

Minutes of the PDFFA Meeting on March 24, 2010

Nine directors and 8 visitors met at the Huntingdon County Extension Office for the March meeting of the Pennsylvania Deer Farmers. Absent were Jim Loree, Harry Strawser, Josh Newton, Amos Kaufman, Mike Heiter, Greg Lucas, and Rich Huff. Minutes were read and corrected to read, The Association's goal is to pass the legislation on the permitting and fee by July first. Minutes approved on a motion by Larry Pittenger, seconded by George Hazard. The treasurer's report with a balance of \$296,117.16 as of 2-28-10 was approved on a motion by Steve Stem, seconded by Vernon Troyer, and will be filed for an audit.

No PAC fund report but Andy Goodman's goal is to raise \$35,000 for the PAC. He is still working on the sales tax issue. The Dept of Ag is not accepting our \$40,000 grant now because our program is not at risk. George Hazard and Larry Pittenger addressed the committee discussing our permitting fee. It was passed unanimously and is out of committee.

Bev Gruber needs to put the Hunting Ranch white paper and the Code of Ethics on the web site. Deer need to be listed as livestock in the zoning board regulations. Can Andy Goodman address how to list deer as livestock?

For executive director's report, see attached.

Discussion on the educational meetings: Possibly one central meeting or a 2 day spring meeting with the Friday being an educational meeting. Tabled till next meeting.

Josh Newton and Bev Gruber will attend the Township supervisors meeting.

Kelly Pittenger will contact Andy Goodman about how to pay for donated items to benefit the PAC fund. The 50/50 raffle and the 2 gun raffle proceeds will go to the PAC fund. We have over 160 donations for the spring fundraiser. Steve Stem and Greg Lucas will help with the gun raffle. 20 people are registered for the scoring session.

The NADeFA conference discussion brought up some problems between DNA Solutions and Wildlife Genetics. Dave Griffith will pass them on to Ray Burdette. He will also talk to Burdette about a job description for an executive director as Dave is thinking of stepping down.

Policy chair Steve Stem is working on policies. Bob Lieberum, Larry Pittenger, George Hazard, and Cliff Stitely are on the committee.

Under research, the blood test for TB, drug residue times and new strains of EHD and Blue Tongue were discussed.

David Lapp motioned, Bob Lieberum seconded to table Donna Boy's request for funding to D.C. until the May meeting.

The fall sale will also be discussed at the May meeting.

George Hazard will liaison with Willie Swarey on the request for PDFFA support for the summer picnic.

On PDFFA doing more to promote the hunting ranches, there was some discussion but no decision. Mike Heiter is talking to Andy Foor about this.

George Hazard brought up the CWD response plan. As of now, there are no government signatures on it. He will talk to Milliron about how to get the CWD Response Plan signed. Kelly Pittenger will email the directors the policy.

At 9:50 Bob Lieberum motioned and Steve Stem seconded adjournment. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Miller