

Sportsman's Alliance of Maine  
Board meeting  
August 14, 2013  
L.L. Bean Conference Center

Members in attendance: Paul Davis, Dale Crafts, Jeff Zimba, Cheryl Timberlake, Steve Michaud, Erik Hart, Thom Watson, Cathy DeMerchant, Butch Moore, Gerry Lavigne

On Phone: Nick Archer

Administration in attendance: Becky and David

Executive Director's Report:

- Corporate update: waiting to hear back from CMP; Windham Weaponry considering putting guns in Cabela's stores, if people sign us as SAM members they will get a raffle ticket.
- David is searching out gun shows for Jeff to attend – one in Augusta and one in Bangor
  
- We will be having a free booth at the Windsor fair – offered to us by the Windsor Historical Society
  
- Sidney land – the language reads as follows:
  - Resolved: That the corporation sell its real estate on Eight Rod Rangeway in Sidney to the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, Inc. for \$25,000.00 and that the Executive Director, David Trahan be authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to close such sale.  
Motion by Thom to move resolution; second by Erik – Unanimous approval.

Motions to accept the minutes – move to accept by Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's report – motion to accept by Thom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy. Unanimous approval.

Zimba Contract –

- Moved and accepted by Thom pending an interm date on September 22<sup>nd</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy.
  - Vote: 9 in favor, 1 absent, 1 abstaining, 1 oppose

Membership sub-committee –

- Volunteers: Erik, Dale, Butch( conference call), Jeff – September 5<sup>th</sup> – 1pm.

Bear referendum

- Set up PAC, set up phone number, coalition (appeared in SAM News) money has started to come in. VT group committed \$10,000, Don Kleiner to pick it up. Trappers committed \$5,000, goal is raise \$50,000 in 30 days, hire manager to get polling starting.
- Steering group – USSA, Safari club, MPGA, Trappers & SAM
- Time table – contribution from SAM – MPGA & Trappers, Dick Dyke, Safari Club – where does SAM Fall in – office space, phone, in-kind stuff. District 4 (which we partner with) host a fundraiser for the bear campaign – raise \$20/\$30,000 for the fund raiser – early October.
- Jeff – Ted Nugent – to spread the word on a national level – we may see extra help from him.
- David – going to Safari club at Saturday to speak out bear referendum.
- Board to review rfp's at the next board meeting – Cheryl to help David to create score sheet –
- Cheryl – define the criteria to make it a successful effort.

- Campaign manager, PR group – David needs guidance.
  - Direction – 1. David’s role – separate from the referendum
  - Direction - 2. Keep track of SAM’s time for in-kind contributions towards the referendum
- Ask ussa what words are hotbeds to not use in the language.
- Direction from board – choose a firm and have them do a polling then pick a campaign manager.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pac – Open new ballot committee account
  - Motion by Paul to open ballot committee PAC account, 2<sup>nd</sup> Erik – Unanimous vote.

State of Maine Sportsman’s Show

Nick to chair SMSS review board.

Personnel Manual - work in progress – target personnel policy for the October meeting

Banquet/ Annual meeting – by the next board meeting – sell your tickets

Motion to adjourn by Erik at 6:30pm.