

**Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation
Minutes of the 82nd Annual Convention
Evraz Place – Queensbury Convention Centre
Regina, Saskatchewan
February 10 – 12, 2011**

Thursday February 10, 2011

Official opening of convention – Ray Wild, SWF President

Convention officials piped in by Nadine Christian and led by RCMP officer Trevor Ellis

O' Canada sung by the Prairie Gold Chorus of Regina

A minute of silence observed in remembrance of members of SWF and the Canadian Armed Forces personnel who have passed away over the past year.

Welcome from the City of Regina – Councillor Mike O'Donnell

Welcome to delegates – Gil White, President, Regina Wildlife Federation

Welcome and Directions – Lyle Cattell, Convention Chairman, Regina Wildlife Federation

Introduction of Guests and Board of Directors – Ray Wild, SWF President

KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Dr. Gordon Pyzer

- Spent 31 years working for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.
- 3 Parts to Dr. Pryzer's story:
 - ▶ The world is covered by 75% water. Greatest biomass the world has ever seen was off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. So many cod, it was difficult to get water out of the ocean. Today, it is illegal to catch cod off the Grand Banks. Fishery closed about 10 years ago, when fishing looked its best. That seems to be the way it goes right before collapse. There is not a commercial fishery on earth operating above 25% capacity. Blue Fin Tuna will soon go on to the endangered species list and not long after will become extinct. YOU make sure this does not happen in your local lakes.
 - ▶ Reference to a 1968 article named *Tragedy of the Commons* by Garrett Hardin. 17th Century farmers shared 'common' pasture land for their herds. In the 1800 & 1900's, economic times improved. Some farmers wished to add to their herd by one or two animals - a 100% gain to that particular farmer. However, a toll was taken on the land with over grazing. Therefore, the loss was spread amongst the entire group. The same thing has happened in the fishing industry. \$8 billion has been paid to east coast fishermen as a result of over fishing. All Canadians share the financial burden. Too many people care mostly about their own interests. Few have the vested interest of the industry at heart.
 - ▶ Governments do not lead. They will not do 'the right thing' as there are too many competing interests involved. Who should lead? Look in the mirror. It is necessary to find common ground with competing interests. Politicians will absolutely embrace this approach.
- The fish management system has been revamped in Ont. If you give fish a clean environment, they manage themselves.
- When signing the American Declaration of Independence, Ben Franklin said, "Either we all hang together, or we hang separately." Robert Frost wrote about two paths converging in a forest. He made the choice to take the road less travelled, and that made all the difference. Margaret Mead said that one should never doubt that a few thoughtful people can change the course of history. Please always remember this.

Motion to adopt 2010 Convention Minutes – Ray Wild, SWF President / Larry Chambers, Lloydminster Branch. Carried.

Chairmen of the Day – Robert Fournier/Clark Schultz

SWF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Darrell Crabbe

- Membership is just shy of 30,000, highest since 1995. January 31st showed 9620 members, an increase of 1045 over last year at the same time. There will be updates on the membership program at spring regional meetings.
- Doug Cummine will be speaking about insurance and coverage on Saturday. The Board will first approve any additions and changes and then bring those to the regional meetings. New insurance opportunities for members look good.

SWF FINANCE REPORT – Darrell Crabbe

- Explanation of both SWF and Habitat Trust audited statements.
- Motion to adopt audited statements – Darrell Crabbe, SWF Executive Director / Gord Broeder, Assiniboia. Carried

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Maureen Horrocks

- 2 more new display units, which brings the total to 7 or 8 - Thanks to Jim Kroshus for his great photography
- Saskatchewan Roughrider "green team" for this year will consist of Matt Dominquez, Jeremy O'Day, Neal Hughes and Rod Pederson (Harvard Broadcasting).
- Over 500 Facebook members. We are attempting to get more interaction and discussion going. Check out the site.

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- Our website is doing well and changes and updates are made daily.
- Google and Linux numbers are being monitored to see how many website hits we are getting
- We are putting out about one media release a month.
- We are getting many Google alerts, which indicate when SWF and branches are named in media articles. Please keep providing info to local media regarding the SWF and your branch.
- Advertising with some specialty magazines not everyone sees. Also, some new TV advertising coming up with “Reel ‘Em In” and Wild TV, and World Fishing Network.

EDUCATION REPORT – JeanAnne Prysliak

- **Poster Program** – Last Raptors poster released was ‘Eagles, Vultures and Accipiters’. 2011 poster program subject is Saskatchewan Shorebirds. Donations are being accepted for this program. 95,000 posters have been distributed across the country, free of charge.
- **BigFOOT Snowshoes** – Have your school book in early fall if you require the use of snowshoes
- **Yellow Fish Road** – successful program in three different communities and schools. Program teaches about water pollution and water flow. 2011 grant from Trout Unlimited provided free t-shirts and curb stencils reading ‘no dumping’ above curb sewers.
- **Geocaching** is a high tech GPS treasure hunt. Participants look for a green box containing pens, badges, stickers etc. There have been three placed so far. There are more here at convention for branches to take back to their communities.
- **Women’s Outdoor Weekend** – Held May 1st at Grey Owl’s Cabins. 15 women came out in cold and rain and learned fly tying, big game calling, archery and pistol shooting. Thanks to Darren Newberry, Saskatoon WF.
- **2nd Annual Fish Artwork Contest** – will take place May 9 to June 6. Open to grades four to six students.
- **Conservation Camps 2010** – Activities included: Candle Lake canoe trip, Conservation Officer Jamie Chartrand and his K-9 partner, pistol and trap shooting. 2011 – P.A. Wildlife Fed building – Girls Camp July 24-31, Boys July 31 – Aug 7. Branches can send up to two children
- **NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program)** - Provincials May 28/11. Map gives a general idea of where NASP communities are in the province. Most in east central, with lots of room for expansion. JeanAnne went to Buffalo Narrows where they are including NASP as part of their Winter Games. Thanks to local branches that put in lots of effort with community schools.
- JeanAnne introduced Neil Zoerb, President and Membership Director, Saskatchewan Bowhunters Association. Youth camps at P.A. are invaluable. A Bowhunters membership survey indicated that youth programs were thought to be most important. SBA will commit \$1000 to NASP and \$1000 to youth camps this year.

HABITAT TRUST REPORT – Jim Kroshus

- Land acquisitions - 1100 acres secured around the province, broken down into different parcels with Region 3 getting most attention. Majority of acquisitions through cost share agreement with Fish & Wildlife Development Fund. If habitat fits enduring features model, we put down 10% of purchase price and FWDF puts up 90%. 30 years ago prices were around \$15-\$20,000. Now adjacent properties to those sell for \$60 - \$70,000 with the asking price at around \$80,000.
- Cost recovery portion of the fund did quite well even though Mother Nature kicked the Ag crops around. Crops looked good in both parts of province until it came time to take them off. Our harvested crops were also flooded out. However, we came out with almost \$90,000 to pay for taxes, upkeep and spraying.
- Noxious weeds becoming more of a problem. SWF has been spraying for the past 10 years. Where we have been spraying is doing well and leaves are well controlled. Leafy Spurge and Scentsless Chamomile are culprits. Leafy Spurge choke out neighbouring plants. Foreign beetles have been released with some degree of success. Goats and sheep will graze, which stops the production of seed, but root system is too strong if sheep are removed. Also, sheep will eat everything, not just the weeds, leaving nothing for habitat. Most reliable control right now is chemical. We have 14 parcels consisting of 500 acres of infested land across province. Spraying a portion of land with 2-4-D for 10 years. When we started, it took 6 man days to spray, now we are at about two man days. RM’s will spray if we don’t. RM will charge \$3900 to spray and we now pay \$2100 to do it ourselves. Chemical of choice is Grazon which only kills broadleaf weeds. Other chemicals kill everything. (i.e.Roundup). DuPont will do some testing on some of our land this year with Mat 28, a product not yet approved in Saskatchewan or Canada. This year will be using integrated process with beetles, chemicals and sheep. Wormwood also a problem. Please familiarize yourselves with the various weeds on Habitat Trust lands.
- Conservation Easement Program – 750 acres acquired as part of six different parcels across the province. Instrument registered against the title showing a vested interest. If we are interested in putting an easement, we pay the owner 25% of parcel value and owner retains title. If land is sold, easement stays on the title.
- Hide Collection Program – Is teetering on disaster. Manitoba and Alberta have closed down their programs. Manitoba collected about 2000 hides and Alberta collected about 8000. SK collects about 14, 000 - 18,000 skins each year. At \$2/skin, we can still make money. All the money goes back to Habitat Trust Fund. Branches should not be opting out.

The further a driver has to go to pick up hides, the more it costs us. We had 38 branches participate this year. We need 95 in order to keep the program running.

- Golf Tournament and Sausage Cook-off– the tournament and cook-off did very well in 2010. Winners of sausage tasting were Hudson Bay -1st, Saskatoon -2nd and Moose Jaw - 3rd. We raised over \$10,000 for the Habitat Trust Fund. Please find poster in your kit for this year's tournament and post it in your community. Goal of 144 golfers and 9 sausage cooking teams.

BRANCH PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Tisdale – Grant Staples

- Demonstration model of project at back of room
- Project – property Town of Tisdale had donated to the branch to satisfy a couple issues: Branch had used highway borough as a fish pond and stocking annually since 1994. Fisheries chairperson felt that it needs to be rejuvenated as it was too shallow comprised over-wintering fish, runoff from highway and adjacent fuel facility.
- 2007 went to Town Council to secure land for wetland habitat. Town was having difficulty maintaining the area. 2009 a committee formed with branch personnel, government agencies and experts to get project to where it is now.
- Former fish pond had to be pumped out last summer and this fall. This was difficult, due to all the rain. New pond had to be dug. The large amount of rain helped fill it.
- New pond has no runoff. Water quality can be controlled. Each year, will have to pump from the river, which is close by. We will then be able to control water quality.
- 6 million gallons of water now in new pond and it is 21 feet deep. Hope for a few more feet depth.
- When completed, will be landscaped to create park atmosphere.
- Adjacent to new pond will be phase II, creating a wetland habitat area. We will add a walking trail that connects to the existing walking trail system along Dog Creek in the area.
- Goal to take land and make park like atmosphere close to town using land that was not being used or maintained.
- Safety issues have been addressed.
- Project cost \$36,000. Thanks to the Town of Tisdale we can do a project that will benefit the community as the work done by our branch. Shows we have branched out from hunting and fishing activities.
- Thanks to Adam for expertise and for helping access the Saskatchewan Fish and Wildlife Fund grant.

Macklin – Gary Thompson

- Project – To clean up existing water situation in south trout pond. Club was formed in 1983 and has since developed two Rainbow Trout ponds, one of which is today's subject.
- Additional to care of the ponds, work with Macklin Regional Park and perform monitoring of the water and aeration systems to ensure the Yellow Perch that MOE, SWF and our club stocked in 2005 with 2,500 and then again in 2007 with 5,000 are doing well.
- South pond 15 miles from Macklin. In 1983 dug as borough for road clay and became the club's first project. Pit measurements 700 feet long, 150 feet wide and 18 feet deep. Water is from runoff collection and amounts to 6 million gallons. 3 windmills allow fish to winter
- Complaints of water look and smell increased over time. Algae worsened over time. Over 200 mature trout died in 2008. February 2010, augured through the ice to find the water the colour of green paint and the smell terrible. Dissolved oxygen at 5.5 parts per million. Used underwater camera and couldn't see anything unless you dragged the camera on the bottom. Ruled out some options as unacceptable. Found a private pond 15 km. away where the farmer used a product called "Ponder" for 8 years with success.
- June, 2010 tried 120 litres of the product in the pond and monitored. Results were favourable and allowed for procedure of the second treatment of 60 litres in August, 2010. Results were again favorable. The third application was not done due to freezing conditions. Product has brought excellent results.
- Water clarity improved 210.2% between May and November 2010.

Saskatoon – Claudia Manning

- Previously had Junior Sportsman clubs running every other Saturday from September until May and manned by volunteers. Two years without a program like this.
- Saskatoon Branch has a perfect indoor setup for camp activities. SWF has programs for age 14 –17, so Saskatoon decided to fill the void and offer camps for ages 6 – 13. Children could go from the younger camp to the older camp.
- Started summer camps in 2009 and offered entrance to members only. First camp had 8 children and 6 councilors. They participated in a 3 day camp including, archery, air rifle and fishing.
- 2010 camp expanded to include St Edward School and the children who needed sponsorship. There were 3 camps (one with an overnight) with 30 kids. Received donations from the community. 30 scholarships were provided by the community. One young boy won the club hockey pool. He donated \$175.00 of his pool winnings to sponsor other kids to go to the camp. Boy and his siblings originally from Burma were also sponsored.

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- Goal – to teach kids the joys of the outdoors. Teach activities like archery, air rifle and cooking.
- Winter camps starting right away. 37 enrolled when 20 were expected.
- Summer camps will now run for 4 days.
- Discover Your Hero program is currently being worked on.
- Looking for more corporate sponsorship
- Kids will keep the clubs operating in the future.

PRESENTATION FOR 2013 CONVENTION

The following branches made presentations to host the 2013 SWF Convention: Saskatoon – Darren Newberry, Moose Jaw – Harvey Messner, Prince Albert – Ken Cantin.

RESOLUTIONS – David Pezderic/Will Buhler

- 10-1 – Moved: Will Buhler / Seconded: Dexter Mondor, Wawota
- 10-2 – Moved: David Pezderic / Seconded: Garry Leslie, Estevan
- 10-3 – Moved: Will Buhler / Seconded: Brad Pattinson, Lost Horse Creek
- 10-4 – Moved: David Pezderic / Seconded: Gary Thompson, Macklin
- 10-5 – Moved: Will Buhler / Seconded: Todd Smith, Moose Jaw
- 10-6 – Moved: David Pezderic / Seconded: Joyce Lorenz, Touchwood Hills

Amendments and results available Saturday afternoon.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

Brad Pattinson nominated David Pezderic from Region 5. Lorne Scott nominated Robert Fournier from Region 4

Adjournment for the day – Dennis Thomsen

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Call to order: Chairmen of the day – Ken Somogyi and Brad Dahl

RESOLUTIONS (continued) – David Pezderic/Will Buhler

- 10-7 – Moved: Will Buhler / Seconded: Bill Brown, Moose Mountain
- 10-8 – Moved: David Pezderic / Seconded: David Holmes, Thickwood Hills
- 10-9 – Moved: Will Buhler / Seconded: Joyce Lorenz, Touchwood Hills
- 10-10(a) (b) – Moved: David Pezderic / Seconded: Floyd Hendrickson, Foam Lake
- 10-11 – Moved: Will Buhler / Seconded: Floyd Hendrickson, Foam Lake
- BD10-1 – Moved: David Pezderic / Seconded: Greg Illerbrun, Swift Current
- BD10-2 – Moved: Will Buhler / Seconded: Greg Illerbrun, Swift Current
- BD 10-3 – Moved: David Pezderic / Seconded: Greg Illerbrun, Swift Current
- BD10-4 – Moved: Will Buhler / Seconded: Robert Fournier, Saveagoose
- BD10-5(a) (b) – Moved: David Pezderic / Seconded: Gord Broeder, Assiniboia

Constitutional changes

- Article X – Moved: Will Buhler. Seconded Ray Wild
- Article XIX – Moved: Will Buhler. Seconded: Brad Pattinson

MOE ENFORCEMENT COMPLIANCE AND FIELD SERVICE BRANCH

Brent Webster, Director of Field Services; Ken Aube, Director of Compliance and Enforcement; Steve Dobko, Conservation Officer (Nipawin); Jamie Chartrand, Canine Handler; Garrett Provencer and Bonnie Green, Education Team; Mark Deitz, Regina Conservation Officer; Lynn Gallagher, Assistant Deputy Minister

Branch Structure and Changes – Brent Webster

- Branch mandate: getting people to comply with the law
- Results based regulations which strengthen the front end of compliance
- 47 field offices in the province, and a total of 116 officers
- Explanation of 3 sections of the branch
- Explanation of changes in structure

Unit Explanation – Ken Aube

- Ken moved from the field to become Chief of Enforcement
- Explained Education and Training Unit, Investigations Unit, Environmental Compliance Unit, Data Management Unit

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- Example of investigators unit that found an exploration company in violation of the law, resulting in significant penalties
- Education unit ensures the public is properly educated prior to prosecution. Also, that public is aware of the regulations and permit rules and possible dangerous seasonal conditions. Also, provide education training to the officers.
- Investigations unit compiled of 4 divisions.
- Data management co-ordinates intelligence that comes into the field and prioritizes based on importance.

Canine Handler – Jamie Chartrand

- Explained the duties of the partner canine and how good they are at their job.
- Explained how his canine partner helped investigate an illegal hunting incident at Preeceville.

Conservation Officer – Steve Dobko

- Shared story of an illegal fishing incident at Tobin Lake, how the public, through the internet and complaints, were important in the apprehension of the individuals involved.
- Expressed the importance of public involvement in order for their efforts to be successful.
- Thanks given to SWF for their support of conservation officers.

2nd Annual Compliance and Field Services Quiz

- Attendees answered 10 questions. A few people got 9 answers correct.

HENRY KELSEY REPORT – Chuck Deitz

- 56 official measurers. Those in the audience were asked to stand and be recognized.
- 81 Whitetail entries – 145% over 2009. 99 Mule deer entries – 45 %.
- 16 junior entries, 15 ladies and 25% were non-members. 4 people who might have been in trophy contention were non-members. Numbers of young people and women are increasing
- Workshops: Weyburn - last spring - 7 passed can now measure for their branch; Region 3 (Willowbrook) -13 passed.
- Post pamphlets for Henry Kelsey / Fisheries awards night in your community
- Thank you to Brett Seidle for recording.

SWF FISHERIES REPORT – Adam Matichuk, SWF Fisheries Coordinator

- Heavy rains in various areas of the province made it difficult to complete fisheries enhancement projects. We ultimately fell short of spending our budget this year.
- Projects funded this year included partnering with Macklin to purchase “Ponder” to experiment with water quality in trout ponds - water quality was noticeably improved. Also partnered with CWF and the SK Science Centre in Regina to develop a lake sturgeon display at the Science Centre. Also helped fund a trout pond at Tisdale. Disappointing to only have completed 4 projects this year, however, looking back over the past 5 years, we have completed 40 projects.
- Hope to finish construction of a rock riffle in Pipestone Creek near Moosomin in 2011, designed to facilitate fish passage over low-level crossing. Cost estimated at \$160,000 - with support and partnership, only have to come up with \$40,000.
- Some of the projects being considered for 2011 and beyond are: Spawning habitat enhancement on Aiktow Creek, at the south end of Lake Diefenbaker; fish habitat at Rowan’s Ravine (more expensive than first thought); working with the Lost Horse Creek Branch on shoreline restoration; angler improvement project at Eagle Creek Trout Pond; removal of a low level crossing at Eagle Creek; fish passage improvement on Moose Mountain Creek; finalize long running construction of a trout pond near Leader; brown trout spawning bed near Conglomerate Creek in the southwest.
- Looking for more low maintenance, habitat improvement projects from branches.
- Some branches looking to opt out of aeration projects they are involved in.
- March 31 is the end of three year agreement with Ministry of Environment and the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund. We have resigned for another three years for \$240,000. SWF will take on maintenance of all existing fisheries enhancement projects completed under FWDF and continue to develop new projects. 77 projects still in existence that were completed since 1984. Hiring a fisheries technician.
- Jan 2011, regional fisheries chairmen met at Central Office.
- Trophy fish registry coming along
- Since April almost 400 Boater Exams have been completed online, which resulted in \$6,000 to the branches. Some more difficult changes coming to the exams. Verifiers will receive changes. Costs remain the same.
- Will be producing 5 fish and wildlife public service announcements along with CTV. This will be funded by FWDF.
- Pasqua Lake Fisheries Assessment looked at fish species, mainly bigmouth buffalo. Trapped and tagged the fish to determine their seasonal habitats and where they spawn. Some fish were PIT tagged and some radio tagged.

Saskatchewan River Surgeon Project – Dr. Michael Pollock, Ecologist, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

- Most of their work done at The Forks.
- Own and operate 45 dams in the province of varying sizes. Over 10,000 dams in the province.
- Gardiner Dam very important to sturgeon and other fish. 70% of people in SK get their drinking water from the dam.
- Changes in water flow affect the fish dramatically

- Sturgeon have changed little in 200 million years. The species is different in the prairie provinces than they are in Ontario. Largest Canadian freshwater fish.
- Ability to spawn takes 15-25 years in females and 15-20 years in males.
- Considering them to be ranked as a species at risk.
- Bathymetry study being done to determine how much damage the Gardiner Dam is causing these fish
- Focusing on The Forks, provided bed elevation map to engineers to determine where the fish found the best habitat.
- Telemetry – fall 2009 radio tagged 37 sturgeon and tracking for three to five years.
- Once caught, PIT tagged to identify habitat, migration patterns, and home range size.
- 300 km is the furthest migration of these fish. Trying to find out when, where, how far and how long they migrate.
- 2011, tagging 20 more sturgeon in Saskatoon. Actual number of Sturgeon has never been established, nor has population health ever been determined. There could be as many as 15,000 fish in this small area. Seems to be no missing age classes, which is a good sign.

Repair and Maintenance: An Opportunity for Fish – Darcy Leibel, Senior Habitat Biologist, Dept of Fisheries & Oceans, Prince Albert

- A lot needs to be upgraded, especially dams, due to age, etc. 416 dams are at least 2 ½ metres tall. Many fish bearing waters need to have their dams assessed for repair and fish passage.
- Due to dams and how the water flow is operated, fish populations can change or even disappear (i.e. water quality, temperature).
- Structure Examples
 - Makwa Lake Dam – Watershed authority had dam up for renewal. Natural fishway was made part of the new plan.
 - Candle Lake Dam – Lake is 1300 hectares, large watershed. 2003 built fish passageway that was to be operated mainly in spring. Because of so much precipitation, this passageway runs most of the time.
 - Lac la Plonge – 800 sq. km. drainage area. Operating since 1935. Flow assessment established that 74% of the time the fish will flow.
 - Leaf Lake – Shallow and 3100 hectares. Fish tend to focus on the new rock structures for spawning.
 - Lower Fishing Lake – Fish passage restored.
- Sum up all watershed areas and it totals 5,000 km of fish passage.

Overview of Fisheries Management – Chris Dunn, Fish & Wildlife Branch, Prince Albert

- There are 50,000 fish bearing lakes in the province; 69 species, 58 of them naturally occurring and mostly small species.
- Legal framework – involves the province and federal government. Everything grounded in the Canadian Constitution. Federal Fisheries Act spells out the legislation to primarily protect fish and fish habitat. Saskatchewan Fishery Regulations fall under the federal regulation; however, deal mainly with Aboriginal rights. Freshwater Fish Marketing Act deals mainly with marketing fish outside the province. Saskatchewan Fisheries Act – Fisheries regulations guide and tell us how to best use and manage our fisheries resource. Province is responsible for fisheries management and marketing of fish within the province. Federally though, DFO is responsible for fish habitat and the sale and trade of fish outside the province.
- Main uses are for sustenance, recreational and commercial. First priority is to conserve the resource and the second is to meet Treaty and Aboriginal rights, and thirdly to accommodate other uses.
- First Nations and Métis sustenance fishery mainly occurs in the northern part of the province. There is little data on current harvest, or number of fishers.
- About 220,000 recreational anglers each year, with around 40,000 to 50,000 being from out of province. They harvest 2.4 million kg. of fish. 40% of harvest is walleye. 3 angling zones with most of the activity taking place in the southern zones where there are about 2,000 lakes.
- Commercial net fisheries mostly in the northern part of the province. About 1200 lakes with quotas, 600 to 700 fishers employing over 1000 people and there are also about 30 local co-operatives. Since the year 2000, harvest has averaged 3 to 4 million kg. annually. That number fluctuates quite a bit and generally, the numbers have been declining. There are 390 outfitters fishing 1000 lakes.
- Management Approaches – limiting the harvest is the most important management tool. To limit the harvest they look at seasons, catch limits, and sometimes restrict by year. Information collected to determine habitat suitability and productivity, status of the fish populations, sense of what the harvest will be. General rule is that as harvest goes up, fish tend to grow faster, but mortality rate rises as well, and the overall population becomes younger.

Fish Stocking – Mark Duffy, Ministry of Environment, Fisheries Management Section, Team Leader/Fisheries Biologist, La Ronge

- Fish management plan focuses stocking efforts where benefits are significant, avoid waters with likely poor success, avoid stocking of lakes with successful natural reproduction, manage stocking according to code, priority order stocking, enhance fisheries with low or no reproduction, help degraded populations, establish new fisheries, provide urban angling

opportunities, and provide put and take fisheries, make fish stocking limitations information available to the public, review and update stocking policies.

- Rescan Report – has reviewed and evaluated Saskatchewan stocking practices over the past decade. Comparisons are done regarding stocking activities of other provinces and some states. Provide evaluation of our stocking program. Recent findings concluded that stocking policy required updating, water body specific management objectives need to be more clearly defined, species specific stocking criteria have not been developed, success and survival of the fish stocked is not currently tracked. Jurisdictional review found that our priorities differ from every other jurisdiction. We put priority on enhancement of existing fisheries and establishing new ones. Others were using stocking for population restoration rehabilitation. Most jurisdictions have stocking guidelines, we do not. Most other jurisdictions have an evaluation plan in place for their stocking program. Recommend development of a clear and concise policy that is in line with current science, management and stocking objectives to be put in place for each water body, guidelines for stocking walleye and trout, cease annual stocking of walleye lakes, cease supplemental stocking of walleye, develop long range stocking and propagation plan and a cost benefit analysis of our program.
- Our response to the report – clarified wording to reflect current science, initiated a bi-annual stocking of walleye, plan to update the fish stocking policy in 2011 and plan to develop species specific stocking guidelines.
- Walleye Stocking – Science tells us that this is not the answer to all our problems. Increased stocking rates do not mean abundance, nor does multiple year stocking. Stocking may lead to smaller fish, especially in lakes with a natural population. Research shows that stocking in a specific year may suppress the year classes that follow. Genetic issues involve dilution of genetic pool if we stock all lakes from one source. Fish may be adapted to a specific lake. Does not work to stock on top of good reproducing natural population. Shifts in angling pressure can be detrimental. Stocking is likely going to continue to lakes where reproduction is limited, but food is not.
- Draft Fish Stocking Policy and Guidelines to be completed in 2011. Will be reviewed by the Fish Advisory Committee where SWF holds a seat.
- Will review our current stocking practices and will be making some changes.

Saturday February 12, 2011

Call to Order – Chairmen for the morning: Vern Engele/Garry Leslie

Wildlife Advisory Committee – Robert Fournier and Clint Chernoff

Robert Fournier:

- Advisory made up of many parties representing various interests. Some of them are: Saskatchewan Outfitters Association, SARM, Saskatchewan Bowhunters Association, Tourism Saskatchewan, Nature Saskatchewan, etc.
- They are not decision makers, but advisors who traditionally meet twice a year.
- In the past, government has not taken their requests and regulations change suggestions seriously. Lyle Saigeon and the new group of Saskatchewan Environment people are much more positive. January 2011 meeting much more productive. Suggestion made to have a civilian chairperson for WAC at March 2010 meeting, which was ignored. Reasoning for wanting civilian chair was that a bureaucrat as chair might be making complaints to the Minister and that might not sit well. January 2011 meeting, the appointment of a civilian chair was denied as committee status would change from an advisory to lobby group. However, it was decided that there would be official minutes that the Minister of Environment would sign off on, therefore all issues brought forward at meetings would be read by the Minister.

Issues discussed at January meeting:

- Outfitters want to use salt as bait. It has been shown to deteriorate the surrounding environment and spread disease.
- Use of vehicles on FWDF and Habitat Trust lands. These are on foot only lands. We need to get more signage on these lands. Also, don't be afraid to report to the T.I.P. line.
- ATVs – important to maintain farmer/hunter relationships. ATVs also disrupt walking hunters.
- Trappers – government removed royalties from fur exports. Permits are still required.
- Hunter surveys were not sent out this year.
- Canadian hunters are being put into a draw in 2012 to monitor where they are hunting. This will make it possible to allocate in a more organized way.
- Some boundaries on wildlife management zones are more clearly defined than others. Need to make it easier to follow.
- Automated licensing still in the works – MOE wants to do it right the first time.
- Long and short term issues with moose management in zones 1-47 are still ongoing
- CWD positive animal found in Hudson Bay, Preeceville, Procupine Plain area. The mobile testing unit was brought in to test voluntarily submitted heads. Not as many turned in as they would have liked. Vaccine being developed for CWD. Issues surrounding it are a long way off.
- A lot of illegal usage of strychnine used to control gophers. 6 RMs will be secretly monitored by MOE to determine infractions.

Clint Chernoff:

- Party licenses issue will not move forward until automated licenses are in place. May consider trying this for moose. Wilfred Woods, Nova Scotia WF, has offered to send their information on moose party licensing. We will also check with other jurisdictions.
- Wolf management involves the ongoing process of trying to get wolves designated as a big game species.
- Bear discussion related to quota and expansion dates.
- Turkeys have not been designated as a game bird.
- Outfitters have proposed a tundra swan season. Canada does not use any of the North American quota available. Outfitters are working with the Federal government to propose a season, SK residents will be the first to get tags.

Robert Fournier:

- Ongoing recovery strategy for woodland caribou. SWF has been approached to have a representative on that committee.
- At MOE meeting a map of the province was shown to indicate the areas for antlerless deer hunting season. There are only 8 zones that are not designated as antlerless zones. At January WAC meeting there was discussion around winterkill. Sent out email survey asking all zones if there is a die off, can they afford to have an antlerless deer season, and can we afford to have 2 doe tags for mule deer. MOE has agreed to put off their season setting meeting until later and to put hunting guide out later in the year than they traditionally have done.

Clint Chernoff:

- March 2010 meeting revolved around paid hunting. There is no way this will ever happen.
- Back to antlerless deer tags; variance in response due to pockets found in different zones.
- Guide coming out too early - pushing for it to come out in April, as opposed to February.
- Vehicle restrictions need to be exactly clarified and more restrictions placed. ATVs are ruining private land.

SASKATCHEWAN MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT - Lyle Saigeon, Executive Director, Fish & Wildlife Branch

- As a branch we are open to listening and working together.
- You will hear good news surrounding the guide this morning.
- Outfitters are being co-operative about the salt issue
- ATVs are a huge issue, involving many government ministries. This will take time.
- There is controversy over how wolves should be managed.
- The swan quota is handled federally.
- Major role to make sure research continues, looking at science and pulling it together to make well informed decisions.
- Our presentations will be more detailed than in the past.
- Co-operative relationships benefit everyone.
- Clarified that fur royalties are in fact not gone quite yet.

Chronic Wasting Disease – Yeen Ten Hwang, Saskatchewan Environment, Science and Planning Section, Team Lead, Chief Ecologist, Regina (yeenten.hwang@gov.sk.ca, (306) 787-9544)

- CWD is a protein caused brain disease only found in North America. Found in captive deer farms in the U.S. in the '60s (Colorado and Wyoming) and in Canada in the '70s. In Saskatchewan, it was found on game farms in the late '80s and in 2000, it was found in wild mule deer near Lloydminster.
- CWD management program is in place. In 2008, SK re-evaluated the management program. Used to only look at total eradication, now trying to monitor when and where the disease is showing up.
- In Wyoming, deer were only recently radio collared after the disease being around for 50-60 years. After ten years of study, it was found that adult survival has been decreasing and fawn survival is low. Found that adult males, ages 4 to 6 years had twice the chance of getting CWD. In Saskatchewan, deer behave differently - have to take that into consideration.
- Origin of the disease is still not known. It is a possible mutation of Scrapie, found in sheep.
- Showed map of where CWD is located in North America in captive and wild populations.
- No CWD management done in Wyoming, some done in Colorado. Prevalence is up to 45% in some populations.
- In Saskatchewan, the prevalence is around 1-5% of the deer population.
- Two main objectives in Saskatchewan right now are to monitor distribution throughout the province, and to monitor prevalence in areas where we know the disease exists.
- In order to establish a proper estimation of CWD, need to examine 600 harvested heads. Called a surveillance program, not a herd reduction program.
- Areas with enough surveillance and tested heads do not need annual head testing.
- 2010 sent out mobile facilities to do testing in the various zones. Now backing down on Earn a Buck program. Only zones 45 and 9 operated the Earn a Buck Program last year. Zone 45 will not operate. Earn a Buck next year as enough heads were collected. Will revisit in three years.
- CWD targeted in 14 wildlife management zones in mule deer, white tail deer, elk.

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- Mobile units have made it possible for more interaction between hunters and biologists. Invaluable to have voluntary participation from hunters.
- Current research results have shown radio collared infected and non-infected animals and how they are behaving
- In areas that have high susceptibility, the fawn survival is only 25-30% the first year.
- Do not know what is causing CWD. Possibly environment is contaminated, possible natural behaviors through contact.
- More funding is needed in order to continue as this process takes time.
- Survey conducted in 2010 concluded that 57% of deer hunters in the province considered CWD to be a serious threat to deer hunting and to the deer population. 66 % believe we need to limit human facilitated movement of deer, which we do not do any more. 44% believe that it is reasonable to limit baiting. When asked about banning baiting altogether, the response was split down the middle. 80% believe research should play a major role when considering future CWD management.
- CWD vaccine has been developed for trials in sheep and elk. Will only work in non-infected animals. Will take quite a bit of time before it will be put to use.

Ground Squirrels and Strychnine

- 2% of premixed liquid strychnine is available for use in many RMs. This is a serious issue in many areas. Concern that producers who receive this, use it properly.
- Environmental concerns with usage. Could potentially poison other animals in the area.
- 2009-2010 – documented 2 pronghorn and 3 white tailed deer that had been poisoned. Compliance will be monitored in areas that have strychnine available to them.

Chuck Lees, Manager, Wildlife Unit, Regina (chuck.lees@gov.sk.ca) (306) 787-1835)

- Over the last 7 years, license sales increased by 8% with habitat certificate sales increasing by 3%.
- For each of the species that non-residents can hunt, there is a significant decline in license sales, possibly due to the American economy.
- Steady decline in trapping and youth hunting licenses.
- Online draw was successful, with over 19,000 licenses issued from about 42,000 draw applications.
- Canadian resident white tail draw will be run in the same fashion as Saskatchewan hunters.
- Going to a 2 guide format. Spring guide will come out April 1st with licenses, Big Game guide will come out in Aug.
- 2012 the archery restriction will be reduced from 500 metres to 200 metres from occupied buildings.
- Will work with stakeholders including the SWF to come up with the finalized versions of the automated hunting and angling license system to be up and running by 2012.
- Wildlife management zone revisions include simplifying regulations, minor adjustments to 13 zones and major adjustments to 6 zones. Will make digital zone map available to download through GPS. Will move some boundaries to more recognizable landmarks.
- Species at Risk program – Bill C-5 (2004) protects species from becoming extinct.
- SE works with COSEWIC – species assessed every ten years. Process based in science and Aboriginal knowledge. 88 species in Saskatchewan have been prioritized for COSEWIC assessment. Species are either considered endangered, threatened or of special concern.
- Species management planning, with regard to cougar and white tail deer, are both almost done.
- Increasing number of concerns related to the increase in farmland moose. Licenses have increased significantly and a number of considerations are being factored in managing the number of moose.

John Pogorzelec, Wildlife Ecologist, Swift Current (john.pogorzelec@gov.sk.ca) (306) 778-8522).

- New pronghorn study survey initiatives.
- Monitoring movement patterns – comparing aerial to ground monitoring.
- 2004 to present, only one aerial survey conducted due to budget constraints. Previously, done annually.
- 2007 aerial and ground surveys done in unison to compare results and determine if ground surveys were a viable option. Ground surveys worked very well.
- 2009-10 ground surveys were expanded. Expanded data compilation.
- Numbers of animals fluctuate largely due to weather conditions.
- Tracked ten radio collared animals. Only three survived.
- Monitoring determines how licenses are allocated and seasons are determined.

As requested by Robert Fournier – Contact information for other members of MOE Fish and Wildlife Branch in attendance – Travis Williams, Wildlife Ecologist, Regina (travis.williams@gov.sk.ca) (306)787-9221), Adam Schmidt, Wildlife Biologist, Melville (adam.schmidt@gov.sk.ca) (306)728-7487), Brad Tokaruk, Team Lead, Wildlife Allocation Section, Regina (brad.tokaruk@gov.sk.ca) (306)787-2464

WETLAND POLICY PRESENTATION – Joel Peterson, Ducks Unlimited

- Speaking with provincial government in order to develop an effective wetland policy in the province.
- 70% of wetlands have been lost or are impacted and this is happening at a fast rate. Some areas, 90% have been lost.
- Loss causes multiple problems including loss of wildlife habitat, increased greenhouse gases, flooding, loss of recreational and eco-tourism opportunities.
- Saskatchewan needs an effective policy. Say no to drainage.
- Get involved – tell your MLA, friends, letters

Lorne Scott:

- Explained the effect individuals can have on government.
- Paper and envelopes provided to each table and attendees were encouraged to write their concerns. These will be sent to government. Last year, from this convention, 129 letters of concern along with hundreds of others opposing the sale of wildlife protected lands were sent to premier and ministers. As a result, not a single acre of WHPA land has been sold in the last year. Please comment on your concerns regarding wetlands.
- We are in dire need of a wetland policy.
- Wants government to come up with a simple, enforceable policy that has an impact.

Joel Peterson:

- Encouraged the writing of letters to and talking to your MLA during this election year.

COUGAR STUDY – Carl Morrison, Graduate Student, U of A

- Cypress Hills study
- Cougars have the largest distribution in North America. They can cover great distances and are moving more easterly. Cypress Hills is the most easterly breeding ground in Canada to date.
- Evaluation is being done on movement, dispersal, and how they react to large numbers of seasonal visitors to the area.
- Monitoring how they move about in open areas, as they stay in treed areas 95%.
- Monitoring how cats and people can co-exist.
- Much collaboration between government, community and landowners.
- SWF Central Office, Swift Current and Maple Creek Branches contributed over \$10,000 for GPS collars.
- Students will be able to follow the movements of the collared cougars from their classrooms.
- Monitoring has shown 75% of cougar diet is made up of deer. Elk and other animals make up the rest.
- Not a single incident that they know of has a cougar killing cattle.
- GPS aiding greatly in establishing movement and kill sites.

HUNT FOR HUNGER – Darren Newberry, Executive Director, Saskatoon Wildlife Federation

- Saskatoon Food Bank, MOE and Saskatoon Branch worked together in 2010.
- Big game hunters may bring already cleaned meat to be processed.
- Animals really started coming in as of November 1st 2010. 57 in total. 3 elk and 1 deer as a result of confiscation, and the majority of deer were donated.
- Volunteers processed 4,000 lbs into hamburger. 700-800 lbs. were processed on one Saturday.
- Food Bank disperses the meat as quickly as they get it.
- In its first year the program is being hailed a great success.
- 2011 will have more sponsors on board. Program looking for a temporary processing facility. Advertising will be increased and the program will be made larger.

Afternoon, Saturday February 12, 2011

Chairmen for the afternoon – Ken Turner/Gord Broeder

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Robert Fournier and David Pezderic gave their speeches, vying to be elected as the next SWF President.

S.A.F.E. – Collette Bellevance, General Manager

- Collette has been GM for three years.
- S.A.F.E instructors have delivered yet another great year. In 2008 there were 3195 student enrollments; 2009 - 3,2071; and in 2010 - 3,441.
- New and improved course being launched under www.huntercourse.com.
- Dream hunt being held with Jim Shockey in Saskatoon this year. Eligible students who use the website will be entered.
- Next AGM will be held in Moose Jaw in April

Called Vote re Presidential Election – Keith Harde

- Explanation of Article XIV regarding the number of votes for which each branch will be entitled.

DONATIONS TO SWF PROGRAMS – Jim Kroshus

- Results – Education – \$46,400, General Account – \$6300.00, Building Account – \$1500.00, Fisheries – \$4080.00, Habitat Trust – \$83,725 for a total of \$142,425.00.
- Friday night fundraising totaled \$32,860.00.

ELECTION RESULT – Robert Fournier elected as President. Motion to destroy the ballots - Ken Turner/ Ken Cantin

FIREARMS LEGISLATION – Greg Illerbrun

- Federal NDP directed their MP's to vote against overturning long gun registry.
- Letter writing campaign to convince the MP's who are not on side, to vote against the registry
- NDP MP, Peter Stoffer from Nova Scotia, assured that he would vote against the registry as he had over the last 15 votes. He then voted to keep the registry in place.
- NS Wildlife Federation branches are holding rallies, beginning next week.
- Murray Grismer, Saskatoon City Police Sergeant, went to represent Saskatchewan Police Officers in Ottawa regarding Bill C-391 and to vote on side with us on the gun control issue. While he was there, a group from Toronto was sent to Saskatchewan to lobby the Saskatchewan Police Association to change their stand. Police held their position. Thank you to the Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers.
- Police chiefs are making political statement regarding gun control. We need to get chiefs who are on our side to speak out publicly. Efforts to get the Estevan police chief on side failed as the chiefs decided to remain unanimous in their stand.
- Make sure registered firearms are transferred to someone in the event of your death. Otherwise they may be confiscated.
- 12-6 handguns have prohibited status. Feds trying their best to get these out of our hands. If you have a prohibited license, suggestion is to renew up to a year in advance. If you do not do this, you lose your grandfather status and they can come and take your guns.
- Changing the criminal citizens arrest law – looking at changing the bill to make it easier to make a citizen's arrest.
- Excellent rapport with this federal government and they often come to us for advice and have invited a representative of SWF to sit in on other committees to give advice.
- Nunavut does not have to register firearms as they are exempt.
- Gun control advocates continue to push the agenda world wide. Swiss referendum being held to end the military practice of keeping guns at home. When serving in their militia, people take their guns homes. Once their time in the militia is over, the firearm is theirs to keep. They also wish to start a registry.
- Is US, NRA had a very strong voice and they exercise it.
- In Saskatchewan, our firearms committee has met with every justice minister since 1995
- We are an "opt out" province. Why are individuals being charged for a paper crime?
- Dan D'Autremont was given a letter drafted to be sent to the province related to us getting our own user committee. The government is receptive.
- Meeting with SK Justice Minister, Don Morgan, asking him to send a letter to the Federal Public Safety Minister to retract the law regarding the destruction of firearms. Example given regarding guns that MOE would give us that now have to be destroyed. Money from the sale of these firearms used for Habitat Trust and provincial wildlife investment, i.e. a \$5,000 moose decoy was purchased in order to aid MOE in arresting poachers.
- Also, asking Premier Brad Wall to send a letter to all federal leaders, asking them to remove the criminalization of firearms owners.
- Federal user committee - SK representative is Murray Grismer. Another police officer on committee from Ontario also believes we should be selling firearms instead of chopping them up. Last year, over 100,000 firearms were destroyed. These could have been sold legally, with the money going back into the system.
- Federal user committee also looking into making your license a lifetime one. Now, if your license expires and you are investigated, you become a criminal. Since Bill C-391, the chiefs of police are pushing for officers to enforce the law.
- Everyone needs to get together on this. Our culture is under attack. Criminalization of firearms is the greatest affront to our way of life and our culture.

GREAT WESTERN PRESENTATION – Jim Kroshus

- Agreement was made this year with Great Western Brewery out of Saskatoon, that for every dozen beer a branch purchases, they will receive, \$2.00 back and \$1.00 would go to SWF programs. Receipts to be sent in to SWF Central Office, and the rebate will be sent directly from Great Western.
- Great Western has provided 20 dozen beer for this afternoon's coffee break.

BUTLER BYERS INSURANCE – Doug Cummine

- Updated program that has been in existence for 20 years.
- Other positive announcements will be coming soon.

EDUCATION CENTRE PROPOSAL – Dr. Hamilton Greenwood, Dept. Head, Bachelor Resources Program, SIAST, Woodland Campus

- Outdoor education program, building the next generation of natural professionals
- Students experience hands on training, which takes them all over the province.
- Currently run Hannin Creek Field Camp, near Candle Lake, for the last 45 years. 2-3 year programs, with links to university programs. Students earn a variety of certifications that are important out in the field. Examples are: snowmobile, wilderness survival and chainsaw certifications.
- Infrastructure of existing facility has deteriorated and we are no longer the owners.
- The wish is to partner with SWF to build a new facility in the same game reserve area, without disturbing the existing trap line and to service the same existing needs.
- Memorandum of understanding has been signed with SIAST to partner with SWF in building a new facility near the location of the existing facility.
- There were two trappers voted in by the Saskatchewan Trappers Association to run the existing trap line. Nothing will ever replace the existing trap line.
- Fur bearer management programs will come from the people who have operated the trap line for many years and have been involved in trapper education.
- Students learn about assessment of activities such as the potential damming of the North Saskatchewan River.
- Interested in training for people to become wildlife and fisheries biologists, forest protection workers, and engaging in more research.
- Partnership with SWF is very important.

FIRST HUNT – Carly Deacon, Delta Waterfowl, Winnipeg, Manitoba

- Started in Manitoba, has run mentored hunts over the last ten years.
- 350,000 loss in waterfowl hunters since 1978, with the average age now of 57 years.
- Let's all try and provide an opportunity to a first time hunter, regardless of age or gender.
- Various events and camps are available throughout the country
- Mentored hunts help teach the basics of safety, shooting, cleaning and cooking.
- Attempting to target non-traditional demographic groups.
- Need to establish key working groups, both provincially and locally.
- DVD presentation and educational materials are an example of how information may be brought to communities.
- Recruitment and retention ideas presented.

VISITOR'S REMARKS

- Wilfred Woods, representing Nova Scotia WF expressed how grateful he was for the opportunity to attend this convention.
- Bruce Smith from PEI felt the event was really organized and that there are real benefits in groups working together.
- Manitoba representatives were very impressed with the way SWF is run. Want to take many ideas home.
- Norm Hall representing APAS, first worked together in March of 2009. Partnered with Delta Waterfowl to bring an environmental goods and services pilot project to Saskatchewan. This resulted in a number of interest groups and government agencies forming a provincial steering committee. This will result in locally driven groups in the long run.
- Dave Powell, representing CWF brought greetings from the board of the CWF and expressed how vibrant the Saskatchewan spirit is.
- Don Taylor representing SARM, is very pleased with working relationship with SWF.
- Lorne Scott spoke on behalf of Nature Saskatchewan. Congratulations on the 82nd convention. Count on us to be a sponsor of the shorebirds poster program and of other projects.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ray Wild

- Congratulations to Robert and David during their presidential campaigns.
 - Gord Pyzer's keynote address this year is probably the best I have heard in ten years. His seminar was well received too.
- Perceived shortcomings include:
- Work we have to do with the current government includes building better relationships. If you look in the convention book, you will note we don't have a message from the Premier, the Minister of Environment or a Saskatchewan Party MLA.
 - We are very opposed to WHPA trying to sell off 10% (320,000 acres) of wildlife lands. Government agreed to set up the Southern Crown Land Conservation Committee, of which I am a rep. We were to have a meeting in November,

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cancelled, not a good thing. To date, no land has been sold. We have asked that CLEAT be applied to any lands which were to be sold. The end result is that one out of every two parcels that were to be sold had endangered species on the land. We want CLEAT applied to all lands, and the government has agreed to do so.

- Any land sales should mean that percentage of land sales will go to Fish and Wildlife Development Fund. As well, if government sells, they will replace it with crown land. Also, any land we want conservation easements placed on, would be handled and monitored.

Positive situations include:

- Fisheries Enhancement Agreement and resigning of the agreement
- This organization can be known throughout the province and the country as a fisheries organization. Many organizations in the land business, including some branches. There is a niche for SWF to be in the fisheries enhancement business. There are around 30,000 members and over 100,000 anglers in the province. There is a great opportunity to build.
- We went from owning nothing, to a building that is worth \$600,000 to \$700, 000. In three years it has been paid off.
- Membership has increased over the last three years by 3,000.
- Long term positive strategic planning means we can continue to expand our programs, including Education.
- Reorganization of Fish and Wildlife Fund happened because of us.
- Sunday hunting has been a positive move.
- Continued good relationship with MOE.
- This year, for the first time, brought visitors from other organizations and provinces, with positive results.

INCOMING PRESIDENT – Robert Fournier

Thanked the delegates for their support and David for letting his name stand - his supporters can be assured he will still represent them as a strong board member.

RESOLUTION RESULTS – Will Buhler and David Pezderic

10-1 – Predator Control Officers – Lost 54%

10-2 – Big Game Outfitting – Carried 97%

10-3 – Development of Shoreline – Carried 94%

10-4 – Party License – Lost 56.2%

10-5 – Crossbows – Lost 51%

10-6 – Crossbows – Lost 42%

10-7 – Antlerless Elk – Carried 92%

10-8 – Ravens – Carried 91%

10-9 – Beaver Population – Carried 83%

10-10 (a) – Bear License – Carried 93%

10-10 (b) – Bear License – Carried 81%

10-11 – Wolves – Lost 52%

BD10-1 – Chiefs of Police – Carried 81%

BD10-2 – Decriminalization the Possession of Firearms – Carried 94%

BD10-3 – Replacing RCMP with Provincial Police Force – Lost 41%

BD10-4 – Reducing Livestock Impacts to Streams and Lakes on Government Controlled Lands – Carried 84%

BD10-5 (a) – Fisheries Compensation Projects – Carried 97%

BD10-5 (b) – Fisheries Compensation Projects – Carried 95%

Article X – Canadian Wildlife Federation Directors – Carried 96%

Article XIX – Non-Profit and Dissolution Clause – Carried 98%

Best Resolution # 10-2

2013 CONVENTION SITE – Saskatoon

Meeting adjourned