

Minutes of the PDFA Meeting on August 13, 2009

President Dave Griffith called the August 13, 2009 meeting of the Pennsylvania Deer Farmers to order at 6:40 pm at Hoss's restaurant in Huntingdon with 12 directors present along with the executive director, lobbyist and 8 guests including Mary Martin and Sec/Rep Sam Hayes, Jr. Absent were Jim Loree, Greg Lucas, and Steve Stem. Minutes from the previous meeting were corrected to read amendment is pending and Dave Griffith chairs the NADeFA Hunting Ranch Council. Approved with changes on a motion by Vernon, seconded by George. Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Rich, seconded by George.

The PAC fund spent almost \$20,000 giving us a closing balance of \$13,820.15. Approved on a motion by Amos, seconded by Harry. A motion was made by Rich for Harry to set up a small fundraiser at the fall sale of 3 guns which he will purchase for \$1000, tickets selling for \$5.00, and the money going to the PAC fund. Seconded by Dave Lapp, and approved.

Mary Martin addressed the board because her position was eliminated in the budget crunch. Andy Goodman and Milliron Ass. will do some groundwork on Mary's situation and get back to directors ASAP. Andy also reported his amendment to exempt deer feed from the state sales tax is not moving forward until budget is passed. Another small deer farm tour was requested for September at Harry's. Our pamphlets will be given to the legislators.

Executive directors' report: see attached.

Amos motioned, Rich seconded that we accept the Blair County Convention Center proposal for the 2010 Fall Sale. Approved. On a motion by Harry, seconded by Dave L. Josh and Larry will check out the IUP convention Center for 2011 fall sale. Motion approved.

Dave Griffith asked for a motion to give North Dakota a donation to fight a ballot initiative on banning high fence hunting. Harry motioned, seconded by Josh that we give \$5000 to ND to help fight that initiative. Motion approved.

Glenn and Harry reported New Jersey is trying to get organized. Josh motioned, seconded by Rich that we give New Jersey \$5000 with some restrictions and that they will need to keep us updated. Motion approved.

Committee reports:

April 10, 2010 is the spring meeting.

Hunting Ranch Council: Mike Gee reported nothing has happened at PDA in regards to the boar issue. PDA will meet with Council before a public announcement.

Research: Glenn and Mike will talk to other states about money for Fusoguard research. PDFA will pledge \$10,000 on a motion by George, seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Bob, seconded by Amos at 9:30 pm. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Miller

Note: The October meeting date has been changed to October 9 at the Huntingdon Co. Ag Extension office.