

WOCAV Board Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2018

Present: Layne Giering, Max Lowrie, Joe Lowrie, George and Jane Schmader, Lee Swoger, Dave Cole, Stacy Wolbert, Duane and Launa Harriger, Brian Fox, and Jim Ross.

President Max Lowrie called the meeting to order at 6:35

Minutes from the 1/9/2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report:

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| a. Previous Balance | \$2144.06 | |
| Income | \$85.00 | (new membership) |
| Expenses | \$50.00 | (VNA Donation) |
| New Balance | \$2179.06 | |
- b. Members renewed for 2017-2018 57 Renewals and 4 New = 61 Total

Old Business:

- a. Nominations for Clarion County Conservation District Board of Directors. George Schmader will create a list of those who are interested in serving.
- b. WOCAV past program database has been created and condensed into a two page spread sheet. Specifics details about the programs are still needed and should be relayed to Stacy.

New Business:

- a. Review 2/17/2018 Clarion Forest Landowners Conference at Clarion University 114 attendees. Excellent speakers. Lots of positive feedback
- b. Reveiw 3/3/2018 Sustainable Backyard Workshop at Butler Community College 241 attendees. 20 exhibitors. Planning underway for future events
- c. Review 3/3/2018 Eagles Program at Rimersburg Rod and Gun Club 12 attendees. No board members attended.
- d. Review 2/15/18 Center for Private Forests focus group meeting at Clarion

There was talk about a certification program for consulting foresters and concern about percentage based fees.

- e. Review 3/3/18 Center for Private Forests focus group meeting in Williamsport
Looking at how they can help the 22 woodland owner groups coordinate with each other. Possibility of a centralized website with a map and links to all groups.

- f. Program Committee Update:

May 18-20 - BBQ Festival and Chainsaw Carving at the Clarion Mall

WOCAV will put up a display during the event and members are encourage to come out Saturday afternoon.

June 23 8:30-12:30 - Field Day At the Schmaders

A wide variety of management activities will be showcased. Final agenda to be solidified after planning field tour on April 5.

August – The Tour of State Gamelands has been cancelled.

September 22 8:00-12:30 - Chronic Wasting Disease at Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Experts from three agencies will explain the disease and consequences.

***The annual picnic plans have changed. We are looking to have it sometime in August and are exploring dates and options. The planning committee will be meeting soon.

December 13 7:00-9:00 – Holiday Party at Clarion Forestry Office

- g. Eventbrite.com for WOCAV events.
There was support for using the website for event registration. It is user friendly and free if there is no charge for the event. A registration fee can be collected and Joe and Max Lowrie handle the process.
- h. Gene Whited, a long time WOCAV member passed away. His obituary was circulated.

It was requested that the Program Committee give George event dates so he can add them to our website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 1, 2018 at 6:30 PM.