

Virginia Hunter Education Association (VHEA) Board Meeting Minutes 20 September 2013

Board Members present: Region 1; Mike Norkus, Region 2; Spud Almond, Region 5; Jesse Ebron, Region 3; Tim Cantrell. Officers present: President, Vernie Kennedy, Treasurer, Wade White.

Board Members absent: Jason Miller. Other Officers not present: Secretary, Ed Crebbs

VHEA Board Meeting was called to order by the Association President Vernie Kennedy.

Wade White gave the Treasurers report and gave a report on membership.

Account – Checking balance as of 09/19/2013-	\$12,686.52
Bedford County Youth Hunts	\$0
John Dunne’s Crossbow Hunt	\$1027.86
Rob Zepp’s Wounded Warrior Turkey Hunt	\$0
HEC	\$0
HSW	\$0
Bedford Co. HE- Milan Ashbrenner Memorial	\$171.07
Total allocated funds	\$1198.93
General Fund	\$11,487.59
Unpaid Bills-	\$0
Petty Cash	\$175.00

Overall membership is down from this same time last year.

Old Business:

- Vernie is still working on getting the Full Certificates for Life Members; he has requested the list twice from the Secretary. He needs the list to send to the Richmond Office for printing of the new plastic membership cards.
- Wendy Hyde has taken over as caretaker of the VHEA web site and is completely revising and updating the site.
 - Jesse Ebron wanted to know the procedures for being able to post information to the web site.
 - After discussion:
 - It was determined the Board could appoint someone to establish procedures for posting to the web site (The Board still needs to appoint someone to establish a written procedure).
 - How long can something be posted on the site?

- The Board can approve via email for items to be posted to the web site.
- Wade reminded the Board if they had any events in their Regions they could send him pictures and an article and he would post it on the VHEA Facebook page.
 - Wade will send Wendy a reminder to post in the VHEA Quarterly that we have a Facebook page and we can post information about our events to it.

New Business:

- Region 3, Mike Cantrell brought to the attention of the Board a request for a donation to help the family of Hunter Ed Instructors (Mom, Dad and Step-Grandmother) with a donation of \$500 to help the family with expenses due to their daughter diagnosis of cancer. The Board approved the donation.
 - It was discussed by the Board to develop guidelines/procedures for request of future donations. Spud Almond and Mike Cantrell will develop these guidelines.
- Vernie read a card from Carter Lewis. The card was in appreciation for everything the Association has done for Carter and his family during their time of need.
- Region 2, Vernie announced the dates for the DGIF sponsored Youth Hunts in Bedford County will be the 9th and 23rd of November.
- Region 5, Jesse Ebron recommended for future elections that candidate's names and biography/qualifications be sent out earlier to the general membership for their review.
 - It was brought up again about changing the voting for elections from Friday night to Saturday night. This is unfinished business and needs to be completed by the Board.
 - Jesse brought up the possibility of purchasing a building for storage for HEA (Hunter Skills Weekend, etc) events and locating it at a Holiday Lake 4-H Center. Permission has been granted by the Camp Director (Bryan). A motion was made and seconded to research various building sizes, with and without flooring and prices for consideration. Spud and Jesse were going to check on this information.
- Region 1, Mike Norkus announced the New Kent Forestry Center Youth Hunt will be held the 23rd of November. Mark Wenger will be the Hunt Master this year.
- Vernie addressed representation of the VHEA with other outside agencies and cautioned about who and how represents the VHEA to those agencies. He also stated that Lee Walker wanted to address the Officers and Board members to discuss the VHEA relationship with the DGIF.
- The purchase of one VHEA Desktop Display for each Region was discussed. Vernie will research the price of the boards.
- Reba Cartright a member of the VHEA approached Vernie and went to David Dodson about a large plaque being placed at Holiday Lake listing all who receive the 5000 hour award. David said he could pay for that and would have the plaque ordered.
- Mike Cantrell made a formal nomination of Hank Tomlinson for Vice President of the VHEA.

A motion was made by Spud Almond to close the meeting and seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Mike Norkus