

2009 NYCOA  
Summer Meeting Minutes  
Letchworth State Park, NY

Welcome members and call meeting to order

Roll Call

Reports

President's report: Scott Florence:

Retirement mini-badges - \$75 to be sold only to retired members

Lapel pins- distributed to each region, should be sold by each region's rep at \$3 each or 2/\$5. (We ordered about \$600 worth or \$60 per region)

Treasurer's Report: Larry Johnson

\$1500 worth of college scholarships this year

\$2500 worth of seed money

\$1300 for DEC camps (\$325 per person that we sponsored)

\$287 IGW magazine

\$297 meeting expenses

\$600 NAWEOA memberships

\$ 1377 Strictly Assn. Products

**\$12,955 Total Expenses for the year**

\$3400 came in from raffle

\$1,035 in donations in Brett Townley's name

Brett Townley memorial donations status \$1485

Jim Ponzio Memorial Fund Status \$1,767 – will be used for a scholarship @ Cobleskill

Shikar Safari – Still have \$ left for education, have received 6,686 more dollars

**\$24,621 Total Income for the year**

\$44,386 in total funds, with around \$20,000 dedicated to specific projects.

Memorial funds will go to relief fund unless it's designated specifically for something else (education, etc)

Motion – Karen Williams, seconded by Didion

-We should make it clear to donators that they can chose what particular efforts their money can go to.

VP's Report: Paul Hatch

Secretary's Report: Liza Bobseine

Quarterly Newsletter -- need more input from other regions

Contents: include more field notes, personal officer news (births, marriages, etc.)

NYCOA sponsored four youths to DEC camps, and facilitated the officer's and Lt's Locals, respectively, in sponsoring two more. We will need nominations for DEC camps for next year

OLD BUSINESS

Regional reps report:

R9- Jim Hunt – Hatch owes us money- Took the Paul Hatch Challenge – signed up 8 new members by using \$ from association for Xmas party

Rob Peinkofer\$250 bucks to youth angler fishing program. – got good press for NYCOA – will be an annual event

Relief Fund Report: Paul Hatch

Brian Wade \$250

Joe Keifer \$100

John Karker \$100 -Thank you note from Linda Karker

Payment to NAWEOA for three fallen officers - \$150 still owe \$50 for another officer

Balances:

Checking: \$1630.09

Savings: \$19,656.83

Total: \$21,286.92

Hatch is stepping down as VP – he will assist whoever gets elected w/ the transition

Florence: Officers who are out on disability for longer than 6 months – How are we handling these cases? Even officers who are injured on the job are taking serious loss of pay

Didion: It's up to the board to review cases on a case-by-case basis.

Dan Ward: Anyone can nominate officers to receive aid from NYCOA when they are out due to some injury.

VanDurme: Should there be a time threshold for when we nominate or give money?

Wayman: Don't forget you can always pass a hat! Replenishing the Fund: Raffle off handguns to replenish

Hoffman: Can we put some of the relief money in a higher-earning CD? - Don't gain much due to low interest rates and that way it's tied up if we need it.

Florence: Many ways to raise \$ for relief fund Example: Charge extra \$20 to participate in annual gold tournament

Membership Report: Marion Hoffman

138

262 retirees

65 contributing retirees

29 Associate Members

Florence: Push for more members this December, Push for automatic deduction option from member's paychecks. We just need the Union to sign off on it.

Bobseine: We need to ask regional reps to put pressure on their officers to become members. Email regional reps full list of membership

Bengel: What about instituting PBA cards for our members? Florence: Not going to happen through assn, against by-laws:

Peinkofer How about a window decal, Florence: yes, we can do that.

\$50 Annual donation to Christmas party to Regional Christmas party, BBQ, etc as a membership drive: Motion to make this a permanent Seconded, Accepted. \$50 needs to be REQUESTED each year by regional rep, they will not be automatically sent.

Didion: Associate memberships: Have not significantly gained membership for us, should we cut back on the \$15 membership fee? Williams suggests: either give them something more (mini lapel badges, bumper stickers, window decals, etc)

NAWEOA: Marion

One of our officers, Nathan Favreau, won the Officer's Exchange Trip to Noneviet

Next year's convention is in Pittsburgh July 12-18. Marion will mail pamphlets to anyone who's interested; info is available on the website at NAWEOA.org.

Marion is now the past president

New NY regional rep is Chris Deniger

Eagles Program: Tom Gadomski

Public Education Div in Albany accepted our proposal for some handouts that are used in the EAGLES program, so some of our \$13,000 will be used soon.

Wayman: We can buy \$1500 worth of "Critters Manual" (1000) and give 3 to each officer to distribute, using EAGLES money. Motion, Seconded, Accepted Wayman will have a stamp made and stamp each book with Shikar Safari and NYCOA symbol

VanDurme: We should look into doing a book on how to fish. Joe Schneider and VanDurme as project managers for doing this book. Funded by either our project fund or Shikar Safari money. Motion, Seconded, Accepted

Scholarships: Dave Wayman

Nominate Deming Lindsley to oversee scholarship program. – Seconded, Accepted

Strictly Association Products: Dave Wayman

Website sale of NYCOA products update

Current prospect for online vendor is stalled; suggest giving him deadline or moving to another potential vendor

Wayman: Need to get products up to Academy so they're available.

Website Report: Ken Didion

Got newly updated software

Will be posting college scholarship information on the site, as well as info about the recipients.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections: Nominations for VP and Treasurer:

VP - Nominate Bob Peinkofer Seconded, Accepted

Treasurer - Larry Johnson Seconded, Accepted

2010 Summer Convention: Joe Schneider and Scott Florence -- Lake George – End of July or August. Possibly will hold it on Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday. Firm information and dates will be available by the end of September

Annual Fundraiser Raffle & Retiree Roster Dave Wayman – Dave is looking for replacements.

Bobseine suggests Tony Panipinto to assist.

Karen Williams: Will take over Retired Roster

Would like to discuss restructuring our college scholarships: currently we sponsor four \$500 Scholarships – We're happy with the way they're working.

Relief Fund Board:

Currently on it:

Peinkofer

Ward

Huss

Lindsle

Replacements:

- Schoonover

- Hunt

Any request for money >\$100 for hunting/fishing programs:

Hunt: Youth Hunting program: Waterfowl Program Proposal total \$1,110

2 Rem 870 20 ga. \$558

6 electronic earmuffs

Several cases of steel shot

Florence: We don't want to own any guns, but check with Huss to see if \$ is available from \$6,000 Shikar Safari money. Guns would then be owned by sportsmen's club or organization that partners with us for kids Programs

Motion to supply \$1100 from NYCOA money if the Shikar funds are not available. Seconded, Accepted

Hunt: Silk-screened tent with NYCOA emblem for each region. "New York Conservation Officers." VanDurne has vendor Motion to buy each region a sunshade tent (~\$1800) with our emblem.

Florence:

TIPP DEC is up and running again – NYCOA is still equal partners with DEC with this program.

We are working with Linda Kauffman to ensure that the program is being run appropriately. Dave Wayman and Bob Hanke are interested in participating on the Board.

New by-laws need to be drafted, particularly including NYCOA as an active member.

XXX Need to compile good photo records of NYCOA events for promotional purposes and to help potential members understand benefits.

Williams: Photos could be all sent to one person. – Didion will accept all pictures and compile discs.

Hoffman: Check MOU for EAGLES

Steve Gerould: Suggests to board donating something from Relief fund for Kurt Zurmulen