The Board of Directors of the Weller Mountain Fish and Game preserve met on Sunday, August 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Main Lodge.

Directors present, John Dalton, Tim Green, John Peria, Kermit Blanchard, Scott Gilmore 
Advisors Present: Kevin Messenger, Richard DelGuidice 
Members present: Orrin Martin, Elliott Wood, Richard Murphy, Wayne Hermenet, Gary Howe, 
Ron Goyea, Sr., John Smith, Kean Zeches, President Ron Goyea, Jr., Caretaker Bob Meashaw, 
and Secretary-Treasurer George Fowler

The Previous minutes were approved.

SECRETARY-TREASURERS REPORT

George Fowler had financial reports but stated with the raffle and family picnic the previous day these reports were very outdated. An updated financial report is now available on the website in the members only section.

Since the meeting, the complete counting of the raffle money was done. We grossed $26,180 (1309 tickets), the second highest total ever. We cleared $18,517.25. Thank you to everyone who sold tickets. Special gratitude should go to member Elliott Wood who won the $5000 grand prize and donated $1000 of it back to Weller. Every member should thank Elliot for his kind contribution.

Winners of $100 in the raffle were Mark Peck, sold by Don Chase; Bob Hest, sold by Ron Goyea, Sr.; Melissa Wagstaff sold by Darrell Martin; Robin LaBaff sold by Ernie LaBaff; Gary Risley sold by Kermit Blanchard; Ken Brossait sold by Gary Howe; Member Jeff Whitton; B. Carlier sold by Tim Flint; Rob Backley sold by John Lasker; Dave Seymout sold by Ed McCarthy; Tom St. Hilaire sold by Tim Flint, Kay Boyer sold by Bob Boyer, Mark Dalton sold by John Dalton, shared ticket of Stewart Seguin and Ron Goyea, Jr; Nina Sue Derby sold by John Dalton.

Matt Benedict of Massena, NY won the $500 prize.

Chris Wiley of Brasher Falls won the $1500 prize sold by Darrell Martin.

Member Elliott Wood won the $5000 prize and donated $1000 back.

Members selling 70 tickets and receiving two guest passes were Ron Goyea, Jr., Ron Goyea, Sr., and Kevin Messenger.

Members selling at least 35 tickets and receiving a free guest pass were Kermit Blanchard, Tim Flint, George Fowler, John Dalton, Mike Elsner, Kevin Howe, Scot Degon, Russ McEwen, Tom Oakes, C.T. Rattan, Harry Dow, Gary Howe, John Smith, Don Wray and Darrell Martin.

Three members have applied for honorary membership. Harlan Wood, Bob Benware and George Burns. All have met the requirements of 20 consecutive years of membership and reaching the age of 70. All were approved by the board.

Three members have indicated they are not rejoining-Steve Arquette, Jim Trimm and John Peterbaugh. This means we have used up our waiting list and have memberships open. Dues must be to the Secretary-Treasurer by September 1st.

Fowler also reported he had talked with Matt Smith of Woodwise Land Company our new owner. He noted that Smith said one of the major reasons they had purchased the property was the stable lease of Weller Mountain. He also commended us for our good stewardship of the land and keeping thing neat and clean. He indicated there would be no logging this year and
possibly for sometime to come to let the land rejuvenate. There will never be the intensity of logging we saw this past fall. He was receptive to a meeting with our lease committee and directors and the directors proposed dates of September 20 or 27th.

In conjunction with our stewardship members must be sure and pick up and carry out all litter.

DEER AND FISH MANAGEMENT
John Peria noted Bob Meashaw had done mowing and planting in food plots and some winter wheat had been seeded. The apple trees donated by Wayne Hermenet were doing well.

All fish stocking will be done this fall instead of any fish in the spring due to poor survival rates in the spring.

RECREATION AND FUND-RAISING
Kermi Blanchard thanked all who helped with the outstanding family picnic. A total of 194 people attended. The pheasant release was again a big hit along with the horse drawn wagon and pony rides. Kids were very enthusiastic with the games. The only negative was the fire crackers that were shot off. Thank you for all the desserts from members and Angelo Perovic for doing the salads.

A gun raffle will again be held this fall. Kevin Howe will pick up the gun and tickets will be out next month.

A youth day for children and grandchildren will be held on Friday, August 27th. There will be archery, skeet shooting and gun safety lecture. There is no charge with a lunch provided.

Russ McEwen noted 11 teams and 44 people participated in the Weller Golf Tournament. A profit of $601 was realized. Thanks to John and Donna Smith, Kermit Wells, Ed McCarthy and Rudy McCarthy for their help.

No bids were submitted on the time share auction.

A wine tasting dinner for 20 to 25 couples has been proposed for September of 2011. Details will come next year.

Monday, September 20th will be a Ladies Night dinner at the Lodge.

A shooting range committee headed by Kermit Blanchard with Mike Elsner and Wayne Hermenet will make some proposals.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE
Tim Green encourages members to keep trimming the trails.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE
Scott Gilmore said we will be talking to new owners about kitchen porch. If you use a camp and notice items like toilet paper or paper towels getting low inform the caretaker and bring the items back from the Lodge.

KITCHEN AND BAR
John Smith noted liquor had been purchased for the hunting season. Lorena will be returning to cook this hunting season. A kitchen helper will be hired on Saturdays to help Lorena at $75/day.

Smith noted the website will have family picnic pictures on it.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Ron Goyea, Jr. Proposed Bill Dailey will head a budget committee with the same members as last year.

CARETAKER’S REPORT
Bob Meashaw said Bob Johnson painted the Lodge floors. Thanks for a job well done.

NEW BUSINESS
It will be checked if a dumpster from Loren LaPierre will be brought in for hunting season.

The directors are looking for feedback on the shooting of does this fall. Let them know your opinion. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

John Smith encouraged any members who have set up trail cameras to submit pictures to the website. He hopes to organize a more detailed camera network next year.

The audit committee will be Bill Champagne and Al Longe.
First aid kits will be examined and updated at Lodge and camps.

Early bear season starts on September 15th. Please respect hunters and keep ATVs out of the woods and only on gravel roads.

Member Al Hundley had a knee replacement and is fighting kidney stones. Drop him a card.

Next Director’s meeting is Tuesday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Main Lodge.