

**PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**State Office**  
**Harrisburg, PA**  
**June 8, 2013**

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors was held in Harrisburg, PA on June 8, 2013. The meeting was opened at 10:00 am. The invocation was offered by Lowell Graybill, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Conservation Pledge.

The roll call of officers, board members, and all others are present unless noted otherwise.

President – Chuck Lombaerde  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Lowell Graybill  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Lee Marsh - Absent  
Treasurer/Immediate Past Pres. – Ted Onufrak  
Secretary – Denny Fillmore  
Member at Large – Mary Hosmer  
Director of Programs and Legislative Affairs – Gary Moore  
Office Manager – Susan Hughes  
On Target Editor/Consultant – Melody Schell

**DIVISION DIRECTORS:**

Southern – Ray Slothour  
Southwest – Chet Krcil (Dwight Weaver for Chet)  
Southeast – Joe Kleiner - Absent  
Southcentral – Vacant  
Northwest – Pete Dalby  
Northcentral – Andy Sorg (Phil Labant for Andy)  
Northeast – Bob Banks  
Central – Gary Lewis (Mike Zenzel for Gary)

**STATE ORGANIZATIONS:**

PA Trappers - Absent  
PA Bass Federation - Absent  
PA Pheasants Forever – Absent  
PA NWTf – Jerry Nelson  
PA Flyers - Absent

**MINUTES:** Motion was made by Pete Dalby and seconded by Dwight Weaver to approve the March 2013 minutes as written. Motion passed. Motion was made by Chuck and seconded by Dwight to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was given by Ted Onufrak and Susan Hughes. Motion was made by Lowell Graybill and seconded by Chuck to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**By-laws Changes Proposals:** All proposals were contained in the board packet and were again discussed at length. There was discussion regarding a previous proposal to allow individual members voting privileges to elect the officers. It was again decided that there were still too many issues to address to implement this process at this time, so the proposal was again voted down.  
On the current proposals:

Proposal 1: Cutting back to one convention a year - several options were outlined and discussed. Bob Banks made a motion that we accept the second option, since it had the most club support based on the returned surveys. Seconded by Mary Hosmer. **Motion passed 8-4.** Melody pointed out that this option requires no bylaws change, so it can always be readdressed at a later time if it doesn't work out.

Option 2: One convention a year held in or near Harrisburg (or close to center of state) in the Spring with a major fundraising event (Divisions will take turns playing host or all contribute each year), and a Saturday only all-day board/delegate/committee meeting near Harrisburg in the fall.

Proposal 2: Giving each member club the right to a proxy vote at the State Level - Discussion on by laws changes, relative to member survey and proposed changes. Over 73 of the responding clubs supported this change. Phil Labant made a motion to approve this bylaws change. Pete Dalby seconded. **Motion passed with 9 for, 2 against and 1 abstention.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Raffle Tickets: Susan discussed and distributed the November Cash Raffle tickets, giving each division 50 tickets for each of their counties. Over \$10,000 in cash prizes to be awarded throughout the month of November.

Conventions: Fall 2013 convention: Harrisburg (Camp Hill Radisson), Sept. 20-22. Convention will be a shared responsibility of Office, NC Division and Southern Division. 2014 Spring Convention – as per the newly passed changes, the state will select a location near Harrisburg or near the center of the state. The SE Division will be responsible for the fundraising event.

Legislative Report: Gary discussed pending legislation. **See attached report.** Discussion reiterating PFSC's opposition to all the bills that threatened to weaken our agencies abilities to manage our resources, particularly dealing with IRRC, Commissioner terms, and mandating specific regulatory issues, like antler restriction, doe seasons, doe tags, etc. A motion was made by Ted Onufrak to send the legislators a copy of the resolution (see attached) opposing a merger. Seconded by Bob Banks. Motion passed unanimously.

Gary and Melody also discussed a new program promoted by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) called Hunting Works for PA. Hunting Works For Pennsylvania exists to promote the strong economic partnership between the hunting and shooting communities and the local economy of Pennsylvania. Ted Onufrak made a motion to support the program. Mike Zenzel seconded. Motion passed 10 – 0, with 2 abstentions.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Endowment Foundation Report: Endowment Chair Denny Fillmore reported that there are no new legitimate offers on the table. Last offer was way below current list price. Denny Fillmore, Mike Zenzel and Lowell Graybill attended the work day on May 18, 2013. Their work was greatly appreciated.

PWF Report: PWF President Mike Zenzel discussed some of their recent and proposed projects: Aluminum Can Recycling for Youth, Clarion Co. Acid Mine Project, 13 Acre Riparian Area Purchase in Columbia Co. He stressed the need for a push to build the membership base and encouraged PFSC members to join PWF again. Pete Dalby spoke about the acid mine project.

PGC Report and update: Much discussion about recent rumors and talk about commissioners trying to remove Executive Director Carl Roe from his position, and talk of a movement to replace Commissioner Schreffler by the next PGC meeting June 24<sup>th</sup>, and not allowing him to serve his 6 month extension before a the seat is filled and confirmed. Ted Onufrak made a motion to send a letter supporting the current leadership (Executive Directors) of both agencies. Pete Dalby seconded. The motion passed 10 – 0 with 2 abstentions (Dwight and Mary).

Resumes for two candidates for the District 4 PGC Commissioner seat were distributed. (Mike Foust and Darrell Klink) Protocol is to have them reach out to their local Division for support, and then the Division to make a recommendation to the board. Dwight Weaver, representing the SW Division, will be taking the info back to their meeting.

PFBC Report and update: The legislation has been holding hearings on the agencies fiscal slope. The PFBC is lobbying to be included in the transportation bill to receive a portion of the Oil Company Franchise Tax (OCFT) that is attributable to boaters and be allowed to direct those funds toward the systemic management of infrastructure, maintenance and operational costs. At the current rate, they would receive \$2.6 million if they were eligible for a refund of the OCFT paid on motor boat fuel.

Governor's Advisory Council Report: Mary Hosmer discussed recent Governor's Sportsmen's Advisory Council actions. She expressed frustration with the lack of an advisor, and the news that they don't plan to hire an advisor, but to have Patrick Henderson, the Governor's Energy Executive and Acting Policy Director, oversee council activities. They are supposed to interview potential commissioner candidates Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> in State College. They've received 7 resumes.

Membership Report: Gary reported that membership numbers are going down. We've dropped 20 affiliated clubs. The counties and divisions need to do more to promote the organization and help recruit new clubs. He is going to work on new corporate sponsors.

Staff Reports: Susan reported that Greg Isabella has arranged for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bushmaster AR-15 to be donated. He had also donated the first one as well for our AR Raffle tickets. Greg will be given an honorary corporate sponsor membership for his generous donation of ammo and firearms.

Director's Report: Gary discussed several of the issues that he's been working on.

#### **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

President: No report

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: No report

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: No report

Immediate Past President/Treasurer: No report

Secretary: Denny Fillmore reported on the success of the Legislative Shoot, and he thanked everyone for their support. The board thanked Denny and his club, Mechanicsburg Sportsmen, for hosting the event and providing help with all the shooting events. Denny also acknowledged Maria Heil, NRA Board Director, for her participation at the convention and the shoot.

#### **DIVISIONS/STATE ORGS REPORTS:**

**Southern:** Denny reported that there will be a sports show September 6 through 8 at the Carlisle Car Show grounds. The NWTF will be holding their events that would normally have been held at the Harrisburg Sports Show.

**South West:** No Report

**South East:** No report

**North West:** Pete Dalby reported that they are currently holding a beef raffle to help replenish their funds after the last convention.

**Central:** Mike Zenzel reported that they are holding a "largest groundhog" contest to raise funds.

**North East:** No report

North Central: Phil Labant reported that they are running a gun raffle to raise funds for the convention.

**PA NWTF:** Jerry Nelson discussed their "Save the habitat, Save the hunt" program. He also mentioned that the PGC still has about 43 % of their reports filed using the postcards. They are still seeing a downward trend in turkey populations for the last 3 years. The PGC biologists will be closely reviewing seasons and bags. The hen study ends this year.

**OTHERS:**

PFSC member Don Oaks thanked PFSC for the legislative work being done on behalf of sportsmen and for all the information disseminated at today's meeting.

PFSC member Don Heckman discussed the status of the lawsuit filed by Hunters United for Sunday Hunting. Pete Dalby discussed his idea to raise funds for water quality issues by seeking support for 1% of the royalty fees to be dedicated to a non-profit to provide grants for water quality projects.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Discussion about testimony at the next commission meeting. Ted discussed a joint fundraiser with the Wildlife For Everyone Foundation (WFEF) at the fall convention. \$100 tickets, 200 tickets, and profit split 50/50 with WFEF. He is going to move forward with it.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Denny Fillmore