



## CONSERVATION OFFICERS OF PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION

Board of Trustee's Meeting Minutes  
Centre County Solid Waste Authority – Bellefonte

March 20, 2011

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**Meeting called to order with the pledge of allegiance @ 1100 hrs.**

### Roll Call of Board Members: Present (Y/N)

President: Bernie Schmader	Yes
Vice-President: Pat Snickles	Yes
Secretary: Richard Sarver	Yes
Treasurer: Tim Marks	Yes
Membership Secretary: Richard Cramer	No
Media Secretary: Vance Dunbar	Yes
Trustee: Don Chaybin	Yes
Trustee: Harold (J) Cole	Yes
Trustee Tom Grohol	No
Trustee Martha Mackey	No
Trustee Tom McMann	Yes
Trustee Ted Onufrak	Yes
Trustee Frank Parise	No
Trustee Colleen Shannon	Yes
Trustee: Peter Thomas	Yes
Trustee Matt Visosky	Yes

12 Board members present.

## OFFICERS REPORTS:

### Secretary's Report: Submitted by Richard Sarver

- Minutes from January 30th meeting were read and accepted with two corrections.

### President's Report: Submitted by Bernie Schmader

- A COPA stamp was purchased at Staples and an account was established there.
- Anyone wishing to buy things there for COPA without paying the state sales tax will need to give Bernie's phone number.
- The Wildlife Society's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be April 1-3, 2011. Tim will take care of our donations for it.
- Richard Stoner wrote and asked for a price list for stickers and patches. He also wants a badge made. Matt will get in touch with him.

### Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Tim Marks

- Checking account--\$13,748.48
- Smith-Barney account--\$42,971.45
- Total--\$56,719.93
- WCO David L. Grove Scholarship Fund--\$1445.00

### Membership secretary's Report: Submitted by Bernie Schmader

- Regular Associate Members 49
- Life Associate Members 32
- Junior Associate Members 14
- Honorary Associate Members 34
- Family Associate Members 2
- **Total Associate Members 131**
- Regular Members 284
- Life Regular Members 155
- **Total Regular Members 439**
- **TOTAL both regular and associate 570**

### Media Secretary's Report: Submitted by Vance Dunbar

- The article "Morels and Ginseng" will appear in PA Forestry Magazine this spring
- In exchange for this, they will post a COPA Membership Application in their magazine. This is a good source for associate membership.
- Vance has a source for bumper stickers
- Wildlife Leadership Academy Sponsorship is to be sent out.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Gun Raffle:**

- 2249 tickets sold to date
- Tim gave Matt the check for the final payment on the guns
- \$11,500 in profits so far.

### **Sports Shows:**

1. Eastern Sports Show
  - \$5181 in sales
  - Needs more help in the future
  - The photo contest brought in \$721 in entry fees.
2. Pittsburgh Show
  - \$1039 in sales
3. Erie Show
  - \$708 in sales
4. PFSC
  - Sold 5 gun raffle tickets and 4 patches

### **Commissioner Isabella's 380 Ruger Commemorative COPA Firearm:**

- Minimum of 100 orders required
- Gun will have COPA Logo on the side
- Price is \$306.99 plus 8% sales tax
- \$20 more if sent to an FFL dealer near you
- Put a feeler in the Green Line and website to see who is interested
- Serial #1 to be given to COPA to use as we see fit

### **WCO David L. Grove Scholarship Fund:**

- \$50,000 General Endowment Fund
- Family requests that middle-income families be eligible
- PGC will help in advertising with an ad in the Digest
- Scholarship is to be for Wildlife and Fishery Science
- Checks can be made out to 'WCO David L. Grove Scholarship Fund'

### **Strategic Plan Review:**

- Harold has designed a new update for the COPA brochure
- Matt is in the process of evaluating the expense/income ratio of merchandise sales

### **Displays:**

- Discussion about displays at shows in regards to the screens that can be used for the background

### **Website:**

- Needs updated
- Ted's secretary is willing to help maintain the site on a regular basis
- Tim is to contact Jack about Pay Pal and also about the website
- The website falls under Media Secretary

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Need a replacement for Tom Burrell due to his resignation. This is PFBC Management.
- Dr. Mike McSkimming, a deputy for PFBC, elected as a trustee with term to expire 2014
- Ideas were discussed for raising money for the Grove Scholarship
- Renew agreement with Linda Marks for administrative services

### **MOTION made by Matt Visosky:**

- To proceed and send out a feeler whether members are interested in purchasing a Ruger LCP 380 embossed with COPA logo and COPA serial number. A minimum number of 100 orders is needed to proceed. The Motion passed.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

#### **Yahoo Group:**

- Members need to join the COPA Yahoo group in order to better communicate

#### **NAWEOA Decal:**

- If possible, a NAWEOA decal should be included with the COPA membership card, since COPA pays the NAWEOA dues.

#### **Gifts for Service:**

- Gifts for service to COPA will be given to Erin Czech, Tom Burrell, and Jack Lucas

#### **COPA Rendezvous:**

- The Rendezvous will be held August 17<sup>th</sup> at Delgrosso's Amusement Park
- 2 ride or 2 meal tickets will be given to each regular or associate member

#### **June Meeting:**

- June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2PM and June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at the Sieg Conference Center in Lamar, PA
- Inventory of COPA gear will be done at that time.

**Motion by Matt that meeting be adjourned. Second by Pete. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.**

**Board Member attendance**

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Nov. 14 2010</b>	<b>Jan. 17 2011</b>	<b>Jan. 30 2011</b>	<b>Mar 20 2011</b>	
<b>B. Schmader</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>P. Snickles</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>D. Sarver</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>T. Marks</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>R. Cramer</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	
<b>V. Dunbar</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>T. Burrell</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>-----</b>
<b>D. Chaybin</b>			<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>H. Cole</b>			<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>T. Grohol</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
<b>M. Mackey</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	
<b>T. McMann</b>	<b>No</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>M. McSkimming</b>				<b>Yes</b>	
<b>T. Onufrak</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>F. Parise</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	
<b>C. Shannon</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>P. Thomas</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>M. Visosky</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	