and only half of sponsorships collected, so some in this year, and some in next year. Last year we had \$28,000 deficit and did not do that. **Motion carried.**

Passing of Gavel to Kansas

Pat Boddy, Iowa passed gavel to Keith Sexson, Kansas for them to do this fun event next year.

Keith Sexson, KS – On behalf of MAFWA gives me great pleasure to give Past President’s Award to Patricia Boddy, Iowa DNR. *Pat Boddy, IA* – It has been a delight to work with MAFWA, hats off to Ollie and Iowa DNR, honor to do this in my waning days. *Keith Sexson, KS* – Do campaign speech, when it comes around it is your turn. Look forward to working with Ollie, Sheila and Sharon and ExCom. We will meet again about this time next year at Wichita at Old Town Hotel, move into city atmosphere, will do outside event to one of our state parks, sailing at Cheney State Park, bring spouses, families and significant others because we can set up some tours in the Wichita area. Thank you.

Adjournment

Rex Amack, NE, moved to adjourn, Rodney Stokes, MI, second. Approved.

Appendix C – PowerPoint Photos