The Board of Directors of the Weller Mountain Fish and Game Preserve met on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Maine Lodge.

Directors present: John Dalton, Tim Green, John Hammill, Travis Cole
Members Present: Ron Goyea, Sr., Phil Wagner, Kermit Blanchard, Ray Patnode, Wayne Herrmenet, Vice President Matt Morgan, President Ron Goyea, Jr., and Secretary-Treasurer George Fowler.

The Previous Minutes were approved.

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Please note that the Secretary-Treasurer’s, George Fowler, address changes on August 19th to 127 Hobblebush Dr., Milford, PA 18337. The one phone number will be 802-598-1426. This address will be good for about eight months. Mail will still be forwarded from the old address.

Fowler explained that present financial records do not reflect what happened at the Family Picnic the day before. We had a record breaking cash raffle sale of $34,700 (1735 tickets) which netted the club $25,389. This was a huge effort by the members which should help put us in the black this fiscal year.

Winners of $100 in the raffle were Paul Shortsleeve, Glen Park, NY sold by Russ McEwen; Michelle Pesehieri sold by Terry Cleveland; Bill LaPierre of Colton, NY sold by Russ McEwen; Roy Richards sold by Kevin Howe; Amy Jo Ball sold by Ed Dishaw; Marie Rutherford sold by Don Chase; Tom Hyde sold by Fred Foster; Jon Richards of Heuvelton, NY; Casey Myers sold by Bob Rundall; Ronald Adams sold by Travis Cole; Roger Coleman sold by Steve Hallada; Sandy Baire sold by Mike Baire; George Slate of Norfolk, NY sold by Phil Wagner; Mary Ann Novenkirois of Ogdensburg, NY sold by Ed Dishaw; Sue Casson sold by Marc Casson; Rick Enslow of Hermon, NY sold by Travis Cole; Mark Dalton sold by John Dalton, plus members John Peria, Bill Dailey, and Marty Chicoine.

The $500 winner was Randy Gravlin sold by Travis Cole.
The $1500 winner was Darrell Martin sold by Russ McEwen.
The $5000 grand prize winner was Don Tyo sold by Kermit Blanchard.

Travis Cole and Ron Goyea, Jr. Each sold 105 tickets.
Ron Goyea, Sr. Sold 70 tickets
Other members who sold 35 or more tickets: Michael Baire, 35; Kermit Blanchard, 38; Larry Butler, 35; Tim Campbell, 42; Russ Carnell, 59; Don Chase, 35; Terry Cleveland, 35; Eric Colburn, 46; Floyd Cole, 36; John Dalton, 43; Ed Dishaw, 45; Dale Fountain, 35; George Fowler, 35; Kristin Fergo, 35; Tim Green, 39; Steve Hallada, 40; John Hammill, 39; Wayne Herrmenet, 35; Kevin Howe, 35; Jeff Lamas, 35; Dave McDowell, 36; Russ McEwen, 35; Kevin Messenger, 35; John Smith, 41; James Trimm, 35; Joseph Trimm, 35, Phil Wagner, 36.

The winner of the $250 Bass Pro Shop gift certificate open to members who sold ten or more raffle tickets was Travis Cole.

Gene Lane of Norris, Tennessee had been approved previous for membership by the Directors. He was sponsored by Dave Comfort and Alan Michaud.
Gene Jones was approved for honorary membership starting this year.

A member noted Saunders Falls camp had been left in a mess when he arrived. Members are reminded that they must take their own trash out, turn off the gas lights and then turn off the gas at the tank, leave the camp cleaner than you find it. Report anything to the Lodge about broken items.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
John Dalton noted and everyone agreed that the Family Picnic was a great day. Over 230 adults and children attended the event. The food was superb. Many members and wives pitched in to help. The horses and kids games were well received. The musical entertainment provided a good background. A comment was made how clean the bathrooms were in the Lodge.

FISH AND DEER
Fishing has been excellent in the pond and rivers. Many deer have been observed on the property and particularly on the food plots. Some of the plots will be brushed hogged next week.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE
Tim Green said member Kris Fergo has some beams he will bring to Weller to help reconstruct Bailey’s Bridge which still remains closed. A date will try to be set to make the repair.
Both Tim and Matt Morgan have been working on the roads in some bad washed out areas.

KITCHEN
Butch and Peggy will be coming back this fall to cook during hunting season. There will be some changes in meals schedules this year to be announced later.

WORK WEEKEND
Work Weekend will be September 8-9-10. The primary emphasis is firewood production for the Lodge and some camps. We need hands for this job but bring any equipment you think would help. Trails always need trimming and pruning back.

OLD BUSINESS
There were about 20 applications for the caretaker position and this has been narrowed to 5 or 6 people. The hiring committee consisting of the Directors and President and Vice President will be setting up interviews this month and should have someone on board by September 1st.

NEW BUSINESS
Matt Morgan got approval for buying three new propane heaters for the caretakers structure as they all had leaks. This will cost about $3000. Previously we spent at least $3500 with the propane company to install new propane lines needed because of the numerous leaks in the old lines which created a safety hazard and loss of propane. The propane company had put a lock on the propane tanks until the problem was fixed. The property owner, Woodwise, will be approached about paying these costs which represent infrastructure of their property.
ATV tracks have been observed in food plots. Please do not drive in these plots for they represent a lot of work by members.
Laminated maps of Weller Mountain are on the Lodge counter. They are for sale for $5 each.
Rifle raffle tickets are also on the bar. Some will be sent to each member in September mailing.

Don’t forget dues must be in by September 1.
The next Directors meeting is Thursday, September 7th at the Main Lodge at 6:00 p.m.

Schedule
August 12- Family Picnic
September 1- Dues must be paid
September 7, Director’s Meeting, Main Lodge, 6:00 pm.
Sept. 8-9-10- Fall work weekend