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FROM THE PRESIDENT by Terry Lewis A LOOK BACK AT CORA'S 2010 to use the aerial ignition properties one of larger area. This is one of

Another year has passed us by, it is hard to believe that Lee Asbury has been in heaven for nearly 5 years. Oh, how we miss him, both his friendship and his powerful leadership. As I reflect back on the events of the past year, I found many good things were accomplished. I think it would be good to review this organizations "Mission Statement" helping us to see the CORA vision more clearly.

• Promote outdoor recreational activity and to preserve the right of the public to use and enjoy the great outdoors.

O Acquire by purchase, lease, or any other legal means outdoor recreation rights for the public.

O Promote and foster proper legislation for the conservation, protection, propagation, and management of outdoor resources and to encourage reasonable public use of such areas.

o Affiliate with other like-minded organizations to promote achieving common goals.

To champion the conservation, sound management, and enjoyment of Tennessee's wildlife and natural resources for current and future generations through stewardship and advocacy.

2010 was the second year for the controlled burn habitat management program. Arguably, the largest volunteer habitat management program with the goal to create 10,000 acres of wildlife openings within ten years. This volunteer program is the stewardship aspect of our mission statement. This spring we intend to use the aerial ignition process with a helicopter and improve the habitat over a much larger area. This is one of the most exciting programs that CORA has ever attempted, changing and improving the habitat on a landscape scale.

Working together with other like minded organizations last year, CORA and the local chapters of the NWTF and RMEF members volunteered over 5,400 man hours. That is a lot of giving back to the public and to the areas wildlife. CORA has always proved itself as an area leader with its members volunteering for many worthwhile programs.

In April, CORA held its 6th annual disabled wounded warrior turkey hunt. It was our largest and possibly our best effort. CORA hosted 25 handicap hunters of which 10 were wounded warriors from Fort Campbell. These soldiers were wounded in battle and on active duty. Over 100 volunteers worked together to make sure the handicap and disabled participants had the best outdoor experience possible. 8 turkeys were harvested on that April day in 2010. Over the years this annual event has provided many less fortunate individuals with wonderful outdoor hunting and fellowship opportunities and experiences.

In the fall of 2010, CORA hosted a program for TWRA and its Road Show. The wildlife agency put together a very informative program describing many of the agencies outdoor recreation programs; updating the elk program, updating the off highway vehicle program, a description of the musky and **Cont'd Back Page**



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THE LARGEST ARMY IN THE WORLD

Submitted By Mike Trentham

Add up all the hunters in just a handful of states, and come to a striking conclusion:

The state of Wisconsin has gone an entire deer hunting season without someone getting killed. That's great. There were 0 v e r = 600, 000 hunters.

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Allow me to restate that number. Over the last two months, the eighth largest army in the world - more men under arms than Iran; more than France and Germany combined - deployed to the woods of a single American state to help keep the deer menace at bay.

But that pales in comparison to the 750,000 who are in the woods of Pennsylvania this week. Michigan 's

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700,000 hunters have now returned h o m e .

Toss in a quarter million hunters in West Virginia , and it's literally the case that the hunters of those four states alone would comprise the largest army in the world.

The point? America will forever be safe from foreign invasion with that kind of home-grown firepower (over 10,000,000 deer hunters each year).

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"Hunting -- it's not just a way to fill the freezer. It's a matter of national security!"

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C.O.R.A. & NWTF Will be hosting their 7th Annual Disabled-Wounded Warrior Turkey Hunt on April 30, 2011 Contact Terry Lewis at 865-414-0057 for Info

WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

By Mike Trentham

What does Christmas mean to you? I really want you to take the time and ask yourself, what does Christmas mean to ME. A lot of folks will respond by saying that Christmas is a time of rejoicing, a time to exchange gifts, a time to get presents, good food and the list can go on and on. All these things are good, but they still do not really hit the target on what Christmas is all about.

First and foremost for me, Christmas is the time we celebrate the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ. It is the time that we give thanks to God for sending Christ to be our substitute on the Cross. The act of giving of one's self in order to help someone else without expecting anything in return is I think the main theme of Christmas. When we give of ourselves in order to help others, there is a part of us that goes out to that individual or family. We here at CORA along with the Pine Mountain Long Beards Chapter of NWTF and the Royal Blue Chapter of RMEF had an opportunity to GIVE BACK to the community this Christmas season. We pooled our resources together and helped thirty underprivileged families this year in giving out Christmas food boxes. There were some monetary as well as food donations given from businesses and individuals to help with the food boxes. The boxes had enough food items to where a family could have a good meal for Christmas.

We all met at Billy Ball's farm on Monday night December 6th to get all the boxes put together. About 12 to 15 people showed up, ready to help. As far as the boxes went, it did not take too long to get them together. There were potatoes, brownie mix, powered milk, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, corn, cranberries, paper plates, paper towels and fruit in each box. The turkeys were handed out on Thursday evening, De-

cember 9th, when everyone came to pick up their box.

The rewards are tremendous when you start handing the boxes out to the folks as they arrive. Many a Thank-you could be heard all over the place from the recipients as they got their box loaded into their car or truck. This is what it's all about. The giving without expecting anything in return, that, my friend's, is THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT. I personally would like to thank each one that donated time, money and food products to make this our first Christmas food box drive a success. I hope that each of you had a great Christmas this year and I would like to encourage each of you to help next year when we get together to assemble the food boxes again. Thirty boxes was our goal this year and I would like to think we could expand that to at least fifty next Christmas. We can, with your help. Yes Margaret, there is a Santa Claus.



Left to Right

Gale Stanley, Jane Lewis, Jo Stout, Jamie Ball, Bill Stanley, Kash Wilburn, Terry Lewis, Gary Boshears, Susie Carroll, Jerry Stout, Mitzi Ivey, Ronnie Carroll, Billy Ball, Carol Trentham, Ray Ivey and Mike Trentham

THANK YOU

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a success!!!

ETHAN'S FIRST DEER Submitted By Mike Trentham

Back in 1969 when Astronaut Neil Armstrong stepped off the last step of the Lunar Excursion Module, he stepped into a whole new realm of "Firsts". He became the first man to step onto the moon. This was an historical event in anybody's book.

Ethan McAnally has now stepped into the realm of "Firsts". On Saturday morning, October 30th Ethan got his first deer on a juvenile gun hunt at Loystun Point. A 4th grader at Norris Elementary School, Ethan was hunting with his Dad this morning and just waiting on something to appear. Ethan told me that around 8:00 that morning, a spike appeared in the field they were watching from a tree stand and he decided to take the deer. I asked him how he felt at that moment and "excited" was all I could coax out of him. Ethan shot the deer at 119 yards with his .243 rifle and it ran about 20 yards and piled up on the ground.

I asked Ethan's dad, what were Ethan's first words after he shot the deer. "Oh YES, HE IS DOWN. I GOT ME ONE"! Now folks, if that isn't an excited young man, I don't know what is. As I talked with Ethan on the phone, I could tell this young man was still living the moment of that day. You could still hear the excitement in his voice and tell that this was one proud hunter. I asked Ethan if he field dressed his deer. His reply was that Dad did it, but he told me to watch because the next deer I shot, I was going to have to field dress it myself. Ethan is ready to go back in the woods again to see if he can get another deer and to feel the excitement all over again. I guarantee you that many years from now; Ethan will be able to describe every detail of his first deer in detail. The same passion and thrill of the hunt will be there and you the listener will be able to feel the same excitement Ethan felt that October morning.

There is nothing better than to be in the woods with your son or daughter and experience this moment with them. Hunting is a passion that many folks in our area enjoy and they are wise enough to share that passion with the youngsters in their lives. Take your son or daughter hunting with you and if you don't have a son or daughter, there are kids out there that would just love getting the opportunity to get in the woods and do a little hunting for "Ole Mossback".



Ethan is the son of Greg and Rhonda McAnally of Andersonville.

CORA PARTNERS WITH NWTF & RMEF IN THE LAFOLLETTE CHRISTMAS PARADE

By Jane Lewis

CORA partnered with the Pine Moun-Long Beards Chapter of the tain NWTF and the Royal Blue Chapter of the RMEF to participate in the local Christmas Parade this past December. Several members of each club participated in the decorating of the float. The theme was an outdoor recreation theme which included deer hunting, turkey hunting and camping.

about a dozen people and it was a very nasty, rainy evening to do it, but we were able to get it done in just a few hours. Thanks to Billy and Jamie Ball for allowing us to do the decorating of the float in their shed. The day of the parade was another rainy day, but luckily by the time the parade started the rain had pretty well ceased. Members from each of the three clubs participated by riding on the float and throwing out candy to passersby.

The float won 2nd place in the event, Decorating the float was a joint effort of and received a trophy and also a check,

imagine that, our first time at trying anything like this and we won second place. We used the money to help with the Turkey Care Program promoted by the local Pine Mountain NWTF. We were all thrilled. You can bet that come time for the parade next year, we will be in it again. A good time was had by all who participated.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the decorating of the float, cutting down trees and branches in the rain and being supportive. We're counting on you again for the float next year.



ONE OF THOSE DAYS Submitted By Mike Trentham

Ever have one of those days where you just should have staved in bed? Well, a good friend that I hunt with did. This is his story as told to me a few years back. I had scouted this section down at Chuck Swan and had seen some good sign. There were some good sized rubs around and a few scrapes. Deer tracks were all over the place and I figured all I needed to do was find a good tree to put my stand in. I looked around the area and tried to find just the right one where I could see all the area where I had found the deer sign. Finally I spotted my tree. Oh. It was a beaut. It was a tall tree with limbs not starting until about thirty feet or so and straight as an arrow. Yes sir, this was the one. I thought, once I got my climbing stand up that tree, I would be there for the duration of the day. Or, so I thought. I headed on back to camp to settle in for the night and participate in the goings on around a deer camp.

The next morning I woke up, got breakfast ready and gathered all my gear together and headed out for My Spot. The trek in was not a strenuous one and I was building with anticipation looking forward to a good day of hunting. I knew that there were deer in the area and it would be just a waiting game to see what would pass my way. I finally got to my tree that I had picked out the day before and I attached my climbing stand at the base. I adjusted the straps around the tree and tied off my stand rope connecting my rifle and backpack. I began to attack the tree. Up I go, ka-clunk, ka-clunk, ka-clunk was the sound of my climber as I slowly but progressively rose to my lofty perch for the day. Finally I make it to the height I want to be at and I begin get all the items set into place. I check the straps on the stand to make sure they are snug and it the proper place. I turn around from my climbing position and sat down, after which I began to haul my

gear rope up with my bow and backpack attached. Oh yeah! I was ready for the day. Anticipation was all over me. Just the thought of a large 8 or 10 point buck strolling through one of my shooting lanes, got me all worked up. So, I just sat back and did my mental check list and began to wait.

As you sit there in your stand early in the morning, way before the morning light appears, you strain your eyes to try and make out figures out in the woods. Well I had no trouble making out this one object. It was a flashlight. Yeah, a blasted flashlight coming down the ridge I had just traveled down. As I sat there in my stand, my eyes became fixed on this flashlight like a moth to a candle. The beam was bobbing up and down, to the right and then to the left as it came closer and closer. All of a sudden I had this thought, what if he comes down here close to where I am at? I just sat there not making any noise, waiting to see where this invader would go. Time in the woods just drags sometimes, but this morning, time was speeding by. The flashlight kept getting closer and closer until it was directly beneath me. Now, of course he could not see me because it was dark and what hunter looks up his tree before he climbs, I thought. He'll shine his light up here to check the tree out and he will see me in my stand and move on. Noooo! This was not the case. I sat there in dismay. I listen as I hear the familiar sounds of a stand being attached to the base of "MY" tree. Do I say something or not? I chose to be still and silent, wanting to see what was going to take place. Ka-clunk, ka-clunk, ka-clunk, he comes. Well, the "Tree Invader" gets to his place in "My Tree" and settles in for a good day of hunting, or so he thought. Now also keep in mind that I can hear all that is going on down below me. There was the mumbling of someone getting their stand in place, hanging their backpack and just general the clinking and

clanking of getting settled in. As I sat there, the morning began to give birth to the sounds of small birds fluttering through the air and the breaking of light. Now remember, this fellow is below me somewhere. I just can't see him yet and I am wondering how I am going to handle this unique situation. I have squatter's rights. I am the first man in the tree and by "Tree stand" law, I am here to stay. I have the High ground, so to speak. Well, the sun begins to come up and it starts to get light enough to see what is going on. Real quiet like, I leaned over to see what was below me and sure enough, there he was. What to do, what to do.

As I was leaned over my stand, I went Phssst! The hunter below me looked to his right and then to his left. Nothing! I went Phssst again. Again, the hunter looked to his right and then to his left. Nothing! Finally I went Phssst again, only this time I was louder. Again, the hunter looked to his right and then to his left, but this time he looked up. You should have seen the look on his face. It was like one of those "Oh Heck" deer in the headlights moments you have when you are utterly surprised. Come on now, you know the look. This was my moment in history to make that once in a lifetime statement. Kinda like Neil Armstrong as he first stepped onto the lunar surface of the moon. This was the time to be profound. Out of nowhere from my lips came these words....."You think we'll see anything?"

The guy never said a word! He turned around, got all his gear in order and down the tree he went. He hit the ground and back over the ridge just the way he had came in and I just sat there. Well, needless to say, I did not see a deer all day long. I don't know if this has ever happened to anyone else, but as for me, it was one heck of a morning.

CORA MEETING MINUTES

CORA Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2010

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

Invocation was led by Harry Burden.

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

The August 2010 minutes were read and approved as read by the Board.

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

Publicity

Mitzi Ivey asked that Terry Lewis mention Cancer Awareness. The Board voted to approve \$100 for Cancer Awareness.

Activities

Bill Bruce was pleased to report that Melvin Boshears is contributing \$200 toward meat for the CORA BBQ. The Board recognized and thanked Melvin for his contribution.

<u>Newsletter</u>

Terry Lewis reported the 38th issue of the newsletter is out and ready for distribution.

<u>Newsletter Distribution and Advertiz-</u> ing

Glen Massengill reported some advertisers are behind.

Memberships

No report.

Roads and Trails

Bob Burden reported main roads are OK, but some others such as the trail from the Frenchman's Grave to Wheeler Gap are impassable.

Old Business

TWRA Road Show. Terry Lewis reported the Road Show is tentatively scheduled for November 4th. CORA is cosponsor and host.

Right to Hunt and Fish in TN. Terry Lewis gave out written outreach material from TWF. He reminded CORA that a non-vote is a no vote in November and CORA needed to get the word out to vote yes.

CORA to sponsor OHV Ride for Key Legislators. Terry met with TWRA officials. The date for the ride is set for October 2nd. The invitation list includes State Representatives and Senators, TWRA officials, TN Wildlife Commission members, CORA representatives, and Campbell County elected and appointed officials. The day's agenda includes lunch at Ride Royal Blue and a trail ride to and from the elk viewing area. The CORA Board voted to contribute up to \$250 toward lunch.

CORA BBQ. Most discussion on this topic was deferred due to absences of the key players. A decision was reached by the Board on raffling off a gun. Suzie at the Sport Shop will pick out a muzzleloader for the raffle. Tickets will be available at the Sport Shop and at Asbury Law office.

Roads and Trails. TWRA is ready to address this topic. Terry Lewis provided a color copy of the original trail map. The Board voted to reimburse Terry for the cost of the copy. The first step in addressing roads and trails is for CORA to conduct an assessment of the original trail map vs. today's reality. Bob Burden will ride the marked trails. The next step after that is to form a CORA and TWRA working group and meet to discuss findings.

New Business

TWRA Dove Hunt and Bird Hunter's Ball. Terry Lewis attended this event and had the opportunity to spend some quality time with TWRA officials.

Brimstone. Terry Lewis and CORA were able to broker a meeting and provide other assistance in settling some misunderstandings among TWRA and Brimstone Recreation.

Anne Smith. The CORA Board acknowledged Ann Smith for her ongoing support and contributions to CORA.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Mike McAfee CORA Secretary

CORA Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2010

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

Invocation was led by Mike Trentham.

The Board's roll call was taken by Mike McAfee. Harry Burden, Bob Burden, Nick Robinson, and Bob Williams were absent excused.

The September 2010 minutes were read and approved as read by the Board.

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

Publicity

Mitzi Ivey reported a Cancer Awareness event will be held at Caryville on October 16th.

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Activities

Bill Bruce reported tickets for the gun raffle are selling well.

Newsletter

No report.

<u>Newsletter Distribution and Advertiz-</u> ing

Glen Massengill reported two advertisers may have to be dropped due to nonpayment.

Memberships

No report.

Roads and Trails

Bob Burden absent. No report.

Old Business

TWRA Road Show. Terry Lewis reported the Road Show is scheduled for November 4th from 7-9PM at the Cove Lake Pavilion. This meeting is intended to serve as the public meeting for Anderson, Scott, and Campbell counties. CORA is cosponsor and host. Terry reminded everyone that, following tradition for these kinds of events, CORA should do whatever we need to do fill up the pavilion.

Right to Hunt and Fish in TN. Terry Lewis read the actual State Senate Amendment language. He reminded CORA again that a non-vote is a no vote in November. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding various types of outreach including: working election locations, ball games, advertisements in newspapers, radio and television spots, and postings in public locations.

CORA sponsored OHV Ride for Key Legislators. Terry reported TWRA officials canceled the ride set for October 2nd because of lack of participation, likely due to scheduling conflicts so close to the election. TWRA will revisit at a later time. **CORA BBQ.** Mike Trentham will cook this year. CORA discussed many details of planning to feed 85-100 people. Several individuals volunteered for various aspects of this event. A table will be manned this year to accept payment for meals. A meal ticket will be issued once payment is received.

New Business

Anne Smith. Ann Smith contributed \$200 to CORA. The CORA Board acknowledged Ann Smith's long-standing monetary and volunteer support of CORA by voting to give her a lifetime membership.

Governor Proposal Lands Unsuitable for Mining. Terry Lewis reported Governor Bredesen signed a petition requesting the U.S. Office of Surface Mining to declare the ridge lines along Northern Cumberland Plateau on State-Owned lands unsuitable for coal surface mining. If approved by the Secretary of the Interior, the petition would prevent surface mining of coal for 600 feet on each side of the designated ridge lines. The petition launches a lengthy process - including analysis and public dialog - to determine if the lands' suitability for surface mining is outweighed by environmental, recreational and other uses. CORA will follow this item as it moves through the process and will have ample opportunity to discuss it in the future.

Letter to TWRA from Bobby Taylor. Glen Massengill was asked to read a letter with several signatures originated by Bobby Taylor addressed to the TWRA regional office in Morristown. It was unclear what Taylor wanted CORA to do, if anything. The gist of the letter was to request improvements by TWRA to roads and fields in the Sand Quarry Mountain area. The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Mike McAfee CORA Secretary

CORA Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2010

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

Invocation was led by Harry Burden.

The Board's roll call was taken by Mike McAfee. Bob Burden and Glen Massengill were absent excused. Bill Bruce and Pete Shelton were absent.

The October 2010 minutes were read and approved as read by the Board.

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

Publicity

No report.

Activities

No report.

<u>Newsletter</u>

No report.

<u>Newsletter Distribution and Advertizing</u>

No report.

Memberships

No report.

Roads and Trails

No report.

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CORA Meeting Minutes cont'd

Old Business

TWRA Road Show. Terry Lewis reported the Road Show is scheduled for November 4th from 7-9PM at the Cove Lake Pavilion. This meeting is intended to serve as the public meeting for Anderson, Scott, and Campbell counties. Topics on the agenda include ATV and roads and trails, elk, musky, and trout programs. CORA is cosponsor and host and should ask the membership and general public to attend.

CORA BBQ. The BBQ was a real success. Mike Trentham did a great job with the pork. CORA fed about 80 people. We brought in roughly \$600 for meals. Terry Lewis won the gun. CORA cleared roughly \$800 on the gun.

New Business

CORA Courthouse Contact. It was determined the courthouse primary contact for making sure the courtroom is open for meetings is William Baird.

Christmas Parade. CORA will participate in the Campbell County parade scheduled for December 4th at 2:00PM. The Board approved up to \$100 for Mitzii Ivey to buy candy.

Handicapped and schools????? Terry need help!

Elk Hunt. Three elk were harvested out of the five permits in this year's hunt.

Elk Management Meeting. Terry Lewis and Jerry Stout attended an elk management meeting. Topics for discussion included how many total animals to harvest, male vs. female, periodic season closure, and private lands permits.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Mike McAfee CORA Secretary

CORA Meeting Minutes of December 7th, 2010

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

Invocation was led by Harry Burden.

The Board's roll call was taken by Glen Massengill. Bob Burden, Jerry Stout, Bill Stanley, Mike McAfee, Ray Wilson and Pete Shelton were absent.

The November 2010 minutes were read and approved as read by the Board.

Treasurer Ray Wilson was absent therefore no general financial was available. The newsletter financial reports were read by Terry Lewis. The newsletter financial report was approved by the Board as read.

Publicity

Mitzi Ivey reported that the CORA float won second place in the Christmas Parade. A very nice trophy was presented for the honor. The Christmas Float was a combined effort with local chapters of the NWTF, RMEF and CORA. The effort was very successful. Thanks to all who helped with this event.

Activities

No report.

Newsletter

Terry Lewis asked for articles from the membership and indicated that he would be working on the next addition.

Newsletter Distribution and Advertizing

No report.

Memberships No report.

Roads and Trails No report.

Old Business

TWRA Road Show. Terry Lewis reported the Road Show was held on November 4th from 7-9PM at the Cove Lake Pavilion. This meeting is intended to serve as the public meeting for Anderson, Scott, and Campbell counties. Topics on the agenda include ATV and roads and trails, elk, musky, and trout programs. CORA is co-sponsor and host and many from the CORA membership and general public to attended this event. TWRA was very pleased with the amount of participation from the public with a total count of 110 in attendance.

The Right to Hunt and Fish Bill. The extremely important legislation passed into law with a 90% majority voting for this bill. Over 1.3 million voted in favor of giving Tennessee sportsmen the personal right to hunt and fish. This could easily be the most important item to protect our outdoor heritage and the right to hunt and fish.

New Business

Control Burn Scheduled meeting with TWRA on December 17th. Terry Lewis provided information concerning this year's controlled burn program. TWRA will hold a meeting to determine the locations and procedures for this year's program. This year the agency has planned to utilize aerial ignition with helicopter to help achieve more acres of improved habitat through the controlled burn process.

Elk Management Census. Terry Lewis and Jerry Stout will be helping TWRA count Elk this month. The annual census is very important to **Cont'd Page 11**

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CORA Meeting Minutes cont'd

setting future seasons and bag limits.

Care packages for the needy in Campbell County. CORA has partnered with the local chapters of the NWTF and RMEF to provide care packages of food to local needy families. This is the first year for this Turkey Care program. Monies were donated by NWTF, RMEF and other interested parties. A motion was made by Glen Massengill for CORA to match the donations made by NWTF and RMEF of \$300.00. The motion was seconded by Bob Williams and the vote was unanimous in favor of matching funding for this program. The care packages will be handed out to the chosen families on December 9th at the Ball Farm and Event Center.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Mike McAfee CORA Secretary

CORA Meeting Minutes of January 4th, 2011

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

Invocation was led by Harry Burden.

The Board's roll call was taken by Mike

McAfee. Bob Williams was absent excused. Jerry Stout was absent. The December 2010 minutes were read and approved as read by the Board.

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

Publicity

Mitzi Ivey reported that fruit baskets from CORA were put together and delivered to Asbury Law Office and the Sports Shop. The board approved a reimbursement of \$88 to Mitzi Ivey for the cost of the two baskets.

Activities

No report.

Newsletter

Terry Lewis asked for articles from the membership. Mitzi Ivey suggested including cooking recipes in future newsletters.

<u>Newsletter Distribution and Advertiz-</u> <u>ing</u> No report.

Memberships No report.

Roads and Trails

ke No report.

Old Business

2011 Controlled Burn. A meeting with TWRA was held on December 17th. This year's burn will be approximately 2,000 acres in the Hat-field Knob and Iveydell areas. Terry Lewis requested volunteers. We may need 50 or more volunteers this year to support the larger aerial ignition area . The State of TN Forest Service will provide training for volunteers, likely near the end of January. February 19th is a date for the burn currently under consideration.

Elk Management Census. Terry Lewis and Jerry Stout have been helping TWRA count Elk. Terry Lewis briefly discussed some of the technology TWRA utilizes for night counts.

Turkey Care Program. CORA partnered with the local chapters of the NWTF and RMEF to provide care packages of food to local needy families. CORA donated \$300 and participated in distribution. Many thanks to those who helped make this a successful project.

New Business

None.

The meeting adjourned. Submitted by: Mike McAfee

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP JULY 1, 2010 THRU 06/30/11

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trout fishing programs on many of the areas lakes and rivers. Those who attended were able to learn about these programs and ask questions of the agency personnel. Working with the wildlife agency for the public's benefit has historically been one of CORA's strongest attributes.

One of the most important events of 2010 was the constitutional amendment for the public's "Right to Hunt and Fish". CORA helped the Tennessee Wildlife Federation and others educate the voters on the need for such legislation. With all of the negativity in the news these days about hunting, guns and shooting, one never knows what legal action taken by some special interest organization might threaten our very ability to hunt or fish. Tennessee citizens might have thought they had the "right" to hunt and fish, but in reality, hunting and fishing was a "privilege" not a "personal right". The amendment that was on the ballot on November 2nd was the conclusion of a six year effort by the Tennessee Wildlife Federation to bring this change to the states constitution. I am very pleased with the results of the public's thoughts concerning

hunting and fishing with over 90% of the voters casting their ballots giving the citizens of Tennessee the "Personal Right to Hunt and Fish" forever.

In December, CORA partnered with the Pine Mountain Longbeards Chapter of the NWTF and the Royal Blue Chapter of the RMEF to provide dozens of under privileged families with a food package to help care for their families during the holidays. Each care package contained a frozen turkey, a box of dressing, rolls, 5 lbs of potatoes, cans of corn, green beans, cranberries, macaroni and cheese, dry milk, fruit and gravy mix. Enough food for a family of 6 a nice Christmas dinner.

CORA has many great programs and volunteers within its membership. I am looking forward to all of the challenges and opportunities that CORA will have during the coming 2011 year. Surely Lee Asbury is smiling down on all of us from heaven and no doubt he's proud to see the membership pulling together to make so many great things happen for the public's benefit. My personal thanks to each and every one of you.



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EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER RMEF WILL BE HOSTING THEIR YEARLY BANQUET/ FUND RAISER ON FEBRUARY 12, 2011 AT THE SMOKY MOUNTAIN CONVENTION CENTER IN PIGEON FORGE DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM FOR RESERVATIONS CALL JOHN MECHLER AT 865-609-8202

PINE MOUNTAIN NWTF CHAPTER WILL BE HOST-ING THEIR YEARLY BAN-QUET/FUND RAISER ON MARCH 12, 2011 AT THE BALL FARM EVENT CENTER IN LAFOLLETTE AT 6:00 PM.

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