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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Terry Lewis

### CORA Still Leading the Way

You ask, well just exactly what is CORA doing these days. Are they still doing important work for conservation and the sportsmen? There are some who would say that CORA doesn't really have a purpose in today's environment. I mean since the state has taken over all the land management.

Well I think there is plenty of important work to be done and CORA is working hard for the areas sportsmen. I thought I would just explore some of the more important issues on the table before us and to explain where these issues are evolving.

But, before I can discuss these many important programs. I want to address the most important item on my list today and that is to say a very heart felt "Thank You" to Leonard Hooks. Leonard has been a very important corner stone of the CORA board of directors for over two decades. Leonard has given of himself for the betterment of others all these years. Leonard has retired from the directors and his wit and wisdom will be greatly missed. We will miss him working alongside Bill Bruce cooking the barbeque this October for the annual CORA Appreciation Barbeque. The Barbeque just will not be the same without you. Leonard we thank you for all your years of support. Somewhere in heaven Lee Asbury is smiling as he thinks of you.

Now to the items that CORA is working on. TWRA has a new program called the TWRA Road Show. This new program highlights and displays some of the agency's current interests to the public. CORA is currently in discussions with the agency to sponsor the second in

the Road Show series of this program here in Campbell County. The Road Show basically is an opportunity for the public to attend an evening program where TWRA will show videos and special reports on regional programs, like musky fishing on Norris and the elk program, where the video production of the first hunt will be shown to the public. Other area programs may also be showcased. The target date for this special public opportunity is November 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be available in the LaFollette Press as details tighten up.

CORA has recently facilitated a meeting between TWRA Region 4 Management and the Brimstone Recreation Management. The meeting was to clear up some of the misunderstandings and misinterpretations concerning an agreement fleshed out over a year ago. The misinterpretations involved the roads and trails agreement between TWRA and Brimstone on the New River Area of the North Cumberland WMA. I am very pleased to report that the meeting was very successful and a new clear understanding has been crafted between the agency and Brimstone Recreation. This is a clear "Win-Win" for everyone. CORA has once again shown its leadership abilities by acting as a facilitator between TWRA and other sportsmen groups and organizations to help work through difficult and emotional issues involving conservation and outdoor recreation.

One of the more important issues at hand is the "Right to Hunt and Fish" Constitutional Amendment on the ballot this year. CORA recognizes the importance of this amendment  
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## **RMEF ROYAL BLUE CHAPTER BANQUET**

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and a catered meal. Please come and support your local chapter of the RMEF. Proceeds are used for the preservation of habitat for wildlife species. Supporting membership and 1 meal is \$55.00. Couples \$75.00. Meal only \$20.00. Contact Jerry Stout at 423-562-4828 or Terry Lewis at 865-414-0057 for additional information.

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# FAILING A SURVIVAL TEST

## By Mitzi Ivey

Being the internet savvy person that I am, I was cruising (or is that surfing) through my Facebook page the other day, when a friend's status caught my attention. She asked, "What happens if you fail a survival test?" Numerous attempts at comedy followed in the form of comments including my own. I responded, "You hope God grades on a curve." Sometimes what I or someone else says in a whim will echo with me until it is heard and understood properly (or improperly as I have been informed at times). Are we failing our survival test? Are we counting on God to grade us on a curve? It has got me wondering.

When analyzing a situation, the usual way of going about it is through statistical data. The average John or Jane Outdoorsman as well as I become bored with the mere site of cumulative numerical averages and theoretical mathematical postulates. We believe that so long as  $one + one = two$ ; there is a chance that things might level out. Scientists call that homeostasis. Those of us born to the outdoor way of life call it, nature finding its own. Unfortunately, it seems that  $one + one$  here lately are not adding up. It seems homeostasis does not occur as often as the scientists predict. The leveling out line becomes lower and lower until survival becomes in question. This is the question on our survival test that our final grade seems dependant on. Can we make  $one + one = two$  again?

Take, take and more take coupled with little or no giving back is a formula for failure. As infinite as God is in his power and wisdom, he created the Earth with finite resources. This was not done by chance. He gave man dominion over the plants and animals then stepped back and have been watching us screw it up ever since. I see a direct correspondence from the problems plaguing the outdoor world to social, economic, and ideological woes of the 21st century. First, you have people

confusing conservation and preservation which I see is the root cause of most of all our problems. Secondly, you have apathy on an epidemic scale. Apathy is the great multiplier of problems both great and small.

Harvesting from your resources with little or no planning to replenish it will give you short term gratitude, but on the long term, it will soon become depleted with no chance of future returns. Truth of this is evident in nature, the economy and life as a whole. In the wild, any creature which uses up more than he takes in will wither and die. What happens to a family unit, business or a country which continually lives with red numbers in the debt column? If an intervention is not taken, and conservative measures taken to insure a continuation of today at a level in which all can prosper and planning to also insure a continuance of prosperity for the future; all will fail. The family unit, business and country will eventually disappear. There are answers to be found in nature if one is only willing to look.

Passing our survival test is feasible only if all drink the koolaid and come on board. Unfortunately, in nature as well as in life there is a cancer that if a cure is not found will destroy all efforts to resurrect all that good in both. Apathy is a disease that kills from within. An apathetic approach to anything is a license for failure. Just because a thing has worked in the past does not mean it will continue to work today. Someone once said, "Times are changing". It is unfortunate that a good portion of people of this country are not able to change. Convinced that the future and the past would not affect the present, we nearly hunted the whitetail deer and the wild turkey to extinction. If it were not for the presence of mind of some very conservation minded men and women; it would have happened. Our present political environ-

ment is a product of similar thinking. Believing that just because we voted our representatives into office that they would always put our needs first, the American people have found out just what happens when you do not keep track of your elected officials and make them accountable for their actions.

Passing a survival test is more than answering the questions correct. It is being able to evaluate an ever changing situation and adapt to its ever changing conforms. Nature is in constant flux. Sometimes adaptations must be done on the fly. Even the quickest made decision must be made with one eye on the past so to not let history repeat itself and one hand on the future to insure that there is a tomorrow. If only our present administration in Washington could be made to see that.

Man as a species will enviably fail its survival test. The belief that the Almighty will save us in the end by grading on a curve is laughable. The salvation of man is done only on an individual basis. There will be no lumping of scores together and averaging them so that the whole will pass judgment. Nature is predestined to fail its test too. There are too many people making too many bad decisions and too many apathetic people letting them. Are you able to pass your survival test? Or are you hoping God will grade you on a curve? Get up, get outside and check out the outdoors with a more serious eye than you have in the past. Find a quiet place and read a newspaper, magazine or a book. Write a letter to your elected officials. Ask them if they can pass a survival test and what they would do if they failed? I am assured that if should get answer back at all; it will be not to your liking. As for me, if I fail it will not be because I have not tried. Excuse me now, I need to write that letter to Congress that I have been putting off doing.

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# A RIGHT TO HUNT AND FISH (Copied from TWF Website)

**A “Right” to Hunt and Fish**  
*Why this effort is one of the most important wildlife and conservation issues of our time.*

Hunting and fishing have long been a part of Tennessee’s history, lore and culture. Who hasn’t heard stories of Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett and their exploits across our state? The images are so strong that even to this day they persist with a public and visible force.

Take for example the pioneer dressed college student complete with muzzle-loader and coon skin cap roaming the sidelines of Tennessee football games. Or consider the many a political gatherings throughout the spring named “coon supper” or “bird supper” referencing the traditions of hunting raccoons and quail respectively. There are even two hunts given in the name of the highest elected official in the state – the Governors Dove Hunt and Governor’s One-Shot Turkey Hunt. And how many small towns still hold “turkey shoots” as local fundraisers.

Thus, for many, the thought of Tennessee without the pursuits of chasing game or catching fish is foreign, even if they themselves are not active participants in the pursuits..

However, many are concerned about a future which may someday not allow for hunting and fishing. They point to successful efforts in Europe and Great Britain which have curtailed hunting traditions in the past 10 to 20 years. They despair over the limiting of hunting seasons in California for certain game species. The message they bring to the table is this, “Do not wait until you need a right to hunt and fish in your state. If you wait until you need it, you will already be too late.”

In many of these examples, the debates over hunting or fishing have been as much about the differences between

rural and urban culture and values as they have been about hunting and fishing. Simply put, to people close to the land, hunting and fishing are largely an accepted part of life. However, to those with little to no connection to the land or nature and its realities, these activities are not well understood. It is largely this lack of understanding that creates the fertile ground for efforts to stop hunting and fishing.

## **What is the Why?**

For many, the most visible threat to hunting and fishing are the images of animal rights activists campaigning to stop hunting and fishing. Creating a right to hunt and fish is an obvious solution to address these challenges. For others (from both people whom do and do not hunt, fish or trap) the question of “why does Tennessee need a constitutional amendment which provides for a right to hunt and fish?” is often the first words they have spoken on this topic.

This question is asked from two distinct perspectives; with the first being “Don’t we already have a right to hunt and fish?” (hunter/fisher perspective). The second being “Is it really necessary?” (typically a non-hunter/fisher perspective).

## **Why Does Tennessee Need a Right to Hunt and Fish in its Constitution?**

Currently, Tennesseans do not hold a right to hunt and fish, although the average hunter or fishermen feels they do. In Tennessee, hunting and fishing are a privilege, not a right. This privilege is granted by the state through its authority as provided in Article 11, Section 13 of the Tennessee Constitution.

Given this reality, the most obvious need for such an amendment is quite simple, it helps Tennesseans preserve an important part of our history and a

current set of recreation and wildlife management tools, and places the interests of citizens equal with that of the state. If laws can be created to allow for hunting and fishing, then logic would dictate that laws can be changed to prohibit hunting and fishing, leading to the conclusion that having a right to hunt and fish in the state constitution provides a stronger protection as compared to a simple law.

For example, if ever there was a successful challenge to a hunting or fishing season, manner or means, then the affected constituency (namely sportsmen and women of Tennessee) currently do not have the protection of a “right” to help defend their interests in the courts. Passage of this “right” will at the very least allow for a basic level of protection.

However, the importance of preserving the traditions of hunting, fishing and trapping go far beyond the effort to simply protect a particular recreational pursuit.

In Tennessee and across the United State of America, sportsmen and women are still by far the largest financial contributors to the conservation of fish and wildlife and their habitats. Through license sales, federal excise taxes, sales taxes and other payments, sportsmen and women are the financial fuel that feeds “on the ground” fish and wildlife work.

The system of fish and wildlife management developed in North America is considered to be the single most effective model in the world. This “North American Model” has produced tremendous results in recovering both game and non-game species of wildlife. However, one of the most significant aspects of this model has been that efforts to manage fish and wildlife, while being paid for by sportsmen and women, have dramatically and positively impacted

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# A RIGHT TO HUNT AND FISH CONT'D

those fish and wildlife which are not hunted or fished.

Thus, to weaken, challenge or attempt to halt fishing and hunting is to promote a fundamental attack on the North American Model of wildlife management and by association the myriad of benefits it has and continues to provide both game and non-game species of fish and wildlife. ***Stated in the affirmative, to support the protection of hunting and fishing through a right to hunt and fish is also supporting the system that helps all fish and wildlife.***

## What is the task that lies before us?

Amending the constitution of Tennessee is not a simple task. First a joint resolution containing the amendment language must pass both chambers of the general assembly during one session (a two-year period) by a simple majority. Following this passage, and during the next immediate session, the resolution must pass the general assembly by

2/3rds majority vote. Then the language is advertised and subsequently placed on the November ballot as a referendum vote in the year in which a gubernatorial election is taking place. In the general election, the amendment referendum must then receive at least 50% plus one vote of the total number of voters voting in the gubernatorial election to become ratified.

In Tennessee, we are preparing for the 2/3rds majority vote which will quickly be followed by the amendment language referendum vote in November of 2010. We expect final passage of the general assembly in January with no difficulty. But then the real work begins.

In 2010 we will need your help in preparing the public to understand the importance of this amendment and the upcoming November vote.

If you are interested in helping in the campaign or can support it financially,

please do not hesitate to contact us at 615.353.1133, ext 1 or e-mail me directly at [mabutler@tnwf.org](mailto:mabutler@tnwf.org) This e-mail address is being protected from spambots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it. Together we will be able to pass this very important referendum and ensure that the foundation of fish and wildlife management and conservation in Tennessee are protected long into the future.

**VOTE YES TO HUNTING & FISHING**

## HATFIELD KNOB UPDATE

We are proud to announce that we have 11 new calves at the Hatfield Knob Viewing Area that were born this summer. Now is the time to come and view the bull elk in action with bugling in full force. Don't forget your camera and binoculars. Best viewing opportunities are of an evening an hour or two before dark



# TWF HOLDS ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S DOVE HUNT

CORA 's President Terry Lewis recently attended the Tennessee Wildlife Federation's annual Governors Dove Hunt and Bird Hunters Ball. The annual Bird Hunters Ball was held on September 3rd at the Factory in Franklin, Tennessee. This \$100.00 per plate event is a fund raiser for the federation and it's conservation work. The event was a huge success this year and was well attended by over 250 people. The guest speaker was republication candidate for governor Bill Haslam who provided the group with his positions on the issues most important to Tennessee's sportsmen like conservation, the second amendment, public lands and outdoor recreation. Invited but failing to attend was democratic candidate, Mike McWherter. Other notable names in attendance were David Hale and Harold Knight of Knight and Hale game calls, Mr. Jack Snow of Sheffield Financial, TWRA Director Ed Carter and Assistant Directors Nat Johnson and Steve Patrick, TWRC Commissioner Julie Schuster and a host of other important influential sportsmen and women from all across the state.

On Saturday September 4th the Governors Dove Hunt was held near Bell Buckle Tennessee on the farm of Chad Ritter. The dove hunt is a very popular event held each year where sportsmen each pay \$1,000.00 to participate in the hunt. The hunt field was approx 100 acres of mowed sunflowers and large round hay bales. The doves were feeding heavily on Saturday. Approx. 100 hunters took to the field after a sit down lunch was served. Shortly after 3 pm the doves began to fly and the hunt was on. Every hunter participating limited out in short order as the shooting was fast and furious. Hot gun barrels were the common theme and the sounds of 100 hunters shooting as fast as they could reload. How do you clean 1500 doves? A large cleaning station was set up where several volunteers worked to clean the doves for the lucky hunters. Donations to the Hunters for the

Hungry were the standard for the day with many giving their game birds to this worthwhile effort. Sporting events like these are where new friends are made and existing relationships are strengthened. Where can 100 hunters each get their limits of doves in a couple of hours and there still be thousands more flying in and out of the field? I can show you where but it will cost you at least a thousand dollars. It was really worth it.

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AND MAKE AN IMPACT  
ON WHAT HAPPENS**



Republican Candidate Bill Haslam speaks at the Bird Hunter's Ball on conservation issues



Terry Lewis and Bill Haslam talk about CORA and issues important to Tennessee Sportsmen

# CORA MEETING MINUTES

## CORA Meeting Minutes of April 6, 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. Leonard Hooks was absent. Glen Massengill and Mitzi Ivey were absent excused.

The March 2010 minutes were read and approved 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

Bill Bruce reported power line right-of-way areas at Cove Creek have been planted, likely by TVA.

### Newsletter

Terry Lewis announced the 37<sup>th</sup> edition of the newsletter is out and ready to be distributed.

### Newsletter Distribution and Advertizing

Ray Wilson will deliver newsletters to Glen Massengill for distribution.

### Memberships

The board authorized reimbursement to Bill Stanley for postage for a letter to go to current and former members concerning annual membership renewal.

### Roads and Trails

Seem to be OK.

### Old Business

**Controlled Burn.** Terry Lewis reported

on the controlled burn carried out on March 20, 2010. Five board members attended: Stout, Williams, Lawhorn, Robinson and Lewis. A grand total of 23 volunteers attended, including representatives from CORA, RMEF, UTK, and QU. Approximately 500 acres was burned.

**Aerial Ignition.** A meeting was held between CORA and TWRA on aerial ignition for controlled burning. TWRA agreed to the process for future burns.

**Right to Hunt and Fish in TN.** An extensive and informative article on this subject is included in the most recent CORA newsletter. CORA needs to make an effort to get the word out to vote "yes" this fall for the right to hunt and fish. Mitzi Ivey to contact local and regional media and offer copy on this topic.

**Handicapped Hunt.** The 6<sup>th</sup> annual hunt will occur on April 24<sup>th</sup>. This year's hunt will be comprised of 9 wounded warriors, 9-10 wheelchair-bound a few youth hunters. CORA still needs volunteers for implementing the hunt.

**Smallmouth Bass Issue.** The Campbell County Commission recently voted to support Representative Chad Faulkner in proposing a private act to eliminate TWRA responsibilities to establish smallmouth bass size/slot limits. Once again, CORA clarified we oppose this act and any private act that would take wildlife and fisheries management out of the hands of professionals and place that responsibility in the hands of politicians.

**Louie Bluiie.** CORA completed a non-profit application for a booth for the June 12<sup>th</sup> event, but has not heard anything regarding the application. Jerry Stout passed out a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work the booth.

### New Business

**Elk Workshop.** A TWRA Elk Workshop will be held on April 12-14 at the Cedar Bluff Holiday Inn. Terry Lewis will talk about Hatfield Knob and Jerry Stout will talk about volunteerism.

**Jerry Stout Award.** Board member Jerry Stout received the Tennessee Wildlife Federation "TWF Wildlife Conservation Award." Jerry received a heartfelt round of applause from other board members and the audience.

**Nashville Legislative Day.** Terry Lewis reported on a very enjoyable and productive day in Nashville. Contacts included:

Senator Steve Southerland  
Lt. Governor - Ron Ramsey  
Rep. Joe McCord  
Senator Jamie Woodson  
Rep. Chad Faulkner  
Senator Randy McNally  
House Speaker Kent Williams  
Rep. Frank Nicely  
Rep. Richard Montgomery  
Assistant Director Nat Johnson

-TWRA

Director Ed Carter -TWRA  
Assistant Director Steve Patrick-TWRA

**OHV Regulation.** Two bills are making their way through the legislature that, if passed, will have impact on where OHVs may be operated on public roads.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:  
Mike McAfee  
CORA Secretary

## CORA Meeting Minutes of May 4th, 2010

The Board meeting commenced at  
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# CORA Meeting Minutes cont'd

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. Ray and Mitzi Ivey, Mike McAfee and Bill Stanley were absent excused.

The April 2010 minutes were read and approved 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**

Mitzi Ivey was absent therefore no report was available

## **Newsletter**

No Report.

## **Newsletter Distribution and Advertizing**

No Report

## **Memberships**

Bill Stanley was absent therefore no report was available

## **Roads and Trails**

Pretty good shape at this time

## **Old Business**

**Right to Hunt and Fish in TN.** An extensive and informative article on this subject is included in the most recent CORA newsletter. CORA needs to make an effort to get the word out to vote "yes" this fall for the right to hunt and fish. Mitzi Ivey to contact local and regional media and offer copy on this topic.

**Handicapped Hunt.** The 6<sup>th</sup> annual CORA disabled hunt occurred on April 24<sup>th</sup>. This year's hunt comprised of 25 hunters and was attended by 125 people. The hunters included 9 wounded warriors, 9-10 wheelchair-bound a few youth hunters. CORA received great publicity from the La-follette Press and the Christian Newspapers along with WBIR TV station. Board members that attended the hunt commented that this was an outstanding event for CORA, and its members should be proud of the effort to help those less fortunate get out and enjoy the outdoors. President Lewis thanked all the members who helped to make the event a great success.

**Louie Bluie.** CORA completed a non-profit application for a booth for the June 12<sup>th</sup> event, but has not heard anything regarding the application. Jerry Stout passed out a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work the booth.

## **New Business**

TWRA is considering a special effort to come into the area to meet the public to discuss different programs like the elk program, Muskie fishing on Norris Lake, and the OHV program. CORA has been asked to sponsor the event. If possible the schedule will be sometime in late June.

**OHV Regulation.** Two bills are making their way through the legislature that, if passed, will have impact on where OHVs may be operated on public roads. The two bills have been combined into one single bill that has passed the house but is still in the Senate committee.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Terry Lewis in the absence of Mike McAfee

## **CORA Meeting Minutes June 1, 2010**

### **Invocation**

The invocation was led by Harry Burden

### **Roll Call**

Roll call was read by Terry Lewis. Mike McAfee was excused absent. Ray Wilson was absent.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the prior meeting were read by Glen Massengill. The minutes were approved as presented.

### **Treasure Reort**

No report.

### **Committee Reports**

Committee Reports were delivered with acceptance by the attendees:

**Publicity** – Mitzi will meet with Mike Potter regarding the TN Constitutional amendment for the right to hunt and fish.

**Activities** – No report

**Newsletter** – No report

**Membership** – No report.

**Roads and Trails** – All appear to be in good condition

### **Old Business**

- **Right to Hunt and Fish** – This is an important issue and TWF will brief CORA in the next two months on the issue.

- **TWRA Road Show**- This is part of TWRAs community outreach. Terry Lewis will update CORA as this event firms up. The outreach will include Elk video and musky fishing, both issues that are already popular.

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Terry has asked TWRA to also include OHV use as well. TWRA is hesitant to address this issue because they appear to not wish to take a position on it. TWRA is also hesitant to address roads and trails use.

**Louie Bluie** – CORA is hosting a tent space for this event and board members are encouraged to attend and help with this outreach.

## New Business

The next meeting, July 6<sup>th</sup>, is the election of the new CORA officers and board.

Brimstone- held their “white knuckle event” on memorial day weekend. More than 12,000 people attended the OHV event. Evidently, TWRA began ticketing riders at the event on the trails that were being used for unpermitted riders. This appears to be in conflict with agreements in place regarding preselected trails. This is causing elevated tensions with the OHV community. There is a meeting planned between Brimstone and TWRA to discuss and hopefully resolve this issue and future understandings.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Bill Stanley in the absence of Mike McAfee

## CORA Meeting Minutes of July 6, 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. Bill Bruce was absent. Mitzi Ivey was absent excused. The June 2010 minutes were read and

approved 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.

## Newsletter

Terry Lewis asked for input to the next newsletter.

## Newsletter Distribution and Advertizing

No report.

## Memberships

The time has arrived for annual membership renewal.

## Roads and Trails

Seem to be OK.

## Old Business

**CORA Officers, Board Members, Committee Elections.** In keeping with the Bylaws of the Corporation, the yearly election of officers and directors was held. Board member Ray Wilson directed the election and officiated over the voting procedures. Officers and Board Members currently serving, with the exception of Leonard Hooks who decided not to serve any longer, were elected for another one-year term through motions and voice vote. Hooks was replaced by Mike Trentham. Leonard was thanked for his many years of service to CORA.

**Right to Hunt and Fish in TN.** This initiative seeks to constitutionally guarantee the right to hunt and fish in TN. It will appear as a yes or no question on the November 2010 general election ballot. CORA will work to provide information to voters and also work to prevent voter

apathy. NWTf and TWF will be doing the heavy lifting in terms of voter outreach. CORA voted to contribute \$500 to TWF.

**TWRA Road Show.** Terry to meet with TWRA this month to discuss details. Terry – need help on this one!

**Louie Bluie Festival.** This was a very worthwhile outreach event to the local community. More than 250 visitors came by the CORA booth. Two lifetime memberships and 5 yearly memberships were sold.

## New Business

**CORA sponsored OHV Ride for Key Legislators.** Terry to meet with TWRA this month to discuss details of this September 2010 activity. The purpose of this CORA effort is to give a selected group of our legislators some hands on experience with OHVs and visit the elk viewing area with the hopes of our legislators gaining valuable knowledge about OHV and elk in TN.

**CORA BBQ.** Discussion tabled until next meeting.

**Campbell County Chamber Request.** The chamber requested an estimate of the number of CORA volunteer hours from May 2009 to May 2010. CORA estimated 5,500 hours during the period. That is more than 2.5 man-years of effort.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:  
Mike McAfee  
CORA Secretary

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# CORA Meeting Minutes cont'd

## CORA Meeting Minutes of August 3, 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. Pete Shelton was absent.

The July 2010 minutes were read and approved 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

Bill Bruce reported the mast crop looks good this year.

### Newsletter

Terry Lewis reported the next issue of the newsletter will be out by the next CORA meeting. Terry asked for articles. Mitzi Ivey volunteered to write an article.

### Newsletter Distribution and Advertizing

Glen Massengill reported no advertisers are behind.

### Memberships

No report.

### Roads and Trails

Seem to be OK, particularly the main roads. A discussion was held on road closures and original agreements between CORA and TWRA. Terry will bring the original trail map to the next CORA meeting. That map will be compared with current road closures to determine if the original agreement has been compromised.

### Old Business

**TWRA Road Show.** Terry Lewis attempted to contact John Gregory, but was unsuccessful.

**Right to Hunt and Fish in TN.** Terry Lewis gave an overview. This initiative seeks to constitutionally guarantee the right to hunt and fish in TN. It will appear as a yes or no question on the November 2010 general election ballot. TWF has a large communications program being launched this month. CORA needs to do our part to educate the public on this important initiative.

**CORA sponsored OHV Ride for Key Legislators.** Terry to meet with the TWRA Assistant Director on August 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss details of the Road Show event, what topics will be showcased, and determine key legislators who might be interested.

**CORA BBQ.** Bill Bruce and Leonard Hooks will not be available to head-up the BBQ this year. Mike Trentham and Bill Stanley will head-up the BBQ this year. A discussion was held on whether to cook or to cater this year. A general consensus was reached on raffling off another gun. More detailed planning for the BBQ will occur at the next meeting.

### New Business

None.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:  
Mike McAfee  
CORA Secretary

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is to help these legislators understand exactly what the states off highway users want from our states OHV program. Additionally, the agency will showcase its elk program to the legislators during this event. Tennessee currently does not have a Statewide Off Highway Vehicle Program. Several OHV bills will be proposed this year and CORA is working to see some of those bills get voted into law.

CORA's habitat management program will get a real boost this year. Several groups have donated funds to this special conservation program. The National Wild Turkey Federation has donated \$5,000.00 this year. The Rocky Mountain Elk Program has given over \$22,000.00 to TWRA for the North Cumberland habitat management program. The Edwards Trust has donated over \$8,000.00 for this controlled burn habitat management program. This money will be used to purchase helicopter time to perform aerial ignition used with the volunteer's to allow more acres to be burned in less time than by manual ignition processes. The goal of the CORA volunteer habitat management program is to create 10,000 acres of wildlife openings over 10 years by a systemic program of controlled burns. Next years controlled burn will take place during the January thru March months. CORA worked with the local Forest Department office to help over 66 volunteers to get their controlled burn certifications. If you would like to volunteer to help with this significant conservation program, please contact any CORA board member for details and information.

As you can see from the programs outlined above, CORA has many important issues at hand. I believe CORA has much important work to be done and keeping with its historical guidelines of promoting outdoor recreation. CORA needs your help with these programs and the many future programs. If you appreciate the great outdoors here in East Tennessee and would like to help out, we would welcome you into the CORA organization. Come help us promote and protect your special interest in the outdoors.

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to the Tennessee sportsmen. The protection of our historical hunting heritage from attacks by anti hunting groups and others who might challenge our heritage. This amendment is one of the most important things that will ever happen to hunting and fishing here in Tennessee. It is CORA's responsibility to help educate the public on the benefits of voting "YES" this year on the "Right to Hunt and Fish" Board members will be out in the public explaining the program and answering questions. Remember to vote "Yes" on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the ballot box to protect your "Right to Hunt and Fish". Not voting results in a "NO" vote. GO vote for our "Right to Hunt and Fish in Tennessee".

On Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> CORA will host its annual community appreciation barbeque. This year's barbeque will be held at the Cove Lake Shelter #5. Dinner will be served at noon and the cost will still be only 5 dollars and children under 10 eat free. Please plan to attend and help CORA share the day with friends and family.

Over the Labor Day holiday CORA will attend the Governor's Dove Hunt. The purpose of this very popular event is to raise funds for the Tennessee Wildlife

Federation. Hunters will pay \$1,000.00 each to hunt doves on a farm in middle Tennessee just south of Nashville. Many important relationships are cultivated during these heavily politically attended events. Approx. 90 hunters are expected this year. Those who plan to attend are many of the TWRA Commissioners and agency directors; the states governor is invited along with many of the past and presents senators and legislators in addition with several of the states sportsmen and sportswomen.

CORA is planning to host a legislative ATV ride on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. This program is a joint venture between TWRA and CORA. The purpose of this program is to share the OHV experience with our senators and congressmen. This event will be held at the Ride Royal Blue facility located on Stinking Creek. The ride will begin from the facility and travel many miles by OHV to the Hatfield Knob Wildlife Viewing Area where participates will be given the opportunity to view the areas wild elk and then return to the facility after dark. The purpose of this ride is to share the off highway experience with those legislators who will be voting next year on the many important OHV bills being proposed. The goal