

Minutes from the October 15, 2011 Meeting of the PDFA

Vice president George Hazard called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm at the Ag Extension Office in Huntingdon. Thirteen directors attended along with the Andy Goodman and 12 visitors. Absent were Jim Loree and Dave Griffith. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Vern. The treasurer's report giving a balance of \$281,572.82 was approved on a motion by Steve, seconded by Amos.

Andy Goodman's Legislative report: PAC fund spent \$38,700 in political contributions in 2010 leaving a balance of \$1869. He set a goal of raising \$40,000 in each of the next two years so we have \$80,000 to spend during the next legislative session. The licensing fee bill HB 2273 was approved by the legislature. Andy's question-do we want it vetoed as stated or changed to go into general fund. We want it to go into a restricted account. Andy requested everyone to call the governor's office on Monday requesting that the Governor sign the bill. PDFA will need to be notified of fees and the reason for them. He also asked anyone who called a legislator to vote for the bill to send a handwritten note thanking that legislator. We tabled a request for a donation to Ag to fund our program for 60 days until we see what the Governor does on a motion by Larry, seconded by Bob. On the election, it does not matter whether House goes Republican or Democrat the Senate will remain Republican. Rendell's staff is running Onerato's campaign and is difficult to work with. The next issue to be addressed in January is the sales tax issue. Andy requested a deer farm tour for legislators next summer.

For Executive Director's report see attached. Josh requested that when members are dropped that they be notified in writing but no action was taken. He also requested Bev report at the next meeting where new memberships come from. Another question he had was where the extra copies of the membership directories go. George and Larry said they are handed out at NADeFA, legislative meetings, sales, etc.

There was a question on ordering and picking up guns. The decision is that Harry will order the guns and Rich will pick them up and return guns to the dealer.

An update on committees with chairmen and members was approved on a motion by Josh, seconded by Larry. These are the committees and members and they all need to be listed on the agenda for each meeting. That way we all know who is doing what.

Committee	Chairman	Members
Membership	Kelly	
Spring Sale	Kelly	Harry, Josh (this committee will also get donations for Lunch)
Policy	Steve	Josh, George, Bob, Larry
Spring Meeting	Kelly	Harry, Josh, Amos, Dave L.
PAC Fund	Vern	Steve, Mike H.
Hunting Ranch	Mike G.	Dave G., Harry, Jim, Rich
Reward Fund	George	Amos, Larry, Harry
Research and Ed.	Dianne	Bob L., Josh
EHD	Rich	
PR	Josh	Mike H., Mike G., Harry
Fall Sale	Harry	Larry, George, Josh, Dave L.

Much discussion on the payment of the lawyer's fees for Liberty Hollow Whitetails. There was a question on who authorized payment. We thought it wasn't to be paid until the case was final.

Also a question on Elam Beiler and Steve Ebersole being current members. Tabled till next meeting.

Membership Committee: no report

Policy Committee: Steve gave policies to Andy who by next meeting will hopefully have a report on the first 4 sections.

Spring Meeting: Kelly will get earlier advertising out. Harry wants ideas from committee for next meeting possibly through a phone conference.

PAC Fund: no report just new ideas need to be worked on

Reward Fund: no report

Hunting Ranch: no report

Research and ED: Educational Meeting is scheduled for a March 26, 2011 at the Moshannon Sportsman's Club in Snowshoe. Registration is \$25.00 per person. Dr. Brooks will be a speaker, along with Dr. Martin and others from the Dept. of Ag and Dianne Miller.

EHD: no report.

PR: On the website, Josh contacted Reading Eagle to get in touch with Kristy to turn info over to her. He will work with the provider to get the info on the website. He is requesting the purchase of a laptop to keep records and tape recorder to record meetings as a source of reference. Harry motioned, Josh seconded to buy a digital recording device to record the meetings. Approved. Harry will get it and Dave G. will house. Josh requested that Bev email a copy of her job description to each board member prior to the next meeting. Josh addressed PR needs –perhaps allocating funds for 3-5 years to promote generic hunting ranches in PA. He has talked to a production company and the cost is estimated at \$1000-\$1500 per minute. More discussion is needed. Harry talked to Keith Warren about funding for a completely high fenced hunting show and how to get state and national funding to get the message out about high fenced hunting. On a motion by Harry, seconded by Mike H. we will tentatively sponsor \$25,000 for a national hunting show to promote high fenced hunting. Carried. Kelly talked to Warren who had previously talked to Dave G. about a 30 second commercial for PDFA. He asked for 3 key points so as to find a direction to go. The board decided on family run, economic impact, and safety.

David Hostetler presented a summary of the summer picnic. The total cost was \$12,125.46. They raised \$8107 at the picnic, so along with PDFA's contribution of \$5000 they are left with a balance of \$981.54. This will be put toward next summer's picnic on August 12-13. He gave a thank you note and a special thank you to PDFA. On a motion by Bob, seconded by Mike H. it will be put in the newsletter. Approved.

No action was taken on North Dakota's request for money to fight the HSUS.

Discussion on CWD issue with a farmer not testing deer to be butchered. PDFA can not do anything about it. Mary Martin is willing to write an article for the newsletter saying follow and understand the rules. George or Harry will contact Mary.

Discussion on whole herd TB testing.

Larry and George had a meeting with Animal Health and Diagnostics. How do we get our concerns on animal health to Dept. of Ag? Andy is checking on how to get anybody on the committee.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bob, seconded by Josh at 10:30 pm.