

Minutes of VAHEA meeting 16 March 2014

President called the meeting to order at 1306hrs and noted a quorum was present and the Board able to conduct business.

The following were in attendance: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Region 1 Representative, Region 2 Representative, Region 4 Representative, and Region 5 Representative.

The Secretary had no minutes for the previous meeting but the Treasurer had a copy of his notes from the last meeting and they were discussed.

The Treasurer gave his report. It will be posted on the web site with these minutes.

Old business

- Discussion of Robert's Rules of Order concerning voting.
- Discussion about putting a greeting to new members on the web site. Motion to do so by Region 4, second by Region 2, Passed 4-0
- Discussion about members in any region following Chain-of-Command to bring issues before the board.
- Direction to the Secretary to get Membership information to the web site coordinator.
- Discussion about contact information. Board members should ensure their contact information on the web site is up to date.
- When there is a major illness or death within a Region the members need to let their Representative know so the Board can be updated. Information must come up the Chain as well as go down.
- Scholarship requests have been made in the past for attendance at VAHEA events. The secretary has developed a form from other sources and will send to the Board for their input.
- Information on Display boards will be sent to the President for his dissemination for input.

New Business

- Carrsville Hunt Club, a 501(c)3 has sent VAHEA a request for monetary donation and a guest speaker to their group to support their fundraising event on 13 September. Region 1 Director is familiar with this group and will attend as speaker. No other action taken.
- Region 5 director advised Board of an event in northern Virginia in February 2015 where we can have a booth for display and information. Said he would man it.
- DGIF is distancing us from their events and not allowing us mileage for these if we attend as VAHEA and not giving us Logistic Support for our events.
- The Eastern Regional Outdoor Show in Hampton may have a spot for us.
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- The Directors Award is given to the Hunter Ed Instructor each year to one who has attained five thousand (5,000) hours volunteer time. We also give a .22cal Henry Rifle to the recipient(s). This year there are three and they have requested specific calibers/style guns which are more expensive. Each is offering to pay the difference. Motion by Region 1 to accept the differential in payment and provide the rifles

requested; seconded by Region 5 and passed. The recipients are Chauncey Herring, George Mason, and Lee Turner.

- There is a Carter Lewis Memorial established by the family upon his death and VAHEA is the benefactor of this fund. The funeral was two weeks ago. Some funds are trickling in.
- MOU with VDGIF – VDGIF created a MOU to establish legal contractual guidelines and liability and to separate us from them so as to provide minimal to no support for us. After much discussion it was determined that we could expect nothing from DGIF that they did not want to provide us and we had nothing to lose (or gain) by signing the agreement. Motion by Region 1 to accept and sign the agreement as presented; seconded by Region 5 and passed. The President will sign the MOU and return it to VDGIF.
- The Board directed the Secretary to contact Sgt. Dodson and request use of a space at the facility at Holiday Lake for our Friday night meetings.
- Hunter Skills Weekend – We need a backup plan if we do not receive support from VDGIF to support this event. It was agreed by consensus that the VAHEA would financially support the May event. The fall event would be discussed at the June meeting. The Board directed the Secretary to send a request to Lee Walker (VDGIF) requesting support.
- From the Regional Directors:
 1. Region 1: Issue of elections was addressed. The procedure needs to be more orderly and more time allotted for the elections. After much discussion Region 5 motion to put out a ballot box from The Call to Election until 10:00pm Friday; seconded by Region 4 and passed.
 2. Region 1 recommended we look at increasing our Liability insurance coverage and providing coverage for the Board of Directors and the Executive (elected Officers) Board. The President and the Treasurer will look into this and also coverage for events.
 3. Region 1 requested the Board look into allowing the public to use credit cards when they sign up for sponsored events. The President and the Treasurer will look into this.
 4. Region 2 – no issues
 5. Region 4 – no issues
 6. Region 5 – We need an informational handout. We need an updated region map. We need to tell our members and prospective members what we can and are doing for them.
- The President will go to the IHEA Convention. Per the Bylaws we the VAHEA will provide for his travel expenses.

The next meeting will be held 8 June 2014 at 1300hrs.

There being no further business to come before this Board the President entertained a motion for adjournment and the meeting adjourned at 1545hrs.

Submitted

Edgar M. Crebbs, Secretary