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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Terry Lewis

2009 the Year of Change

Truly we all know how desperately the country needs change. The country's economic difficulties have hit everything hard. First, it was the huge spike in the oil and fuel cost. Oil prices impacted everything from gasoline to fertilizer and lit the fuse on the economy. The results were immediate forced inflation on all products and services. TWRA found itself with massive operational cuts to its budgets. Most of the funding for its habitat management programs have been lost or deeply limited. Today, we find ourselves in the pits of a growing recession with little end in sight. The country truly needs some changes in order to just survive.

As I reflect on difficulties of the country, I ponder the future for CORA. I ask myself what are CORA's priorities? What are the important programs that need to be continued and cultivated in 2009 and beyond? With the economy impacting the funding of all non-profit organizations, do we change direction or do we continue forward as if some impending change will make things better soon?

As CORA's President I think the forward vision should be to tighten up on our efforts and stick to our roots in order to make progress in these very difficult economic times. One of CORA's top priorities has always been to work with habi-

tat management efforts. Another of CORA's top priorities is to affiliate with other like-minded organizations. Imagine, if several like-minded organizations were to pull together their collective resources and work towards common habitat management goals, just how much could be successfully accomplished.

One of the habitat management ideas that CORA's is currently advancing is the creation of Native Warm Season Grass savannas on the North Cumberland. The goal of CORA's program is to impact some 10,000 acres over the next 10 years. This program works due to the unique situation that only occurs here on the North Cumberland. Lyme Timber owns the timber rights on the Sundquist WMA and is a very conservation oriented organization. Fountain Forestry is harvesting nearly 2000 acres each year in clear and shelter wood cuts. Some of these areas that are being harvested will be selected and targeted to be burned several times over the next several years and eventually those areas will be repopulated by plants that are often unable to grow in denser woods. The early successional habitat, which is most beneficial to a broad spectrum of wildlife, would then be maintained for a longer period. This effort will be cost efficient, effective and something we can get

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CORA, RMEF, TWF and TWRA hosted Reach's Developmental Center at Hatfield Knob Wildlife Area on September 18, 2008 for elk viewing and bugling. Along with the many residences and support personnel from Reach's, we had some of the Campbell County Commissioners on hand and Knoxville's Channel 8 TV came

to cover the event. It made the news on September 18, 2008 at 11:00 pm.

Our crowd wasn't as big this time as the first time, but, Reach's had to have it on a Thursday and that had conflicts with other events. In any case, all that attended had a good time and saw plenty of elk.

RMEF requested that Jerry Stout furnish them with pictures and other story information about this trip so they could do an article on CORA and the Hatfield Knob Wildlife Viewing Area in a future Bugle magazine.

We want to thank all the CORA volunteers, volunteers from RMEF and TWF. We especially want to thank TWRA for their help in pulling this event off to a success. We had several TWRA managers, officers and support at this event. Thank you so much.

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CORA ATTENDS WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE POLICY

Vice President Announces Plan to Protect Four Million Additional Acres of Wetlands

CORA President Terry Lewis attended the White House Conference on North American Wildlife Policy October 1-3, 2008 in Reno, NV. More than 500 representatives of wildlife conservation groups and wildlife agencies from around the country met to discuss the development of a comprehensive ten year Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Plan.

The plan is a result of Executive Order (E.O.) # 13443: Facilitation of Hunting Heritage and Wildlife Conservation, signed by President Bush in August 2007 directing the Department of Interior and Agriculture to "facilitate the expansion and enhancement of hunting opportunities and the management of game species and their habitat." The order directed the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality to work with and consult the Sporting Conservation Council, state fish and wildlife agencies and the public to facilitate the exchange of information and advice to fulfill the purposes of the order.

At the meeting's first day, participants broke into four groups to discuss eight core topics for the strategic plan: Funding for Wildlife Conservation; Management of Wildlife Habitat; Maintaining Access to Public and Private Land; Education, Recruitment and Retention; The North American Model; Federal, State and Tribal Coordination; Climate Change Impacts; and Energy Development. Suggestions and comments made in the work groups



will be considered for incorporation into the Administration's plan.

Vice President Dick Cheney spoke to the conference on Friday prior to its conclusion. In addition to detailing progress and several victories President Bush and his Administration has made on wildlife conservation over the past seven years, Vice President Cheney announced the commitment of the Administration to restore, improve and protect at least four million additional acres of wetlands over the next five years.

To meet the new goal of four million acres, the President directed the Department of Agriculture to provide \$204 million over ten years in new payments to encourage conservation practices in the Conservation Reserve Program. The new financing will include a Signing Incentive Program of up to \$100 per acre, a Practice Incentive Payment of 40 percent of the initial cost, and an increase in rental rates by 20 percent for the Floodplain Wetlands Restoration practice, the Non-Floodplain Wetlands Restoration practice, the Bottomland Hardwood Forests practice, and Duck Nesting Habitat.

The Administration also announced the first-ever national assessment of wetland condition for wetlands across America. Led by the EPA and conducted in partnership with the Department of the Interior, the National Wetland Condition Assessment Project will be delivered in 2013.

TWRA Executive Director Gary Myers Announces Retirement



Gary Myers, one of the longest serving leaders of a state conservation agency in United States history, has announced his retirement as the Executive Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, effective March 1, 2009. Myers' announcement came during the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission meeting in Kingsport on Wednesday (Oct. 22)

He was named as TWRA Executive Director in 1978 and celebrated his 30th anniversary in the position this year. Widely recognized by his peers and conservation organizations throughout the country, Myers has received numerous honors during his acclaimed career.

Myers, in his early 70s, "is the longest serving state wildlife director in the country, and helped shape national wildlife policy during his tenure," said Mike Butler, executive director of the Tennessee Wildlife Federation. Myers served under several governors and navigated the sometimes-rocky shoals of state government with a quiet demeanor that was seen by many as an asset to the job. "He's not political," said Butler. "He's a natural resource professional."

Among Myers' most recent awards was receiving the George Bird Grinnell Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to Natural Resource Conservation. The Grinnell Award salutes a person whose career in conservation has been exemplified by integrity, leadership, foresight and achievement

JUST THE BEAR FACTS

By Jerry & Jo Stout

With black bear sightings becoming more common in Campbell County, we thought you might want to know a little more about our black bears.

Bears have always intrigued the human imagination. References to bears are found in ancient and modern literature, folk songs, legends, mythology, children's stories and cartoons. Bears are among the first animals that children learn to recognize.

Our image of bears is confusing because it is based on caricatures. On the one hand, we have lovable Teddy bears and Winnie the Pooh and the stern but kindly Smoky the Bear. On the other hand, there are those ferocious magazine cover drawings complete with slobbering fangs and evil eyes.

Dominant themes of our folklore are fear of the unknown and man against nature, and bears have traditionally been portrayed as the villains to support those themes, unfairly demonizing them to the public. A problem for black bears is that literature about bears often does not separate black bears from grizzly bears. The grizzly is much more aggressive toward humans and other animals.

One of the greatest misconceptions about black bears is that they are likely to attack people in defense of their cubs. They are highly unlikely to do this. Black bear researchers have captured screaming cubs in the presence of bluff-charging mothers with no attacks. However, about 70% of all human deaths from grizzly bears are from mothers defending their cubs.

The typical black bear is approximately four to seven feet from nose to tail, and two to three feet high at the withers (the highest part of an animal's back). Their body shape differs from grizzly bears in being smaller with a smaller shoulder hump, a furred rear instep, a less concave facial profile, smaller claws that are more tightly curved, and longer, smoother, and more tapered ears. Body fur is usually black or brown but occasionally may be blond or (very rarely) white.

Black bears have small eyes, which are blue at birth and turn brown as they mature. Unlike deer, which see only

in black and white, bears' eyes are equipped to see in color. They have good close-up vision but it has not been tested over 200 hundred yards. Their hearing exceeds human frequency ranges and has probably twice the sensitivity. Their smelling ability is extremely good since their nasal mucosa area is about 100 times larger than in humans. They have small, rounded ears, a long snout, a large body, a short tail, and shaggy hair.

Bears have a large brain compared to their body size and are one of the more intelligent mammals. Their navigation ability is much superior to humans and they have excellent long-term memory and can generalize to the simple concept level. Bears are usually silent except when frightened when they make blowing noises and grunts. Contrary to what is shown in movies they do not growl when threatened. They use a resonant, humanlike "voice" to express a range of emotions from pleasure to fear.

Bears are very good swimmers and can swim at least a mile and a half in fresh water. Bears can run uphill, downhill or on level ground at speeds up to 30 mph. Most bears become active a half-hour before sunrise, take a nap or two during the day and bed down for the night an hour or two after sunset. For food they prefer nuts, acorns, fruit, insects and succulent greens. Meat and less succulent greens are eaten when preferred foods are scarce.

Taxonomists generally separate black bears into 16 subspecies based on regional differences in DNA, body form, and behavior which carry different regional names such as Kermode bear, Cinnamon bear, Glacier bear, etc. But they are all the American Black Bear: *Ursus americanus* (even the occasional white or reddish brown ones) and occupy forested areas from Alaska to the Atlantic Ocean, south to Florida and Mexico and north into Canada. The current population is estimated at 750,000 animals.

Sexes are usually designated as male or female although many people call them boars and sows, like pigs.

Wild male bears of breeding age (typically three to seven years) usually weigh between 125 and 500 pounds, depending upon age, season, and availability

of food. Males are typically larger than females which weigh between 90 and 300 pounds. Males usually are full grown at 12 years of age and females are full size at six years of age. (The largest recorded black bear was an 880 pound male in Craven County, NC.)

The mating season in the eastern and southern states is usually in August. Eggs are fertilized at the time of mating but wait until November to implant in the wall of the uterus and begin development. Birth is usually in January or February in the southeastern states. In eastern North America first litters are usually one or two cubs. The record was six in Pennsylvania.

Bear cubs are smaller at birth, compared to their mother's weight, than any other placental mammal, weighing less than a pound. However, by their first fall, cubs can weigh anywhere from 15 to as much as 165 pounds depending on the availability of food. Offspring stay with their mothers for 17 months and may stay in her territory for several more years. The sex ratio at birth is 50:50 but at maturity it is approximately one male for two-five females. Young males are more likely to die from human-related causes than are young females because sub-adult males leave their mothers' territories and often travel through populated areas. I suspect this is the reason we are seeing more bears in Campbell County.

Because black bears have far more insulating pelts and a smaller surface-to-mass ratio than smaller hibernators, they are considered efficient hibernators and can go for months without eating, drinking, urinating or defecating. Smaller hibernators with lower body temperatures such as chipmunks, woodchucks, and ground squirrels cannot do this. They must awaken every few days, raise their temperatures to temperatures over 94 degrees, move around in their burrows, and urinate. Some must also eat and defecate. Black bears actually maintain a body temperature within 12 degrees of their normal summer temperature. The length of hibernation is genetically programmed to match the regional norms of food available. Hibernation

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is deeper and can last over seven months in the northern portion of the black bear range where food is available only from May through August. However, in southern states where food is available year-round, some bears do not hibernate at all, and those that do are easily aroused.

Black bears can live 21-33 years or more if they are not killed. Very few adult bears outside of national parks die of natural causes. Most die from encounters with humans whether by hunting or vehicles. The average age of the hunted population is three to five years old. Very few bears die of disease.

The range of black bears depends primarily on their age. Typically a yearling will range from one to two miles, adult females two to six miles and adult males eight to fifteen miles. Excursions of up to 126 miles have been recorded by collared bears. Some black bears from Cumberland Gap National Park are equipped with GPS tracking collars have been tracked into the Royal Blue WMA.

TYPICAL YEAR FOR BLACK BEAR

JANUARY: The full moon in January is sometimes called the “bear moon” because bear cubs are usually born in January. The mother bear licks them clean, keeps them warm and moves into position to make it easier for them to nurse.

FEBRUARY: All bears continue to hibernate as cubs continue to grow.

MARCH: Hibernation continues and the testosterone (sex hormone) level of adult male bears begins to rise.

APRIL: Adult males leave their dens first while mothers with cubs are last to leave their den. Male bears begin to roam in search of food which is usually very scarce unless there was an exceptionally good fall mast crop. As a general rule all bears will lose weight at this time of the year.

MAY: Plants begin to grow and trees begin to sprout leaves. The bears become more active and begin to eat sprouting grass and emerging herbs. Cubs taste what their mother eats but

swallow very little of it as they still rely on their mother’s milk.

JUNE: Green plants mature and toughen, making most of them inedible for the bears. Ant pupae become abundant and cubs begin eating solid food especially ant pupae from logs their mother opens for them. Mating season begins and males roam widely to find females without cubs.

JULY: Cherries, blueberries, blackberries, serviceberries, and raspberries ripen and become major foods. All bears gain weight rapidly if the berry crops are good.

AUGUST: Viburnum berries, dogwood berries, wild plums, hawthorn berries, mountain ash berries and hazelnuts (their favorite) ripen. All bears continue to gain weight.

SEPTEMBER: Acorns ripen. Berries and hazelnuts become scarce. Where acorns are abundant, bears feed and fatten on them. Cubs stop nursing. Some bears become sluggish and some enter dens to begin hibernation.

OCTOBER: Most bears enter their dens and begin a light hibernation. Cubs born last winter will share their mother’s den.

NOVEMBER: Hibernation deepens. A hibernating bear’s heart rate is as low as eight beats per minute. Breathing becomes as slow as one breath every forty-five seconds. Eggs fertilized in the late spring or early summer implant in the uterus and begin to develop.

DECEMBER: Hibernation continues. Cubs will sleep through their first birthday (in January) without celebrating.

LIVING WITH BEARS

Many people are moving into black bear habitat. If you don’t want bears around your home, don’t invite them.

Remember, a bear can literally smell food a mile away. Anything you or your animal friends (pets, wild birds) eat, a bear will be drawn to. They are extremely clever at figuring out how to get into containers (storage bins, coolers and even your car) and strong enough to do considerable damage. They are wary and will usually feed very early or very late in the day. Although black bears are not generally aggressive, they will fight you

for food, and win. The bear’s future depends on how well we understand and tolerate them.

We hope this information has helped in some small way to help you become more bear savvy.



**Bears seen at Hatfield Knob
Wildlife Viewing Area**

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CORA HOLDS THEIR PUBLIC APPRECIATION BAR-B-Q By Jane Lewis

CORA held their annual Bar-B-Q on October 11, 2008. It was a great success, we had a good crowd of 82 paid meals. This was our largest crowd in several years. We were blessed with a nice day and very good cooks.

We want to thank all who contributed to the food and especially thank Leonard Hooks and Bill Bruce for their hard work and getting up early to cook the pig roasts. We also want to thank Bill Stanley for donating the use of his cooker for this event.

Members of CORA sold tickets for a gun and a drawing was held at the CORA Pig Roast. Jerry Cross (as seen below with

CORA President, Terry Lewis) was the lucky name drawn. We want to congratulate Jerry on his win. Jerry is also one of our lifetime members.

We would also like to thank Ann Smith, Melvin Boshears and Bass Bolton for their donations to the club.

We also signed up several new members

CORA has set the date of Saturday October 03, 2009 for the date of their Bar-B-Q next fall. It will be held at shelter #5 at Cove Lake State Park. Mark your calendars so you don't forget the date of the next CORA Bar-B-Q. We hope to see you their.

CORA to Host 5th Annual Handicapped Turkey Hunt

Once again as spring approaches, so does turkey season. **CORA and Outdoors Without Limits** will be hosting their 5th annual handicap/youth turkey hunt at the farms of Terry Lewis and Ron Cunningham in Campbell County. The hunt is scheduled for April 25, 2009, rain or shine. We will be looking for volunteers and/or contributions to help with this event. Lunch will be served at the farm of Terry and Jane Lewis on Hickory Creek. If you know a handicapped hunter or youth who would like to hunt or if you would like to help in any way, or have any questions regarding the hunt, please contact: **Terry Lewis at (865)414-0057.**



LUCKY WINNER

At the annual Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association Bar-B-Q on October 25, a CVA muzzleloader was raffled off. Jerry Cross (above left) was the lucky winner. He was presented his new rifle by CORA President Terry Lewis. Over 85 people attended the event where they had lunch and enjoyed the afternoon and good fellowship.



Leonard Hooks holds a pan of meat that he cooked for CORA's annual Bar-B-Q

CORA MEETING MINUTES

CORA Meeting Minutes of August, 2008

The Board meeting commenced at 7:00 PM, at the Campbell County Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation was led by Chairman – Harry Burden.

The Board's roll call was taken by Mike McAfee. Ray and Mitzi Ivey were absent excused.

The July, 2008 minutes were read and approved as read.

Treasurer Ray Wilson presented the general and newsletter financial reports. The reports were approved as read by the Board.

Publicity

Mitzi Ivey absent. No report.

Activities

Bill Bruce reported some of the Cove Creek WMA fields have been planted.

Newsletter

The 33rd edition of the CORA newsletter was handed out for distribution.

Newsletter Distribution and Advertising

Most advertisers are paid up to date.

Memberships

2008 Memberships expired at the end of July. Mike to investigate previous monthly minutes to determine if we were to send a letter to current and former members.

Old Business

CORA Plastic License Plates. 250 plates, orange background with black letters were delivered and will be sold for \$2.50 each. The plates are available from Ray Wilson, Bob Burden, and at the Asbury Law Office. The board approved payment of \$313.75 to reimburse Terry and Jane Lewis for the cost of paying the vendor for the plates.

Road Closures. Greg Julian, the new Roads and Trails Officer was introduced and welcomed. Terry Lewis talked with Gary Myers, Ron Fox, and Stan Stooksbury and came away with a general agreement up and down the chain of command for increased cooperation and communication in advance of future road closures. Terry will also talk to Bob Nichols and Doug Scott in the near future. Terry reported TWRA is still using the roads and trails map CORA developed years ago as their baseline. Terry also reported that roads and trails was always important and controversial, but now it even more complicated with TDEC entering the picture citing Clean Water issues on Royal Blue. Lastly, based of statistical information provided by TWRA and other information obtained by CORA, it would appear riding permits and combination hunting/fishing/WMA permits have nearly reached the self sustaining point for the roads and trails program.

Local Armed Forces Support. After some unproductive discussion the item was tabled until the next meeting when Mitzi Ivey is present.

New Business

CORA Pig Roast. The date was set for October 11th. Ray Wilson will reserve the shelter at Cove Lake State Park. We will use Bill Stanley's cooker this year.

REACHES Elk Viewing. The date is set for September 18th. Terry Lewis asked for volunteers to help once again.

Small Game. Roger Applegate, TWRA Small Game Program Coordinator has accepted a CORA invitation to talk about small game at the September meeting. His focus will be on grouse population and habitat with some references to other small game. Roger asked for anyone who found dead grouse in the woods last season and saved the birds in the freezer to bring them to the next meeting. He will take the birds

Back to TWRA in Nashville for testing to find out why the birds are dying.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted By
Mike McAfee
CORA Secretary

CORA Meeting Minutes of September, 2008

The Board meeting commenced at 7:00 PM, at the Campbell County Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation was led by Chairman – Harry Burden.

The Board's roll call was taken by Mike McAfee. Bill Stanley was absent excused.

The August, 2008 minutes were read and approved as read.

Treasurer Ray Wilson presented the newsletter financial report. The general financial report was not available. The newsletter financial report was approved as read by the Board.

Publicity

No report.

Activities

No report.

Newsletter

Articles are always appreciated for the CORA newsletter.

Newsletter Distribution and Advertising

No report.

Memberships

Bob Burden reported several memberships were sold today. Mike and Terry to work on letter to members using Mitzi's draft letter as a base.

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Old Business

Road Closures. Terry talked to Stan, but didn't make any progress on specific road closures.

CORA Pig Roast. The date is now set for October 25th and shelter number 6 is reserved. Bill Bruce asked for volunteers to help with the cooking and other arrangements.

REACHES Elk Viewing. The date is set for September 18th with participants arriving in the Hatfield Knob viewing area parking lot at 6:00PM. Terry Lewis asked for volunteers to help once again.

New Business

Small Game. Roger Applegate, TWRA Small Game Program Coordinator and Brian Flock also on the Nashville TWRA staff made a presentation about the status of grouse in TN. Applegate discussed long-term population trends, grouse habitat, and answered a range of questions.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:
Mike McAfee
CORA Secretary

CORA Meeting Minutes of October, 2008

The Board meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m., at the Campbell County Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation was led by Ray Wilson.

The Board's roll call was taken by Glen Massengill. Absent was Harry Burden, Robert Burden; Mike McAfee absent excused.

September 2008 minutes were read and

approved on a motion by Leonard Hooks and seconded by Ray Wilson.

Ray Wilson gave the treasurer's report on current general account and newsletter account. Approved on a motion by Leonard Hooks and seconded by Bill Bruce.

Publicity

Mitzi Ivey reported that information on the pig roast would be in Lafollette Press and WLAJ Sports report.

Activities

Bill Bruce reported on pig roast Assigned duties of food and supplies to individuals...Mitzi Ivey, Jane Lewis, Ray Wilson, Leonard Hooks and others. Price to be \$5.00---eat at noon on the 25th of October.

Glen Massengill to invite advertisers to eat for free

Glen Massengill made motion to buy a muzzleloader for maximum of \$300 to raffle off day of roast. Bill Bruce seconded.

There were no further committee reports.

Old Business

Jerry Stout reported on Handicap viewing trip to Hatfield Knob with Reach's Group.

Jerry also reported that he had supplied the Rocky Montana Elk Foundation with requested pictures and other story information about this trip. They are doing an article about CORA and the Hatfield Knob Wildlife Viewing Area in a future addition of the Bugle Magazine.

Terry followed up by saying this effort was another CORA success and we had great participation. TWRA personnel and local Knoxville Channel 8 TV were at the event. Channel 8 aired on 11 o'clock news September 18th. Terry also reported that over 4000 visitors to the Hatfield Viewing Area over the last 60 days. Also reported on was the new signage for the viewing area supplied by

TWF and erected by CORA and RMEF volunteers.

New Business

Terry Lewis reported on the "White House conference on North American Wildlife Policy"; As President of CORA and as a board member of Tennessee Wildlife Federation, Terry was selected to participate in President Bush's executive order #10443. The Wildlife Policy conference was held in Reno, Nevada on Oct 1st - 3rd, 2008. The conference covered many subjects important to sportsmen and set out direction for the next 10 years of policy governing wildlife, conservation and our hunting heritage. Also selected to participate in the White House Conference was TWRA Director Gary Myers. Terry stated it was an honor for CORA's president to be selected and included for this very important conference governing the future of our outdoor recreation.

Terry reported on rumor concerning the up coming elk hunt scheduled for 2009. It is rumored that an "outside of the containment zone statewide either-sex elk hunt" will be proposed by Region 4 management. If this rumor proves true and TWRA does propose such a statewide elk hunt, CORA along with other original elk program partners will publicly oppose such an open hunt.

TWF will host a camo and casting coalition meeting to be held on Oct 15th at 6:30 located at the Ellington Ag Department, room 128 on the UT's Ag campus. This important meeting will cover topics such as the "Right to hunt and fish in Tennessee", the future funding of the TWRA agency and a discussion on a new CORA Habitat program for the Sundquist WMA. Everyone should plan to attend this meeting to be informed as to the events and challenges sportsmen face in Tennessee.

Terry then reported on a new CORA habitat management initiative designed to bring several groups like the NWTf,

CORA Meeting Minutes cont'd

RMEF, TWF, TWRA, QU, RS, NRCS and others to work on a landscape scale habitat management plan for the clear cut areas of the Sundquist WMA. A short discussion was held to discuss this new concept plan and its details. Most board members agreed that this concept had merit that we should move forward with the concept to determine if CORA can find a way to make it viable habitat program.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:
Glen Massengill
For Mike McAfee

CORA Meeting Minutes of December, 2008

The Board meeting commenced at 7:00 PM, at the Campbell County Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation was led by Chairman – Harry Burden.

The Board's roll call was taken by Mike McAfee. Glen Massengill, Bob Williams, and Ron Lawhorn were absent excused. Bill Bruce was absent.

The October, 2008 minutes were read and approved as read. No meeting was held in November due to the presidential election.

Treasurer Ray Wilson presented the newsletter financial report, general financial report, and pig roast report. The financial reports were approved by the Board as read.

Publicity
No report.

Activities
No report.

Newsletter
It is time to start work on the next issue.

Articles are always appreciated for the CORA newsletter.

Newsletter Distribution and Advertizing

No report.

Memberships

No report.

Old Business

CORA Pig Roast. Everyone had a good time and the food was great thanks to Bill and Leonard. This year was the largest crowd ever with 82 paid meals served. Jerry Cross won the gun raffle. A picture and accompanying cut line appeared in the LaFollotte Press.

The date for next year was set by Board action as September 19th, 2009. Ray Wilson will reserve Shelter # 5 at Cove Lake State Park.

Multi-Organizational Pilot Habitat Project for Sundquist. Terry Lewis reviewed and discussed the project concept document and reiterated this is a CORA driven project. In short summary, the plan is to plant native warm season grasses on carefully selected ridge tops, benches, and strip pits in clear cut areas. Funding is to come from a variety of public and private sources. Many different organizations are participating. The goal for the pilot project is 100 acres per year. The next meeting is scheduled December 17th at UTK for a small working group.

New Business

TWRA Changes. Terry Lewis reminded the group that Gary Myers is retiring March 1st, 2009 and that many changes would likely occur as a result of the retirement. A nationwide search is underway for Myers replacement. CORA will be proactive in establishing a working relationship with the new Director and any other new players at TWRA.

Gary Myers has been a strong supporter of CORA over many years. The Board,

through Board action, decided to draft a resolution for Myers thanking him for his support. Mike McAfee will draft the resolution for Board review.

Other. Frank Jones asked for assistance with ongoing maintenance of the horseshoe pitching area at Asbury Park in Caryville. His specific request is for volunteer help from CORA. He also invited CORA members to come to the park to pitch horseshoes. The Board suggested to Mr. Jones that maintenance of the horseshoe area may well be the responsibility of the City of Caryville.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:
Mike McAfee
CORA Secretary

CORA Meeting Minutes of January, 2009

The Board meeting commenced at 7:00 PM, at the Campbell County Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation was led by Chairman – Harry Burden.

The Board's roll call was taken by Mike McAfee. Bill Bruce, Leonard Hooks, and Pete Shelton were absent.

The December, 2008 minutes were read and approved by the Board.

Treasurer Ray Wilson presented the newsletter financial report and general financial report. The reports were approved by the Board as read.

Publicity
The Campbell County Chamber of Commerce would like to work with CORA on promoting outdoor recreation.

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CORA Meeting Minutes Cont'd

Activities

No Report

Newsletter

The next issue is in process.

Newsletter Distribution and Advertizing

No report.

Memberships

No report.

Old Business

CORA Pig Roast. Ray Wilson reserved Shelter # 5 at Cove Lake State Park for October 03, 2009.

Multi-Organizational Pilot Habitat Project for Sundquist. A small working group met on December 17th at UTK. Ron Saunders and Stan Stooksbury attended from TWRA. As a result of this meeting the scope of the project grew from 1,000 to possibly 12-15,000 acres. Additionally, increased use of fire and natural regeneration will be featured rather than hydro-seeding. Fountain Forestry is cooperative and supportive. Terry Lewis and Stan Stooksbury will identify potential project sites. The next small group meeting will be sometime in January. An article written by the Knoxville News Sentinel has additional details.

New Business

TWRA, Region 4, Assistant Director. Terry Lewis met with Jerry Strom for the purpose of establishing a working relationship between Strom and CORA.

Elk Permits. The 5th elk permit appears to have fallen through. A reported 43 page

application appeared to be the problem.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Mike McAfee

CORA Secretary

VISIT CORA'S NEW WEBSITE. WE ARE NOW ACTIVE ON LINE THE ADDRESS IS www.cora-tn.org

C.O.R.A. WILL BE HOSTING THEIR 5TH ANNUAL DISABLED/YOUTH TURKEY HUNT ON SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2009. IT WILL AGAIN BE HELD AT THE FARMS OF TERRY LEWIS AND RON CUNNINGHAM. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT NOON AT THE FARM OF TERRY LEWIS AT 599 HICKORY CREEK RD., LAFOLLETTE, TN. FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

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done. Funding will come from the involved organizations and grant monies available for these types of programs. One of the goals of this program is to keep the cost to TWRA to a minimum. Along with CORA, other like-minded organizations including the Tennessee Wildlife Federation, TWRA, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, University of Tennessee and the Department of Agriculture have all signaled that they are interested in working together to make these landscape changes to the North Cumberland. If CORA can be successful in moving its habitat management idea forward, this could easily be the largest impact to the areas habitat that has ever been attempted. It is this type of visionary leadership that CORA has a long history of being recognized for. To that end, I pledge as long as I am President of CORA that type of visionary leadership will never change.

CAMPBELL COUNTY STUDENT WINS TENNESSEE FEDERAL JUNIOR DUCK STAMP CONTEST

Campbell County High School senior Brandon Sharp of LaFollette won the overall 2008 Tennessee Federal Junior Duck Stamp art competition. The Best of Show award winner was of a pair of mallards. TWF, along with TWRA and Bass Pro Shops are partners in the event sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

More than 400 individuals entered Tennessee's 14th Junior Duck Stamp Contest in four different age group categories. There were 11 other finalists for the Best of Show as a result of their first place award. First place winners included Kindergarten-Third Grade; Simeon Hinchman (Chattanooga), Juli-Cait Castellaw and Garrett Moore (both of Dyersburg), Fourth-Six Grade; Joanna Rush (Chattanooga), and Logan Rummells and Hailey McKee (both of Dyersburg), Seventh-Ninth Grade; Thomas Fawcett (Bolivar), Heather Calfee (Cookeville), and Callie Oldfield (Joelton), 10th-12th Grade; Alyssa Skillman (Chattanooga), and Brittany Hall (Dyersburg).

Ribbons, plaques, and other prizes were presented to the top 100 winners at an awards ceremony at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville on May 3. Sharp received a \$1,000 scholarship, provided by known stamp collector former Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commissioner and long-time supporter of the event, Mrs. Jeanette Rudy.

Sharp's winning artwork will move on to the national competition held at the San Diego Zoo in California along with the winners from the other 50 states and District of Columbia. The winner of the national competition will be used as the design for the 2008-2009 Federal Junior Duck Stamp. The winner's artwork will travel throughout the country on display in galleries and wildlife museums for one year.

