



## CONSERVATION OFFICERS OF PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION

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

January 30, 2011

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Meeting called to order with the pledge of allegiance @ 1000 hrs.

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

President: Bernie Schmader	Yes
Vice-President: Tom Burrell	No
Secretary: Peter M.H. Thomas	No
Treasurer: Tim Marks	Yes
Membership Secretary: Richard Cramer	No
Media Secretary: Vance Dunbar	Yes
Trustee Erin Czech	No
Trustee Tom Grohol	Yes
Trustee Jack Lucas	No
Trustee Martha Mackey	No
Trustee Tom McMann	Yes
Trustee Ted Onufrak	Yes
Trustee Frank Parise	No
Trustee Richard Sarver	Yes
Trustee Patrick Snickles	Yes
Trustee Colleen Shannon	Yes
Trustee Ron Stout	Yes
Trustee Matt Visosky	Yes

## **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

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

- \$1000 Contribution to 2011 NAWEOA Conference to be held in Saskatchewan
- David L. Grove Reception was taken care of in the amount of \$4270 with \$1270 coming from PFSC
- Bernie sent PFSC a thank you letter for their contribution

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

- Checking account \$9,620
- Smith-Barney account \$42,967.46
- Total of 52,587.46

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

- Regular Associate Members 40
- Life Associate Members 30
- Junior Associate Members 13
- Honorary Associate Members 34
- Family Associate Members 0
- TOTAL 117
- Regular Members 202
- Life Regular Members 152
- TOTAL 354
- Total both regular and associate **471**

235 members have memberships that expired at the end of 2010 that are not included in the above report.

#### Expired Memberships by Year:

2009 – 50	2008 – 82	2007 – 64	2006 – 50	2005 – 56	2004 – 40
2003 – 41	2002 – 31	2001 – 50	2000 – 29	1999 – 47	1998 – 13
1997 – 36					

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

- Green Line distributed to Sports Show
- Deadline for the Green Line is 5-15-2011

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Clyde Waters Refund:** He received a refund from NAWEOA and was given merchandise.

### **Commissioner Isabella's 380 Ruger Commerative Firearm:**

- Minimum of 100 orders required
- Gun will have COPA Logo on the side
- Price is \$306.99 plus sales tax
- Put a feeler in the Green Line and website to see who is interested
- Further discussion at later meetings

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

- Family pleased with the fund
- \$50,000 endowment from COPA
- Penn State will match this amount
- Questions still to be asked of Penn State
- Contact Attorney Martin and Accountant about setting up a different account for this.
- Scholarship is to be for Wildlife and Fishery Science
- Checks can be made out to COPA with 'David L. Grove Scholarship Fund' in the Memo line

### **Attorney Search:**

- Attorney Martin has been contacted and can still be used for legal advice

### **Strategic Plan Review:**

- The strategic plan was reviewed with assignments being given for various parts of it.

### **Gun Raffle:**

- 1713 tickets have been sold so far
- Three Sports Shows are coming up where more tickets will be sold

### **Youth Field Day Shirts:**

- The price has gone up on shirts from \$4.50 to \$5.25
- Not to go over budget and will probably pay for about 47 shirts

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Election of Officers:**

- President – Bernie Schmader
- Vice President – Patrick Snickles
- Recording Secretary – Richard Sarver
- Treasurer – Tim Marks
- Membership secretary – Rich Cramer
- Media Secretary – Vance Dunbar

### **MOTIONS:**

#### **Motions made by Colleen Shannon:**

- That COPA proceed to establish an endowed scholarship at Penn State with a minimum \$50,000 contribution. Second by Tom McMann. Motion passed
- That COPA contribute \$250.00 per Youth Field Day T-shirt order. Second by Tim Marks. Motion passed.
- That COPA pay for an individual stone at North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Museum for any active duty officer from either agency who is determined to have died in the line of duty, beginning with WCO David L. Grove. Second by Vance Dunbar. Motion passed.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

### **Tokens of Appreciation:**

- Bernie presented Brian Burger with a plaque for his service to COPA
- Bernie presented Ron Stout with a slate with a grouse on it for his service to COPA

### **Memorial Stone for David L. Grove**

- A stone is to be purchased for David L. Grove to be placed at the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Museum

### **Hand Stamp:**

- Hand seal to be purchased by Bernie without the COPA logo

### **Bernie's Letter:**

- It was decided that Bernie's letter "Writing a Wrong" can be put on the COPA webpage without specifying that he is president of COPA, just as an individual.

### **Spring Convention:**

- Bernie and Tom McMann will have a table at the Spring Convention of PFSC on March 11-12 at the Best Western in Lewisburg.

### **Next Meeting:**

- **Sunday March 20, 2011 @ 1100 hrs. @ Centre County Solid Waste Authority, Bellefonte**

**Motion by Matt that meeting be adjourned. Second by Colleen. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned @ 1600 hrs.**

## Board Meeting Attendance 2011

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