

PDFFA Minutes from the special meeting called on 9-11-09

President Dave called a special meeting of the PDFFA to order at 8 am in the Holiday Inn in Johnstown to discuss the cwd program in the Dept of Ag. Present were 12 directors, 2 visitors, John Milliron, and the executive director. Absent were Jim Loree, David Lapp, and Mike Heiter.

Dave G. reported on the meeting with the Dept of Ag. Secretary Wolfe is stepping down and Russell Reading is the new secretary. Thirty five percent of Ag's budget was cut and 20% of personnel. This poses a big problem for our cwd program which costs about \$80,000 to \$100,000 annually. Some options to keep the program in place were discussed.

Some upfront money from PDFFA to pay for the program now.
Alternatives for future funding were also discussed.

- a. License fees
- b. PDFFA provides a cwd employee in the dept
- c. Outside entity to administer the cwd program through a non profit
- d. Ag keeps the program in house

These recommendations were made to the association: Fund the cwd program for 6 months with a payment of \$40,000-\$50,000 with a signed agreement as to where the money goes. Discussions on a fee for license with Milliron and legislature completed by November 2010. A motion was made by Larry, seconded by George that PDFFA will give the Dept of Ag a grant of \$40,000-\$50,000 to help pay for the maintaining the cwd program. John Milliron will negotiate a monthly payment for 6 months. Motion carried. Henry will contact the Elk Breeders to let them know the situation.

A motion for a long term solution was made by Harry seconded by Vernon that there will be a registration fee for a CLO license for \$50-\$100. Motion approved.

Dave. G. will talk to Dr. Santini about the New York problem and ask Dr. Schultz to call New York and explain regulations.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Bob, seconded by Rich.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Miller