

MINUTES – ANNUAL MEETING / FUNDRAISER
September 20, 2008

ELECTION – BOARD MEMEBERS/SECRETARY

The floor was opened for nominations for a new secretary. Doug Marsh nominated Candy Parrish, the nomination was second. Candy Parrish is now the new secretary for the Association.

The following were nominated for board members:

Kevin Sullivan (nominated by Dan Harden)
Dan Harden (nominated by Doug Marsh)
Jeremy Walters (nominated by Doug Marsh)
Dan Chisholm (nominated by Phil Johnson)

Doug Marsh closed the nominations and Dan second the motion. There was a discussion of the candidates. The candidates were voted on, which resulted in the new board members being Dan Harden, Dan Chisholm and Jeremy Walters.

Dr. SHIPLEY

Dr. Shipley discussed CWD issues. CWD is present in wild deer in Northern Illinois. ILDFA to promote working with government to establish regulations for CWD issues, such as double fencing, movement from CWD endemic areas, national rules.

Kentucky is under Depart of Ag for health issues, the remainder is under DNR. It was mentioned that someone needs to go to Springfield and discuss regulations with the Director of Ag & State Vet.

VENISON INSPECTION & SALES

All vets can do meat inspections. The federal rule indemnity is \$3,000/head. Everyone must know and understand the state's response plan.

CAROLYN LAUGHLIN – PRESIDENT NADeFA

Carolyn spoke about what NADeFA has currently been working on to help deer farmers. NADeFA hired Capital Hills Consulting Group, which is made up of people such as Bill Brewster, Jack Victory and Amanda Hill, all who have background in some way to hunting, politics and

administrative trades. They are in constant contact with congress to promote and protect NADeFA's interests and help monitor important NADeFA's membership. Capital Hills Consulting Group helps with legislative language and talking points. There was a spring trip in Washington DC for education on the cervid farming industry. During this trip they met with congressman.

Accomplishments of the discussion include:

- Deer classified as livestock for disaster aid
- Encourage USDA to stop importation of elk from Canada
- Economic impact study – farmed deer
- Support of re-establishing interstate shipment of meat
- Establish ties with other organizations (NRA, Safari Club International, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation)
- 2008 Farm Bill
 - EHD & Blue Tongue
 - NADeFA deer genome
 - CWD Rule
- Letter writing campaign
- Publish supplemental rule

JOHN PENNOCK, JDL LONGHORN, INC – FACILITY LAYOUT

John shared samples of layouts that work best and those that need to be revamped. The main point was that if you have the most efficient layout this would make it easier to handle the animals, which means less stress and better conception rates. Keep the facilities as simple as possible, but efficient. John also reminded everyone about putting safety as number one, not only for the animals but for the people involved in the everyday of their farms/operations.