

Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Annual Meeting
June 28 - July 1, 2015
Duluth, Minnesota

ACTION ITEMS

Tuesday

- < Voted to disband Aquatic Habitat Conservation Committee (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Voted to disband Aquatic Pheasant Study Workgroup (Completed 6/30/15)

Wednesday

- < Accepted 2014 minutes from annual business meeting in Traverse City, Michigan (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Accepted Special Board meeting minutes (October 21, 2014) on Northern Long-eared Bats (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Voted to accept Treasurer's Report (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Voted to accept Audit Committee Report (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Heard two resolutions and voted to approve one resolution (Completed 7/1/15)
 - 30th Anniversary of the Conservation Reserve Program (approved)
 - Use of Neonicotinoids on State Managed Land (no motion)
- < Voted to approve Awards Committee Report (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Voted to approve by-law changes as recommended (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Voted to convene subset of MAFWA directors to discuss Monarch Butterflies and submit final grant application. (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Voted to host fall Monarch Butterfly Workshop and support with money from money market, up to \$10,000 (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Voted to move \$10,000 from money market fund into checking account for use on Monarch Butterfly Workshop (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Voted to approve 2016 Budget (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Voted to provide half of funds for leadership professional development training up to \$1,500 (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Voted to ask Furbearer Committee to add subcommittee on Wolves, bears and mountain lions (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Voted to adjourn (Completed 7/1/15)

Items heard and/or discussed, but not voted on:

Monday

- < Viewed PowerPoint on Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (Stephanie Hussey, RBFF) (Completed 6/29/15 at breakfast)
- < Heard State Hot Topics (No time for discussion, 6/29/15)
- < Heard talk and had discussion on Information Flow in Complex Systems and Improving Decision Making (Jim Martin, Berkley Conservation Institute) (Completed 6/29/15)
- < Heard talk from Canadian North American Waterfowl Management Plan Partners (David Brakhage, DU; and Tim Sopuck, Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corp) (Completed 6/29/15 at lunch)
- < Presented Awards to Gregory Swanson, Indiana, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; John Olson, Wisconsin, Wildlife Biologist of the Year; Paul D. Calvert, Missouri, Fisheries Biologist of the Year; Spirit of the Shack, Scott Walter, Wisconsin; three Sagamore Awards, Jeff Vonk (4 years Iowa, 8 years South Dakota), Marc Miller, Illinois (6 years), Scott Gunderson, Wisconsin (4 years); President's Award to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Midwest Region; Past President's Award to Ed Boggess, Minnesota; and Excellence in Conservation was awarded to the Missouri Stream Team, a citizen-led group working to conserve Missouri's streams. Also, two Special Recognition Awards were given: Sharon Schafer (who is leaving at the end of 2015), for her 5 years of faithful service as Treasurer, and the Northern Long-eared Bat (NLEB) Workgroup for successfully putting together a workshop to provide sound scientific and biological input and comment to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), with final outcome of threatened status with 4(d) rule from USFWS. (Completed 6/29/15 at lunch)
- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Fisheries Management in Federal Wilderness Areas: Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness MOU Case Study (Tim Goeman, MN DNR; Sue Duffy, Forest Wilderness Mgr, U.S. Forest Service) (Completed 6/29/15)
- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) and Other International Treaties: Implications to State Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Carolyn Caldwell, CITES Rep, MAFWA; and Buddy Baker, Biologist Director LA Dept of Wildlife and Fisheries) (Completed 6/29/15)
- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Moose Disease, Mortality, and Habitat: Use Research in Minnesota (Michelle Carstensen, MN DNR; and Lou Cornicelli, MN DNR) (Completed 6/29/15)
- < Viewed PowerPoint on Current Wildlife Health Issues (John Fischer, Director, Southeastern Wildlife Disease Study (SCWDS, University of GA) (Completed 6/29/15)

Items heard and/or discussed, but not voted on (continued):

Tuesday

- < Discussed Constitutional Funding (Panel: Dave Zentner, Past President, Izaak Walton League of American and Chair of First Ducks, Wetland and Clean Water Rally; Mark Johnson, Executive Director Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council; Grant Wilson, MN DNR; and Ed Boggess, MN DNR) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on North Shore Fisheries in a Changing Climate (Olivia LeDee, MN DNR; and Tim Goeman, MN DNR) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint Monarch Butterfly Initiatives (Tom Melius, Midwest Region Director, USFWS; and Naomi Edelson, Director, State and Federal Wildlife Partnerships, National Wildlife Federation) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) report (Executive Director Ron Regan and President Larry Voyles, AZ Game and Fish) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard Aquatic Habitat Committee report (Ollie Torgerson, WAFWA) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard Climate Change Committee report (Olivia LeDee, MN DNR) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard Deer and Wild Turkey Study Group report (Gino D'Angelo, MN DNR) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard Feral Swine Ad Hoc Committee report (Lou Cornicelli, MN DNR) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard Wildlife and Fish Health Committee report (Michelle Carstensen, MN DNR) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard Midwest Furbearer Group report (John Erb, MN DNR) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard Hunter & Angler Recruitment & Retention Committee report (Keith Warnke, WI DNR) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard Law Enforcement Committee (AMGFLEO) report (Ken Soring, MN DNR) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard Legal Committee report (Chris Tymeson, KS Wildlife, Parks & Tourism) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard Presentation from Kalkomey (Completed 6/30/15 at lunch)
- < Heard NCN Committee report (Jim Douglas, NE Game and Parks Commission) (Completed 6/30/15)

Items heard and/or discussed, but not voted on (continued):

- < Heard Pheasant Study Group report (Ollie Torgerson, WAFWA) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard Private Lands Working Group report (Jodie Provost, MN DNR) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard Public Lands Working Group report (Bob Welsh, MN DNR) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard State Wildlife Action Plan Technical Working Committee report (Faith Balch, MN DNR) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) report (Jim Kurth, Deputy Director for Operations) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard U.S. Forest Service (USFS) report (Kathleen Atkinson, Regional Forester) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) report (Jason Suckow, Western Regional Director) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Heard U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Great Lakes Science Center and Climate Science Centers report (Kurt Newman, Western Basin Branch Chief; and Robin O'Malley, Policy and Partnership Coordinator, National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center) (Completed 6/30/15)
- < Discussed and viewed PowerPoint on Emerging Trend and Urgent Need – Recruiting Adult Hunters (Jay Johnson, MN DNR; and Keith Warnke, WI DNR) (Completed 6/30/15)

Wednesday

- < Viewed MAFWA Executive Secretary's PowerPoint Report (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Viewed and discussed PowerPoint on America's Wildlife Values Project (Dr. Tara Teel, CO State University) (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Discussed National Wild Pheasant Plan Coordinator (Jim Douglas, NE Game and Parks Commission) (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Discussed Greater Prairie Chicken and Sharp-tail Grouse Plan (Keith Sexson, KS Dept of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism) (Completed 7/1/15)
- < Discussed Monarch Butterfly Initiatives (Tom Melius, Naomi Edelson, Rick Young)
- < Passed the gavel to Missouri (Completed 7/1/15)