

December 11th Board meeting at Albert Hallers Home

The meeting started at 1:00 pm with the attendance of Greg Mills, Phil Johnson, Dan Painter, Cliff Shipley, and Albert Haller. The first item on the agenda was the selection of two new board members to replace Dan Hardin and Dan Chisholm. The board members nominated were Steve Neimberg and Cavan Sullivan. Albert made a motion for both and seconded by Cliff. All ayes. Greg reported that the livestock commission meeting that was scheduled was postponed until further notice. Greg was to call Dr. Ernst to find out how soon it will be re scheduled. Albert suggested if Cliff could not be at the meeting, we need a representative there.

Top 30 discussion Albert said he had talked to Kevin Grace and said we could get a booth at a discounted rate. Albert also discussed with Kevin about the possibility of doing a fundraiser during the Top 30. He said Kevin would support us on it. He wanted 12-15 good lots and do a silent auction for them at our booth with 2-3 lots at the live auction Thursday night. Cliff suggested it was a little late but we should go ahead and pursue this. The committee for the fundraiser will be Albert Haller, Dan Painter, Steve Neimberg, and Jeremy Walters. It was decided to have a discussion on next years annual meeting at a later date. Greg had a letter from the Illinois Farm Bureau inviting someone to represent the ILDFA at a legislative roundtable discussion. Our topics chosen were CWD national rules, TB blood test, uniform brucellosis rules and interstate transportation.

Open Discussion Dan Painter brought up whether we should have a booth at the NADeFA conference. It was decided to table the discussion until after the Top 30.

It was discussed using CWD program list provided by the Dept. of Ag to try to solicit new members. Albert said he has been trying work on ideas to bridge the gap between “fair chase hunters” and deer farmers and the high fence industry.

Dan Painter said he was contacted by Henry Martin of BF Products about starting a disabled veterans hunt. Meeting was adjourned.