Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies

66th Annual Director's Meeting Proceedings

July 18 – 20, 1999

Lexington, Kentucky

Hosted by:

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources

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Embassy Suites
Lexington, Kentucky

Best in the Midwest

OBJECTIVES

Association of Midwest
Fish and Wildlife Agencies

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Kentucky Horse Park
"Welcome to the Bluegrass State"

After an afternoon of touring . . . Food at last!!!

MEETING

LOCATIONS

AND

DATES

Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Meeting Locations & Dates

1.	Des Moines, Iowa	1934	34.	Des Moines, Iowa	1967
2.	St. Paul, Minnesota	1935	35.	Chicago, Illinois	1968
3.	Madison, Wisconsin	1936	36.	St. Louis, Missouri	1969
4.	Sioux Falls, South Dakota	1937	37.	Winnepeg, Manitoba	1970
5.	Omaha, Nebraska	1938	38.	Aspen, Colorado	1971
6.	Madison, Wisconsin	1939	39.	Wichita, Kansas	1972
7.	Mason City, Iowa	1940	40.	Bismarck, North Dakota	1973
8.	St. Louis, Missouri	1941	41.	Duluth, Minnesota	1974
9.	Duluth, Minnesota	1942	42.	Traverse City, Michigan	1975
10.	Fox Lake, Illinois	1943	43.	Rapid City, South Dakota	1976
11.	Bismarck, North Dakota	1944	44.	Lincoln, Nebraska	1977
12.	Indianapolis, Indiana	1945	45.	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1978
13.	Rapid City, South Dakota	1946	46.	Nashville, Tennessee	1979
14.	Roscommon, Michigan	1947	47.	Columbus, Ohio	1980
15.	Put-In-Bay, Ohio	1948	48.	Des Moines, Iowa	1981
16.	Lincoln, Nebraska	1949	49.	Springfield, Illinois	1982
17.	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1950	50.	Lexington, Kentucky	1983
18.	Wichita, Kansas	1951	51.	Hannibal, Missouri	1984
19.	Des Moines, Iowa	1952	52.	Wichita, Kansas	1985
20.	Dorset, Ontario	1953	53.	Vail, Colorado	1986
21.	St. Louis, Missouri	1954	54.	Winnipeg, Manitoba	1987
22.	Estes Park, Colorado	1955	55.	Bismarck, North Dakota	1988
23.	Springfield, Illinois	1956	56.	Duluth, Minnesota	1989
24.	Park Rapids, Minnesota	1957	57.	Grand Rapids, Michigan	1990
25.	Bismarck, North Dakota	1958	58.	Rapid City, South Dakota	1991
26.	West Lafayette, Indiana	1959	59.	Green Bay, Wisconsin	1992
27.	Rapid City, South Dakota	1960	60.	Ashland, Nebraska	1993
28.	Higgins Lake, Michigan	1961	61.	Estes Park, Colorado	1994
29.	Omaha, Nebraska	1962	62.	Galena, Illinois	1995
30.	Columbus, Ohio	1963	63.	South Bend, Indiana	1996
31.	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1964	64.	Des Moines, Iowa	1997
32.	Toronto, Ontario	1965	65.	Lawrence, Kansas	1998
33.	Wichita, Kansas	1966			

66. Lexington, Kentucky 1999

Kentucky Horse Park,
Lexington, Kentucky

Bob Bates, KDFWR Director of Personnel
Conducting Tour of Kentucky Horse Park

SUMMARY

OF

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Summary of Actions Taken:

- Establish a permanent position in the International office to be agriculture policy type person - position to be reevaluated at the end of 3 years. Midwest states collectively agreed and/or through the Association to fund 50% of the position up to $50,000.

- Establishment of a Public Lands Committee in the Midwest. Each state would be represented and the committee would meet regularly to discuss issues and ideas and bring forth recommendations and guidance to the Association.

- Ohio offered to host the 1st meeting of the Public Lands Committee and will cover the costs associated with the meeting. Ohio is to generate the letter to the President (George Burgoyne) and the President will send an invitation to the State Directors before the next Midwest Director's Meeting.

- Recommended that Chuck Pils continue as the CITIES representative to the Midwest Directors Association. After the World Meeting in Nairobi, the position can be evaluated.

- Recommended that the bylaws be changed to allow the Flyway Council to interact with the Service on mourning dove regulations.

- Recommended that the Association make a commitment of $15,000 for C.A.R.A.

- Wisconsin will pay for Chuck Pils to attend the International Association Conference. The Association will provide $5,000 to Chuck Pils for the World Conference in Nairobi.

Horsing Around in Kentucky
Kentucky Horse Park
and
Airdrie Stud

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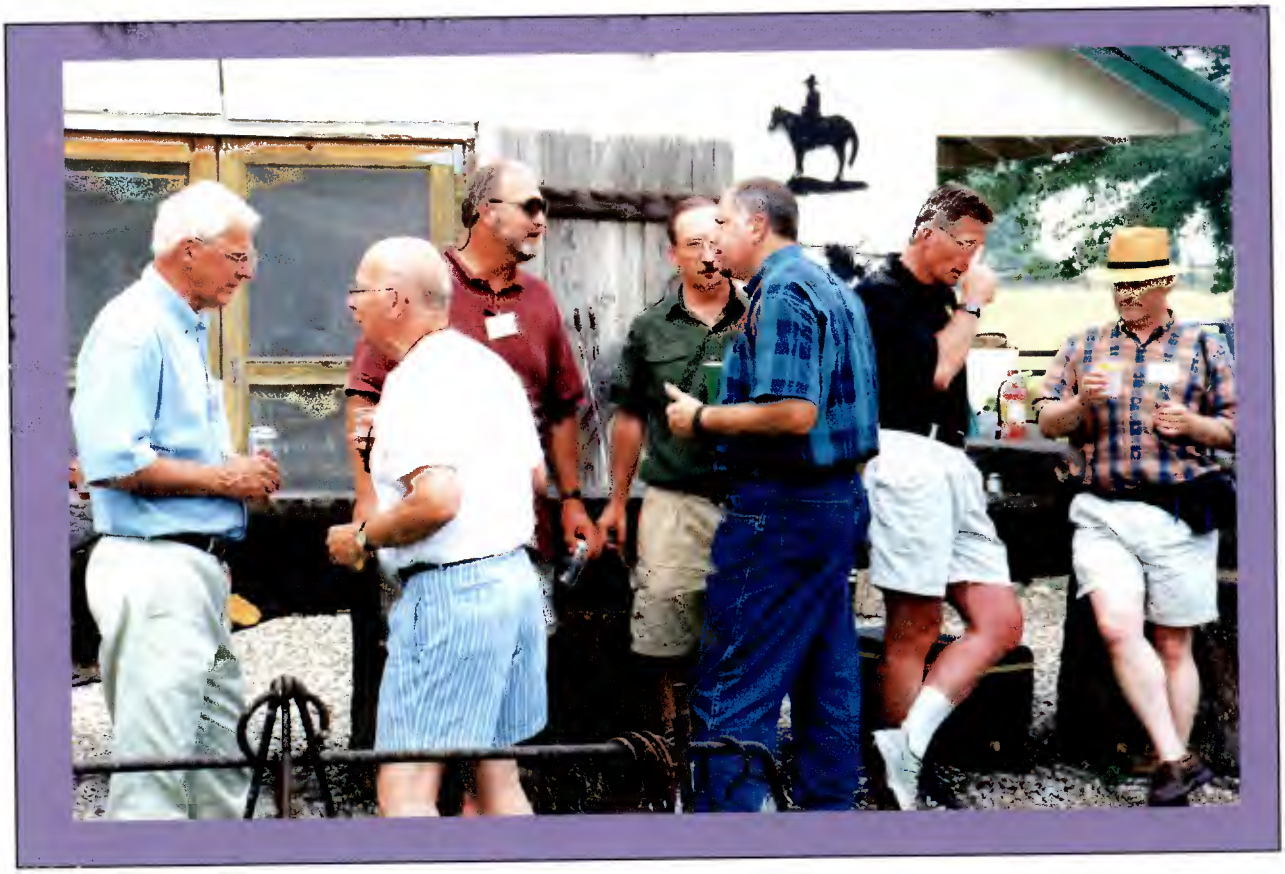


Good Food, Good Company . . . at Saxony Farms

CONSTITUTION

AND

BYLAWS

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ASSOCIATION OF MIDWEST FISH & WILDLIFE AGENCIES

PREAMBLE

The name of this organization shall be the Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies. The objectives of the Association shall be to protect the right of jurisdiction of the Midwestern states over their wildlife resources on public and private lands; to scrutinize carefully state and federal wildlife legislation and regulations and to offer support or opposition to legislative proposals or federal regulations in accordance with the best interests of the Midwestern states; to serve as a clearinghouse for the exchange of ideas concerning wildlife and fisheries management, research techniques, wildlife law enforcement, hunting and outdoor safety, and information and education; and to encourage and assist sportsmen's and conservationists' organizations so that the fullest measure of cooperation may be secured from our citizenry in the protection, preservation, restoration and management of our fish and wildlife resources.

ARTICLE I
Officers

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall be President, First Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer. The President and First Vice-President shall be nominated from the members of the states and provinces on an alphabetical rotation basis, with the First Vice-President being from the state or province next in order of rotation. The term of office shall be for one year commencing thirty (30) days following adjournment of the annual Association meeting through thirty (30) days following adjournment of the succeeding annual meeting. The First Vice-President shall automatically succeed to President if he/she remains eligible. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by members and serve until replaced.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected officers, and one representative from each state and province except those represented by the elected officers. Such state or provincial Board member shall be the chief executive officer of the fish and wildlife agency of his/her state or province, or his/her designee.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be by states and provinces and representatives of each state and province at meetings shall be by its duly authorized representative or representatives.

Section 2. The area of membership in the Association shall be the states of Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin, and the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario and such additional states and provinces as may request membership and be elected by majority vote of the member states and provinces in annual meeting.

Section 3. Membership in the Association of an individual shall terminate upon the expiration of the member's term of office as a state fish and wildlife administrator.

Section 4. Persons who cannot qualify for regular membership in the Association may be elected Honorary Members by unanimous vote of members.

Section 5. Other professional organizations may be granted affiliate membership in the Association based upon demonstration that the Constitution and Bylaws of said organizations meet the basic standards of the Association. Application for affiliate membership shall be forwarded to the President at least 90 days prior to a regular meeting of the Association and shall include a current Constitution and Bylaws and a letter stating the organization's justification for affiliate membership. Affiliate membership shall be voted on by the voting representatives and must attain a majority vote of a quorum. Affiliated membership dues shall be $25.00 per year; however, this fee may be waived by a majority vote of a quorum.

ARTICLE III
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, appoint all special committees, preside at meetings of the Board of Directors, shall record and compile proceedings of that year and perform such other duties as are naturally incumbent upon the office. Five copies of the annual proceedings shall be forwarded to each member in good standing, with the cost of preparation and handling to be paid out of Association funds. All other copies are for distribution at the discretion of the host state or province.

Section 2. The First Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the latter's absence, and specific duties may be assigned as deemed necessary by the President.

Section 3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a record of all transactions of the meetings of the Association, as well as meetings of the Board of Directors, shall notify members of the time and place of meeting sand perform such duties as are naturally incumbent upon the office. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be custodian of all funds of the Association and draw all warrants for the payment of claims properly presented. He/she shall bill the members and collect the annual dues. It is the intent of the Association that the costs of the annual meetings and related business functions, not to exceed $1000.00, may be paid by the Association.

Section 4. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be custodian of all permanent files and other assets of the Association.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall conduct the business of the Association.

ARTICLE IV
MEETINGS

One regular meeting shall be held annually. The meeting will be held in and hosted by the state or province in which the outgoing President has administrative responsibility, or in such other locations designated by the Association. When necessary, special meetings may be called by the President. Members shall be given 180 days notice of regular annual meetings and special meetings may be called on ten days notice.

ARTICLE V
VOTING

Voting shall be by states and provinces, as units. Each state and province shall have one vote. All voting shall be by voice vote, except that a request by any member state or province for a secret ballot shall be honored. Any matters of Association business requiring action in the interim between meetings may be handled by the Board of Directors, by majority vote by mail ballot.

ARTICLE VI
DUES

Annual Dues shall be $100.00 per member state and province, payable in advance, at, or before each annual meeting; provided, that annual dues may be suspended for any given year by a majority vote of a quorum.

ARTICLE VII
QUORUM

A simple majority of all member states and provinces in good standing constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENT

The constitution and Bylaws of the Association may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of a quorum; provided, however, a written copy of such proposed amendment shall have been received by the President and sent by him/her to the Secretary/Treasurer and to members at least thirty days before the regular annual meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. With approval of the First Vice-President, the President may call for voting by mail in lieu of a meeting. In this event, the thirty day notice shall still apply, the date of opening ballots shall be previously announced, written notice sent to each member within forty-eight hours of vote tabulation by the Secretary/Treasurer, and all ballots shall be kept for one year following the vote.

ARTICLE IX
COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be three kinds of committees: Standing, Director's Ad Hoc, and Technical Working.

Section 2. The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the incoming President within thirty (30) days after assuming office, they shall serve during the period intervening between annual meetings and at such meetings, or until the purpose of each such committee has been accomplished and it has been discharged by the President.

A. The Executive Committee shall be composed of six members of the Association: The President, First Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, immediate Past President, and two other members to be appointed by the President with specific consideration for geographical balance.

B. The Auditing Committee shall be composed of three members: The Vice-President of the Association, who shall act as Chairman, and two other members to be appointed by the President.

C. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of three members, one of which shall be designated as Chairman by the President.

D. The Nominating/Awards Committee shall be composed of three member, one of which shall be designated as Chairman by the President.

Section 3. Ad Hoc Committees may be established as deemed necessary by the President of the Association and shall serve until the purpose of each such committee has been accomplished and it has been discharged by the President.

Section 4. The Association may establish Technical Working Committees deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the Association. Upon establishment, these committees shall adhere to the following:

A. Within one year from establishment, each committee shall submit to the Association for approval a Mission statement, a list of specific responsibilities, and a description of operating procedures that will become part of the official minutes of the Association.

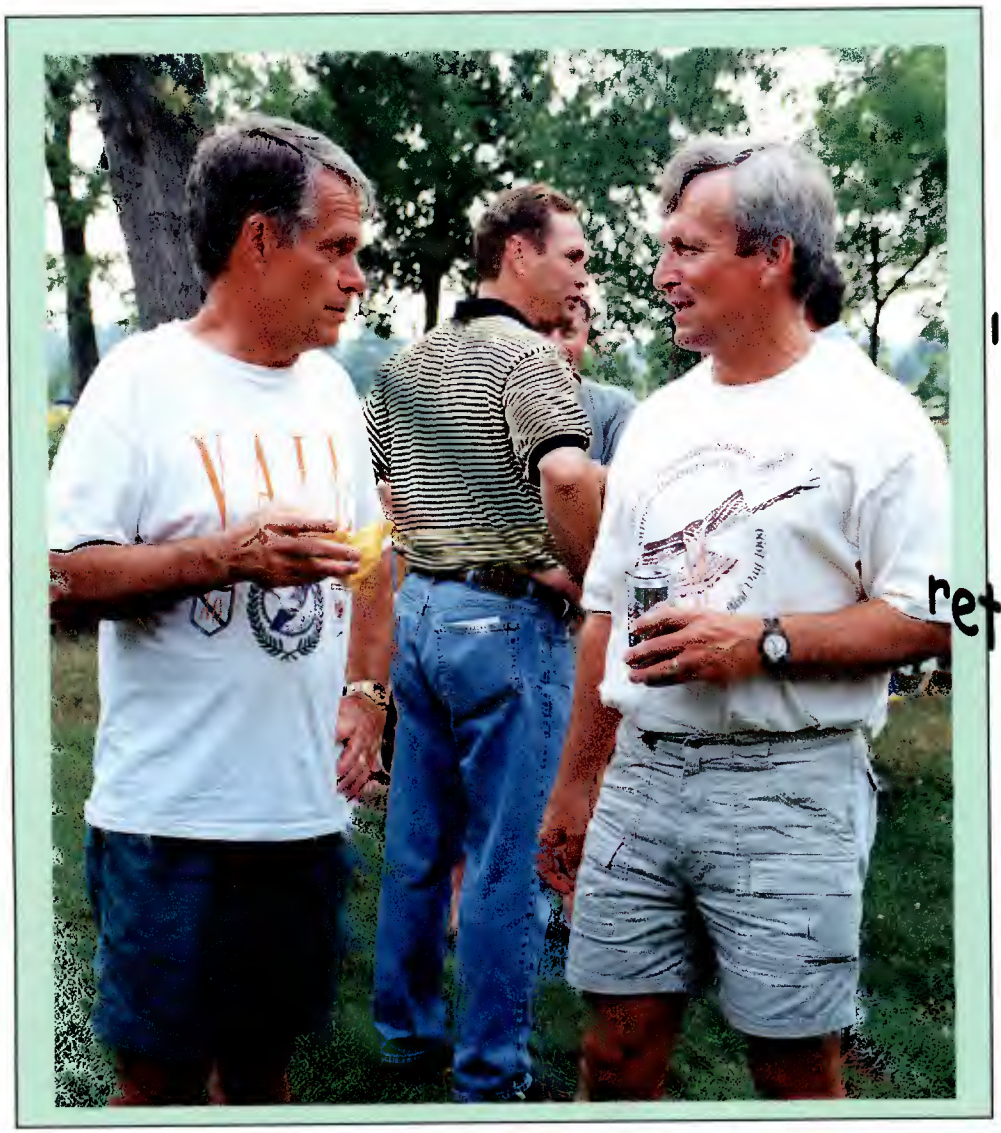
B. All Technical Working Committees shall submit a written report to the President 30 days in advance of the annual meeting and may choose to conduct necessary committee business during the period between annual meetings as per their approved operating procedures.

C. Resolutions from Technical Working Committees for Association action shall be submitted to the Chair of the Resolutions Committee.

Amended: July, 1996

What is it?
Do we
have to
eat it?

The Chef . . . Hard at Work



"So, you are going to retire . . . finally."

1999

MEETING

AGENDA

Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies
66th Annual Conference
July 18 – 20, 1999
Embassy Suites
Lexington, Kentucky

A G E N D A
Sunday, July 18, 1999

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	**Registration** – Embassy Suites Lobby
6:00 p.m. – ?	**President's Reception** – Kentucky Horse Park

Monday, July 19, 1999

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	**Registration** – Embassy Suites Lobby
6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	**Breakfast** – Embassy Suites Restaurant
8:00 a.m.	**Call to Order** **President's Remarks**
8:15 a.m.	**Elk Return To Kentucky**
8:40 a.m.	**CITES Program**
9:00 a.m.	**Legal committee Report**
9:25 a.m.	**IAFWA Reports**
10:00 a.m.	**Break**
10:15 a.m.	**Conservation Education in Kentucky – One of a Kind**
10:40 a.m.	**Other Business**
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	**Lunch – Embassy Suites Hotel**
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	**Round-Table**
2:00 p.m.	**Depart for "*Horsing Around in Kentucky*"**
5:30 p.m.	Cook-out and Reception – Saxony Farm

Tuesday, July 19, 1999

6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	**Breakfast – Embassy Suites Restaurant**
8:00 a.m.	**Business Meeting** **Roll Call** **Approval of Minutes –** **65th Annual Meeting, Lawrence, Kansas** **Reports:** Midwest Private Lands Wildlife Management Group Report Treasurer's Report Old Business New Business Auditing Committee Report Nominating / Awards Committee Report Resolutions Committee Passing the Gavel – to Michigan
12:00 Noon	**Lunch at the Embassy Suites**

Work and Win Prizes

Chuck Pils gives his CITIES update

COMMITTEES

AND

WORKING

GROUPS

COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MIDWEST FISH & WILDLIFE AGENCIES

Effective August 14, 1998 - August 20, 1999

Standing Committees (identified in bylaws)

Executive Committee

President Tom Bennett/Tom Young (KY)
Past President Steve Williams (KS)
First Vice President George Burgoyne (MI)
Secretary/Treasurer Joe Kramer (KS)
At-Large Jerry Conley (MO)
At-Large Dean Hildebrand (ND)

Auditing Committee

Chairman George Burgoyne (MI)
Jeff Ver Steeg (IL)
Steve Miller (WI)

Resolutions Committee

Chairman Mike Budzik (OH)
John Mumma (CO)
Roger Holmes (MN)

Nominating/Awards Committee

Chairman Gary Doxtater (IN)
Doug Hansen (SD)
Kirk Nelson (NE)

The Annual Interest Disbursement (AID) Committee was formed to develop guidelines for disbursement of earnings on our accounts. They will present proposal to executive committee and full membership in July, 1999. Any ideas you may have, please feel free to express yourself to committee members.

Annual Interest Disbursement Committee (AID Committee)

Steve Miller (MN)
Doug Hansen (SD)
Jeff Ver Steeg (IL)
Al Farris (IA)

High level decision making . . .

1999

MINUTES

Tom Bennett and Tom Young – Welcome to Kentucky

Announcements on Agenda

Attendees:

Tom Bennett - Kentucky
Doug Hansen – South Dakota
Terry Riley – Wildlife Management Institute
Gerald Ross – Missouri
Kirk Nelson – Nebraska
Dick Pierce – Ducks Unlimited
Pat Ruble – Ohio
Mike Budzik – Ohio
Rob Manes – Kansas
Gary Doxtater – Indiana
George Burgoyne – Michigan
Bruce McCloskey – Colorado
Kirby Cottrell – Illinois
Chuck Pils – Wisconsin
Roger Holmes – Minnesota
Bob Miles – International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
Tom Young – Kentucky
Dr. Jim Rich – Kentucky
Charlie Baglan – Kentucky
Jeff Ver Steeg – Illinois
Steve Miller – Wisconsin
Larry Allen – Indiana

Reintroduction of Elk into Kentucky – **Roy Grimes,** Director, Wildlife Division

The KDFW has completed the first two years of it's nine-year project to restore once native elk to 2.6 million acres of Southeastern Kentucky. During the past two years, 310 elk have been brought from Kansas and Utah to this 14-county area of Kentucky. In 1998, 74% of the translocated elk survived the critical 8 week period after release. In 1999 survival rates improved to 97.5% during this initial release period. To date 80-100 calves have been born to the herd which now numbers more than 300 animals.

Public support for the project remains strong as citizens within the restoration zone and across Kentucky welcome the return of another native animal. Kentuckians recognize the tremendous tourism value of elk as people travel to view, hear, and maybe someday hunt the animal.

Due to the fact the restoration zone is only 1% agricultural, the elk have caused no crop depredation or fence damage to date. Two animals have died as a result of "brain worm" which is less than the1-2% the KDFWR expected. There have been 7 auto/elk collisions in the past two years.

Year 3 of the project will commence in January, 2000 as the KDFWR continues toward it's goal to translocate 200 elk each year.

Chuck Pils - update on CITES Program

Appendix I – Species that are threatened with Extinction – not a consideration

Appendix II – Species that are not threatened with Extinction -

Appendix III – Species of Turtles – way to monitor species

Meeting coming up in East Africa will not only raise issues of wildlife, but also of plants.

Discussion of other meetings that arise that may be of interest. Please let **Chuck Pils** know or send a summary.

Slide show.

In attendance were 1500 delegates representing 135 countries – 7 different languages.

Scott Porter - Legal committee meeting July 7th in Louisville.
Attending – 13 attorneys representing 7 states, 2 federal agencies, 1 representative Jimmy Bullock representing Environmental & Ecological Issues with International Paper.

- Wednesday we had Constitutional Law Updates involving Search & Seizure and Criminal Law presented by Mike Lutz, Wisconsin's Legal Counsel. They are in the outline. Training Video that is presented to Wisconsin's Law Enforcement Officers.

- As states look for alternative funding, they rely on the 401 C3 organizations to help subsidize some wildlife management programs. It is not uncommon in a lot of states for a state agency to donate or set aside permits and spots in quota hunts and then donate them to the various 401C3 organizations to allow those organizations to raffle them off to help them raise funds for their agencies. This is done in a lot of state by statutes. Kentucky wanted to know how this is done, so a roundtable discussion followed. Based on the general discussion, it was the recommendation of the Legal Committee that this be placed on the fall agenda for review by the international associations legal committee.

- Clint Reilly from Kansas and Jim Kurtz from Wisconsin presented a report dealing with Farmer/Hunter relations. Jim presented the report of the Isaac Walton League – in handout. Respective states need to get their Legal Counsel to look at various recreational use laws to see if there are ways to shield the farmer or encourage the farmer to open up his land.

- Federal Government's amending of the Migratory Bird statute. Went over in detail the definitions of "baiting areas" and what constitutes "baiting" in normal agricultural practices. Also discussed enforcement policies now that is not a strict liability of the hunter.

- Forest Issues. Jimmy Bullock explained different strategies that industry uses when dealing with government and in working on relationships with government.

- Proposed listing of the Canada Links was discussed.

- Leslie Ariamo from the US forest service gave a detailed presentation over their long battles with the Heartwoods Group continually suing over forest sales. Leslie talked about the litigation tactics they use. Leslie also talked about Indiana bat and the legal issues facing it.

- Jay McWhorter, US Forest Service Region IV in Atlanta – gave a presentation about how the forest services decision to shut down all but a limited portion of the Daniel Boone National Forest here in Kentucky to ATV traffic.

- Handout in packet dealing with different Federal Circuit law as it pertains to the release of NHI data. Jim Christianson is going to try to find out if NHI data is going to in fact be protected.

- Jack Price from Illinois – gave presentation on the obstacles of put and take pheasant hunting.

- The attorneys from Wisconsin gave a presentation dealing with Indian Law updates.

- Another issue was discussed and will be brought up at the September Legal Committee – where individuals are building high fenced areas to capture all wildlife to turn it into a private shooting preserve. Louisiana just recently dealt with this issue. Scott will send out all information from Louisiana's findings on this issue to the Midwest States for their review.

- Jim Kurtz from Wisconsin along with James Smith from Missouri – gave a presentation on Rivers Issues.

- Banning ATV's from Forest Service Lakes.

- Scott Porter, Kentucky presented a Coast Guard overview of the marine sanitation devices.

Incorporate what the South East is doing regarding database of legal issues. Internet system "One List" where all addresses are on the databases. Recommend that all attorneys get access to this site.

Following policy in order to avoid liability. Example nuisance bear issue – Arizona had a $3 million dollar settlement involving a bear. Presentation will be given at September SE international meeting.

Presentation by **Bob Miles** – International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

1. Newsletter from International – Update on 106th Congress, Update on progress of teaming bill, List of turnover of directors, etc.
2. AWDF project – new coordinator Ron Leathers
3. Update on teaming with wildlife for CARA bill
4. Update on the Fur Resources Subcommittee & Trap Testing
5. Urge states to write to Senators to urge them to vote against any anti-trapping amendments that are made to the Interior Appropriations Bill.
6. Ways & Means committee in the proposed tax bill added an amendment that would eliminate the 10% federal excise tax on tackle boxes that goes to aquatic research trust fund. If this amendment holds it will result in a $3 – 10 million/ year loss.
7. The final report of the recreational lake study commission.
8. States Organization of Boating Access – survey of states.
9. Information on the approval by the FDA of aqua culture drugs that the fisheries use for raising fish.
10. Evasive species, Alien species & Non native species Counsel.
11. Agricultural bills & programs – hearing this week to raise the CRP cap to 45 million acres.
12. Fish & Wildlife Service & Federal Aid Issues
13. Administrative Grants Project – Administrative Funds with Fish & Wildlife Service
14. Clean Vessel Act – Coastal Wetlands Programs
15. USFWS is reevaluating use of fish hatcheries

Ducks Unlimited – **Richard Pierce** – DU is creating regional offices to several different parts of the United States. New theme of Ducks Unlimited – Ducks and More.

Terry Riley – Wildlife Management Institute – Discussed how they are involved with the states and organizations.

At this time we adjourned for lunch at the hotel and then loaded the vans to tour Keeneland Race Track, Airdrie Stud and ended the day with a cookout at Bruce Hundley's Saxony Farm.

Bob Miles of IAFWA and Tom Bennett of Kentucky

BUSINESS MEETING

The Business Meeting was called to order by President **Tom Young**, Kentucky and the roll call was completed by Treasurer, **Joe Kramer**, Kansas.

Those in attendance were: Colorado, Kansas, South Dakota, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky,

Iowa, North Dakota, Sactachuwan, Manatoba, and Ontario were absent.

We have a quorum.

Joe Kramer handed out a summary of the minutes from the last meeting.

Motion was made by **Mike Budzik**, Ohio to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded by **Steve Miller**, Wisconsin. Motion passed.

REPORTS:

Jeff Sole, Upland Game/ Private Lands Program Coordinator from Kentucky gave a report to the directors as a representative from the Midwest Private Lands Working Group. The Group had met May 16-19, 1999 in Greeley, CO and had five recommendations, three of which were action items, for the directors to consider. These included the following:

1. Encourage each state to have someone dedicated as a "Farm Bill Coordinator" or USDA Liaison. Nearly every state has reached this level of commitment in recent years to and the benefits are just beginning to really show up. The efforts we have been putting into staying highly involved in all stages of Farm Bill development and implementation have elevated wildlife to an equal resource concern with soil and water at the programmatic level. However, we are still lacking in getting things worked all the way to the ground implementation level. This will come with continued efforts like most of us have ongoing.

2. We see a need to get Fisheries folks more involved in the Farm Bill program implementation. In most states "Wildlifers" are heavily involved, however, there has been little involvement from the Fisheries side. We feel Fisheries folks could play a tremendous role in helping to identify stream reaches most in need of work and in helping provide TG to landowners along streams.

3. The Group drafted a letter from the Association to Ms. Martha Naley of the US Fish and Wildlife Service urging her to appoint a USFWS representative to the "Interagency Coordination Committee", a committee which provides internal federal

review of each others programs prior to things being released to the public. Parks Shackleford, Director of FSA, recommended we do this when attending our spring meeting. This letter was later changed to have the recipient be Dr. Benjamin N. Tuggle, Ms. Naley's supervisor.

4. The Group drafted a letter to Senator Richard Lugar making several recommendations regarding federal farm programs. We point to a need to tie Conservation Compliance measures to any efforts of providing Crop Insurance to farmers. Otherwise such efforts promote farming of marginal lands. We make several recommendations dealing with implementation of the current Farm Bill programs and future funding needs for these programs.

5. The Group has drafted a letter from the Association to the International recommending they hire a full-time Agricultural Policy staff person to work to coordinate agricultural conservation efforts in Washington DC on behalf of the states. This staff-person would work on potential and proposed changes to the current 1996 Farm Bill programs during the interim between now and the 2002 Farm Bill. Additionally, this person would work on maintaining favorable conservation measures in the 2002 Farm Bill as things gear up for Congress to work on that bill.

It is our opinion that we need to get this person on board ASAP, with a target date of October 1, 1999. Several things are already going on, where the states could be benefited by having a direct representative and coordinating force in place in DC.

We estimate the position would cost the International $100,000 per year. We recommend the Midwest Association contribute 50% of this cost (just under $3600/state/year), since the Midwest states get the most benefit from the Federal Farm Bill programs. The remaining 50% would be split between the other Northeast, Southeast, and Western Associations.

The idea was discussed at the Western Association's Directors meeting last week and favorably

The following actions were taken:

- Letter to Dr. Benjamin N. Tuggle - Passed with minor discussion. No changes. It appears that the USFWS has advertised for filling a "Partners" position in DC which would have this as part of their duties

- Letter to Senator Richard G. Lugar - Passed with minor discussion. No changes.

- Letter to Roger Holmes - Passed with lots of discussion and minor changes. Changes include:

  - Wording to the effect that the Midwest states would collectively or through the Association, fund 50% or up to $50,000 of the recommended IAFWA Agricultural Policy position.

  - That the position be permanent, but subject to review at the end of 3 years or passage of the 2002 Farm Bill.

Motion by **Mike Budzik**, Ohio to send a letter to the US Fish & Wildlife Service urging them to assign a staff member to the task of coordinating with other federal conservation agencies in Washington.

Second by **Steve Miller**, Wisconsin

Motion passed.

Motion – Allow for federal support for Conservation Compliance
Motion by **Rob Manes**, Kansas, seconded by **Mike Budzik**, Ohio.

Motion passed.

Original Motion -**Roger Holmes**, Minnesota - Recommend to establish a permanent position in the International office – person to be agricultural policy type person with the idea that the position be permanent and could be re-evaluated at the end of 3 years.

Seconded by **Steve Miller**, Wisconsin.

Recommendation from Midwest to International - Substitute Motion by **Doug Hanson**, South Dakota - Recommend to establish a permanent position in the International office – person to be agricultural policy type person with the idea that the position be permanent and could be re-evaluated at the end of 3 years.

Motion by **Rob Manes**, Kansas that the Midwest states collectively agree and/or through the association to fund the position as discussed earlier 50% (representing $50,000) of the position for the 1st 3 years. Seconded by **Gary Doxtater**, Indiana

Terry Riley, Wildlife Management Institute presented recommendation for the establishment of a Public Lands Committee in the Midwest. Commitment to find someone on your staff, just like the Private Lands Committee, and have them

meet regularly to discuss the issues and bring forth recommendations and guidance to the Association. Charge them to come back with a list of top priority issues to deal with to be examined and endorsed by the association. Within a year the group should come back with their proposed bylaws and initial priorities for approval from the association. We need a state to host the 1st meeting and serve as the interim leader to get that group going.

Motion by **Steve Miller**, Wisconsin to establish a Private Lands working committee – a member to represent each state. Seconded by **Roger Holmes**, Minnesota.

Comments -
This person shall be a different person than the person who is on the Private Lands Committee.

Travel expenses to and from meetings associated with this staff person.

This person would deal with all types of issues i.e. National Forest Lands, WPA, National Wildlife Refuge, BLMU, State Lands.

Mike Budzik, Ohio – offered to host the 1st meeting in Ohio and will cover the costs if the association is in favor of this motion. Recommended that meeting be held before the next Midwest meeting (May). Invitation should be sent to State Directors from President of Association (**George Burgoyne**, Michigan) regarding dates, time, etc. Ohio to generate letter to President.

Motion passed.

Motion by **Gary Doxtater**, Indiana - to move that we make a commitment to have a representative for our association to handle the overall CITIES activities that go on during the year. As far as funding for the Nairobi meeting, we address that separately in relation to what our other financial commitments are.

Seconded by **Rob Manes,** Kansas. Motion passed.

Steve Miller, Wisconsin – motion to move that **Chuck Pils** continue to be the Midwest Association representative through the next World Wide CITES meeting and report to us. After the Nairobi meeting we can evaluate the position.

Seconded by **Mike Budzik**, Ohio. Motion passed.

Pat Ruble, Ohio spoke regarding changing the bylaws to allow the Flyway Council to interact with the Service on Mourning Dove regulations. No action required.

Treasurer's Report by **Joe Kramer**, Kansas.
See attachment.

Motion made by **George Burgoyne**, Michigan to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Roger Holmes**, Minnesota seconded. Motion passed.

Bob Miles gave an update on the IAFWA has $37,000 surplus for 1999, but a deficit of $130,000 for 1998.

Motion made by **Bruce McCloskey**, Colorado that the Association make a commitment of $15,000 for CARA. Motion seconded by **Roger Holmes**, Minnesota. Motion passed.

George Burgoyne, Michigan gave the report on the Audit Committee. They have gone over the books and they are in good order. Motion made by **Rob Manes**, Kansas to accept the Audit committee report. Motion seconded by **Kirby Cottrell**, Illinois. Motion passed.

CITIES ISSUES – Wisconsin will pay for the International Conference, so the issue is to pay for the Nairobi trip.

George Burgoyne, Michigan moved that the Association make a commitment to provide the $5,000 for the Nairobi trip for **Chuck Piles**. Seconded by **Mike Budzik**, Ohio.

Discussion **- Bruce McCloskey**, Michigan questioned as to why the International needs to send 8 people to Nairobi for $5,000 per person. Wants some justification at the September meeting of the International why 8 people need to go to the CITES conference. Someone needs to get with **Don McGlocklin** and say we are thinking 2 or 3 people, maybe next time another region can foot the bill and get a better coordination. **Tom Bennett** will address the concerns to International and ask Max Peterson to report on this issue.

Chuck Pils explained the reason for going and gave a breakdown of the trip. Lodging $1,000; airfare $2,600; registration and per diem expenses $500 = $5,000 total. It is a two-week conference with meetings every day.

Motion passed.

NOMINATION/ AWARDS

Gary Doxtater, Indiana stated that the committee did not receive any official requests for a special award or recognition outside the normal things we have at

this time. We have unique situation in Kentucky this year. The first to **Tom Bennett** for serving as President of the Midwest Association and for **Tom Young** for serving on the Executive Committee.

Report given by **Steve Miller**, Wisconsin on the Interest Disbursement Committee. Draft copy was handed out.

Motion made by **George Burgoyne**, Michigan to accept the report from the Interest Disbursement Committee and request continued work and refinement. Seconded by **Kirby Cottrell**, Illinois. Motion passed.

Mike Budzik, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee reported that no resolutions were submitted this year for discussion.

Bob Miles wanted to clarify the commitment the Midwest is making to the Farm Bill Coordinator position. It was stated that the individual states would fund ½ of the position through the Midwest, did not close the door for the Association to fund the position if they choose to do so. Decision would be conveyed to Max Peterson and other Associations to let them know what we've committed and reiterate the importance of this position and ask them to work with the International to fund the rest of it. The Western committed 1/3 or $16,700.00 for 1 year and then they will re-evaluate. The rest of the Associations need to come up with $16,000 each to support this position. The Midwest has committed to $50,000 per year and then will re-evaluate at the end of the 3 year term. The International will bill each state for their portion of funding the position.

Gary Doxtater, Indiana announced that the International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Conference is September 15-22, 2000 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Does the Midwest as an Association want to do something in regard to our annual meeting in 2000? **Gary Doxtater** will be contacting the other Associations to see if they want to set aside a time for business meetings.

Announcement was made that John DeCarrio retired as deputy director of Ohio, new deputy director is Jim Garner.

Tom Bennett and **Tom Young** passed the gavel onto **George Burgoyne** of Michigan. Dates will be the same week next year. Location will be announced at a later date.

Tom Young thanked everyone for coming and enjoying Kentucky.

Motion was made to adjourn the 1999 Meeting by **Doug Hansen**, South Dakota.

Tom Young and Tom Bennett of Kentucky

Very Deserving Awards

Tom Young and Tom Bennett hand over the gavel to George Burgoyne of Michigan - "Good Luck, George"

And the first order of business is . . .

Please, Please, Please let me win this . . . I've always wanted a Hummingbird feeder!!!

KENTUCKY'S FINEST . . .

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Prizes Galore . . .

Does anyone need a hat???

ATTACHMENTS

Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies

TREASURER'S REPORT

1998 Transactions

Total Assets beginning January 1, 1998			**$232,426.93**
Receipts 1998			
Annual Dues (97)	$1,800.00		
Kansas Conference dues & donations	3,797.00		
Iowa Conference reimbursement	1,802.92		
Interest-Checking/Savings/Money Market	9,899.26		
Total Receipts		$17,299.18	
Total Available Assets			**$249,726.11**
Disbursements 1998			
Kansas Conference Charges	$4,039.71		
IAFWA (Teaming With Wildlife)	25,000.00		
Chuck Pils (Cites Meetings)	1,138.00		
Total Disbursements		$30,177.71	
*Merrill Lynch 98 Projected Loss(if sold)	4,095.08		
Total		$34,272.79	
NET ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1998			**$215,453.32**

Accounting of Assets, December 31, 1998

Cash in checking account	$6,486.56	
Cash in savings (CD accounts)	155,865.62	
Money Market (Waddell & Reed)	5,782.49	
Money Market (Merrill Lynch)	47,318.65	
Total Assets		$215,453.32
ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1998		**$215,453.32**

* Standard accounting practices do not generally show projected losses as part of the statement as no losses are actually incurred until the stock is sold. To show you where the money has gone this past year we have listed the projected loss if stocks had been sold on 12/31/98.

Total invested at Merrill Lynch	$50,000.00
Total Merrill Lynch Priced Portfolio (12/98)	47,318.65
Loss on Portfolio	2,681.35

Also, the account showed dividends earned which we showed in the interest section of the assets. To show actual losses we must subtract those dividends back out.

Loss on Portfolio	$ 2,681.35
Loss of Dividends	1,413.73
Total Loss if sold 12/31/98	$ 4,095.08

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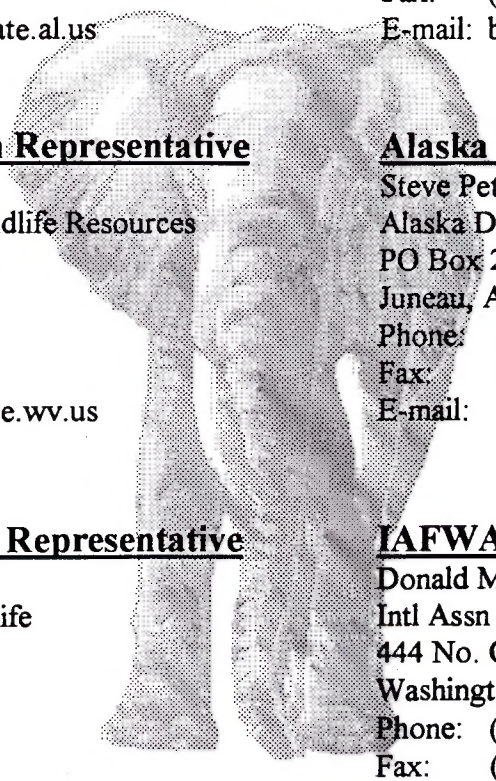

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Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Guidelines on the use of the Anton Walter Jaschek Fund
July 7, 1999 DRAFT

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The Anton Walter Jaschek inheritance was an unexpected and unique gift given to the Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies in 199_. The sum of money was considerable for an organization like the AMFWA. This inheritance affords the AMFWA the potential for long term financial participation on a variety of issues. The Association can utilize this fund rather than request contributions from individual states for many issues, thus helping to keep annual dues modest and selected requests for other financial needs limited.

The AMFWA should invest the principle of the Jaschek Fund for long term, stable income growth. Only the annual interest earned on the find should be utilized for funding agreed to projects in a given year. The principle should remain invested and protected from expenditure to assure a steady source of investment income for future project use.

Purpose and Use of the Fund

The purpose and use of the Anton Walter Jaschek fund shall be to support activities of the Association Midwest of Fish and Wildlife Agencies which maintains and enhances the capability of all Midwest Association States to develop and implement comprehensive fish and wildlife programs for game, non-game and endangered species and their habitats.

1.) Activities that shall be given priority consideration are as follows:

- Supporting the enactment of new national legislation which will increase the funding and/or enhance state authority for the development and implementation of fish and wildlife programs such as: Teaming With Wildlife and CARA (Conservation and Reinvestment Act). Support may take the form of: direct contribution to the IAFWA for their efforts; supporting the expense of state staff who are assigned temporary duty on behalf of the AMFWA to work on these issues; supporting the collection, publication and distribution of information which will have a positive impact on Congressional decision makers.

- Supporting reauthorization of existing national legislation such as the Farm Bill, Clean Water Act , the Endangered Species Act, for the purposes of maintaining and/or strengthening these types of legislation. Support may include: contributing to IAFWA efforts to dedicate staff to work on re-authorizations; supporting studies and evaluations to provide background information reflective of Midwest states needs; paying the expenses of staff to participate on behalf of the AMFWA on national advisory groups or study groups related to reauthorization of these types of legislation; supporting the collection, publication and distribution of information which will have a positive impact on Congressional decision makers.

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- Supporting AMFWA participation in CITIES. This should be limited to paying no more than the necessary travel expenses of state personnel who are working on behalf of the AMFWA.

- Sponsoring and/or co-sponsoring conferences, workshops and symposia which provide a forum for the presentation, discussion and sharing of research findings, successful management programs, and emerging management issues of importance to AMFWA states. A condition of sponsoring such conferences should be the timely publication of the conference proceedings in some form useful to practicing fish and wildlife managers and policy makers. Conferences of this type should serve to help develop coordinated policy and management strategies among AMFWA states, and may be a precursor to the recommended development of additional state and federal legislation to further protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources.

- Recognition for outstanding service. Annually, no more than 5 % (???) of the annual interest earned by the Fund may be set aside by the Association for the purposes of rewarding outstanding service by an individual, organization or agency within the boundaries of the Association. This recognition can be given to professional and non-professional persons who demonstrate outstanding commitment and stewardship to fish and wildlife resources in a state or the Midwest. Specific guidelines and procedures will developed by the Nominating and Awards Committee of the AMFWA.

2.) Activities for which the Jaschek Fund will not be used include:
- habitat projects
- fish and wildlife surveys, and research projects not directly related to enactment of national legislation
- books and publications not resulting from workshops, conferences or symposia sponsored by the AMFWA
- buildings and interpretive exhibits

3.) Other activities not specifically described herein may be considered if they are have a direct relation to any or all of the items included in (1) above.