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That's a Lot of Turkeys!

## From The President

### It Could Be a Lot Worse

*by Lee Asbury*

Now and then complaints are made about something at Royal Blue WMA.

The complaints range from something management has done or said to something the agency in Nashville has done or said.

Whatever complaints or problems come along we can discuss them and try to deal with them and we always do what we can.

Now and then we need to think what a wonderful thing it is for Royal Blue WMA to be here to complain about.

It could very easily have been fractured

into small tracts with gates and "No Trespassing" signs everywhere.

A week never goes by that someone, who lives away from here, doesn't take the time to remind me just how lucky we are to have the lakes, rivers, creeks and mountains all in our backyard and that we are allowed to use them.

Complain if you need to, try to change what you don't like, look for ways to make things better, but don't forget to be thankful for what we have and how blessed we really are.

### CORA

The Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association (CORA) is a group of hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts dedicated to keeping lands open and available to the public for multiple use outdoor activities.

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CORA's guiding principles include:

- desire to do what is right and fair in the long-term for the public at large,
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- acceptance of reasonable regulation.

If you have similar interests, annual membership dues are \$10.00. Meetings are open to the public and are held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm, at the Campbell County Courthouse. Everyone is encouraged to attend and get involved. If you can't join us at the next meeting, but have questions or need additional information call Lee Asbury at 423-562-5886, Harry Burden at 423-562-2171 or Terry Lewis at 865-584-1825.

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# My Perspective of Things

by Terry Lewis, CORA Secretary

Serving as the newsletter editor since April 1993 has given me many opportunities to voice my opinion of the current issues, although I have usually reserved that space for others. But today I feel compelled to establish my perspective of the current issues before us, since I was chosen by this board of directors to serve as its Secretary and also selected to voice CORA's position in Nashville at the last three Tennessee Conservation League's Summit Leadership Conferences. I have carried your opinions to the TCL and to the

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commissioners and to the top officials within the Wildlife Agency. These meetings have allowed me to privately discuss CORA's concerns on issues directly with Director Myers and the individual Commissioners as well as officials from the governor's offices. I feel as if I understand the complexities of some of these difficult issues more than most.

When the Elk restoration program needed someone from the grass roots public to make a formal request to the

TWRA Commissioners in August of 2000, I was chosen to carry this very important CORA resolution to the Commission. I stood proudly before that panel of powerful men and women as I read aloud for the entire room to hear the CORA resolution officially requesting the TWRA return the ELK to these native lands from where they have been missing for more than 150 years. I would like to thank this board for allowing me to be the spokesperson for such an important moment in time.

Spending so much time in Nashville dealing with current issues like the Elk program and now the hot potato "Off Highway Vehicles" has given me quite an education about the inner workings of the TWRA and TCL. This past April 13, I was elected to the Tennessee Conservation League's Policy Advisory Committee (CPAC) to serve for a term of three years. I will carry CORA's message to this new position as well as my own opinions about the current issues. As board members, you must make your opinions known to me. Without a clear understanding of your position on an issue, I cannot fully represent your desires. Rest assured I have my own opinion, but when I represent CORA I set my personal opinions aside. I am very comfortable expressing CORA's position on the issues. But again it is CORA's board of directors' job to make sure I fully understand the opinions of this group.

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The current challenge before us is the OHV issues. We have worked with this issue since the beginning of the Royal Blue WMA. When it became obvious that a roads and trails map was necessary and the new area manager did not understand the hundreds of trails and road systems, I decided CORA should attempt to produce an accurate map, if possible. I went to the map store and purchased the four topo quads and several colored markers with my own money. I then lobbied the CORA board of directors to select ten knowledgeable members to help determine which roads and trails CORA should request to remain open year round, which trails should be closed and which trails we had no opinion about. That group of CORA members plotted and updated the many trails not found on the topo maps. Then, through a color coded system CORA provided TWRA with a detailed map which included many of the hidden trails. That piece of map work was adopted by the managers of the Royal Blue WMA. That map remains the most accurate representation of the area available today.

This roads and trails issue has been the single most problematic issue for the group. The idea that CORA should have some control over the roads and trails systems is a popular concept within the CORA membership. The control of the opening and closing of specific roads and trails has caused more grief between the TWRA's area management and the CORA board members than any other single issue. Management by popular vote is the very reason the TWRA is insulated politically from the normal

workings with the governor's office. The concept of management by popular vote is not the way TWRA has educated its WMA managers. When the management plan calls for a road or trail to be open or closed it should be the area manager who makes that call, not by a popular vote from a group of local users.

Consider that Royal Blue has 17 major entrances and 55 minor entrances with more than 800 miles of trails. Mix in about 300 new users each weekend running up and down the trails and one can soon see the potential problems with so many users and out-of-state users who are just here to use our land and go home when they are finished.

It's no great secret that the area's trails system is being taxed to the max. The influx of new users is increasing at a staggering rate. Just ten short years ago, users were mainly CORA members and local folks. The trails were used but did not suffer too much abuse. Today, the abuse of the trail system is extreme. Damage to the trails and to the environment, mostly through runoff into the streams and creeks is a major crisis. It is only a matter of time before someone from the water quality control or the TDEC begins to investigate the damages. Things could then change quickly, forever.

On Thursday, May 31, the TWRC voted to charge a tax on the users of the RBWMA and anyone who uses the land, including local users like you and me, and starting now we will each have to pay a users' fee of \$50.00 a year or \$10.00 a day to use the trail system. "Times, they are a changing," and now is the time for CORA to realize that the control of the

roads and trails must be placed in the hands of the area manager and his staff. I'm sure many of you will not be very happy with my opinion on this issue. But I feel the need for a roads and trails committee is a thing of the past. We must realize the total scope of the issue and move to negotiate into a position of oversight. If the area manager closes a road or trail it should be for a good cause. If we do not recognize the reason for the closure, we should ask the manager for an explanation. We probably cannot change anything, but maybe we will at least learn the justification for the closure and get to voice our opinions. I think we have served as a valuable asset to the public in the roads and trails committee. I also believe we have outlived our ability to be of service in this area of management. Let's let the professionals do their job.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you who have trusted me to represent CORA's board of directors. It has taken a massive amount of time and effort, but it has resulted in major sense of accomplishment and pride. I have never been prouder to have served an organization. This is a group of great citizens who are truly the founding father's of the Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area.

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# CORA Minutes

## CORA MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2001

The board meeting commenced at 7:05 pm at the Campbell County Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

**Invocation** by Jim Shetterly

**The Board's Roll Call and**

**September Minutes** were read and approved.

**Absent:** Bill Bruce, Hubert Rollins

**Excused Absent:**

**September Treasury Reports** were read by Treasurer Ray Wilson; those reports were approved as read.

**Committee Reports:**

**Publicity** Chairman Mike McAfee:

Submit announcement for the Pig Roast which is to be sent to the local newspaper.

**Activities** Chairman Bill Bruce: Leonard Hooks discussed tables and chairs and ordering the meat and miscellaneous items.

**Newsletter** Chairman Terry Lewis:

Lewis asked for articles and items for the next edition of the newsletter in October.

**Newsletter Distribution and**

**Advertising** Chairman Perry Vinsant: No Report.

**Roads and Trails** Chairman Ted Fields: No Report.

**Membership** Chairman Robert

Burden: No Report.

**Review Old Business:**

**New Business:** Lee discussed the idea of an Elk program like a fair, he said Mike Butler's idea was to organize different groups to put on the program. Lewis discussed his trip to Kentucky to view the Elk. Lee indicated that he would ask Mr. Butler to attend our next meeting for a group discussion. Officer Akins spoke about sending a letter to many of the different local special interest groups to attend our next meeting.

Ray Wilson spoke about asking TWRA to stock trout in Montgomery Creek. A short discussion was had about if the stream would support trout. Other creeks were also discussed with input from TWRA's Fred Jordan and Officer Akins. Ray made a motion for CORA to recommend trout restocking in the following creeks; Cove Creek, Montgomery Creek, Buffalo Creek in

Scott Co. This motion was seconded by Don Dilbeck, the vote carried.

Officer Akins said they had lost another cow Elk for an auto accident on HWY 63. Akins reported a big bull Elk is showing up in Elk Valley near the mouth of Lick Fork in the Big Bottoms.

President Asbury discussed the Champion Land getting into TWRA hands, a short discussion of the local group involved that might have input in a program of Timber presale and if CORA would want to attend any of the other groups' meetings to discuss cooperation of all of the groups. Ray and Lee discussed the taxes paid to Campbell County on the Champion property and the possible loss of the tax income for the county.

Meeting dismissed at 8:15 pm.

## CORA MINUTES OF NOV. 6, 2001

The board meeting commenced at 7:05 pm at the Campbell County Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

**Invocation** by Jim Shetterly

**The Board's Roll Call and October Minutes** were read and approved.

**Absent:** Bill Bruce, Hubert Rollins

**Excused Absent:**

**October Treasury Reports** were read by Treasurer Ray Wilson; those reports were approved as read. Ray was instructed by the board to pay the outstanding invoices due for the pig roast.

**Committee Reports:**

**Publicity** Chairman Mike McAfee: No Report.

**Activities** Chairman Bill Bruce: No Report.

**Newsletter** Chairman Terry Lewis: Lewis indicated the Newsletter should be available at the December meeting.

**Newsletter Distribution and Advertising** Chairman Perry Vinsant: No Report.

**Roads and Trails** Chairman Ted Fields: No Report.

**Membership** Chairman Robert Burden: No Report.

**Review Old Business:**

**New Business:** President Asbury read a CORA resolution statement on reopening the Norris Dam's Cove Creek State Park and the Indian Mountain State Park.

Special Guest Mr. Michael Butler and Mr. Ralph Jordan with the Tennessee Conservation League were present tonight. Butler discussed the upcoming TCL Summit Meeting to be held on December 13 in Nashville at the TCL offices. The purpose of the Summit is to discuss the TWRA's plans and funding issues for the next three to five years. CORA plans to send a representative to the meeting to relay CORA's position on those issues.

Butler also discussed the idea of holding an Elk festival in the spring. A discussion of sponsors and location were had. Ideas about approaching the county's leadership to help put the program together were also discussed. Ray Wilson indicated that CORA should talk among the board members about CORA's interest in this program. President Asbury said we would discuss the issue and get back with Mr. Butler. Butler said he had spoken with Larry Marcum about TWRA providing public viewing opportunities on the WMA.

Mr. Ralph Jordan discussed the TCL's policy board. Mr. Jordan is available to attend CORA meetings and to represent to the TCL board the CORA board members' positions on the issues as a group.

Other issues discussed by the TCL and CORA board members were the Tennessee Young Sportsman program which is an outreach program that would appeal to the local young children to teach them how to enjoy the outdoors. A short discussion about the Tennessee Deer Registry program backed by the TCL was also held.

The CORA meeting was also attended by TWRA's Officer Dan Hicks who gave report about the Elk program. Officer Hicks reported that 16 Elk have been

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lost. Fourteen dropped collars were found. During the latest tracking TWRA has located 56 of the Elk. Two of the Elk are located in Catoosa, and that is the farthest they have roamed. Hicks reported TWRA intends to use heat detection devices from airplanes to locate some of the Elk not collared later this month.

Officer Hicks said the Elk are using the release site very well at this time. Hicks also indicated that TWRA plans a supplemental feeding program for the Elk using Alfalfa hay to help them through the stressful winter period. Hicks indicated TWRA is looking at stocking a possible 100 additional Elk this winter and are holding meetings with UT to plan the next release in January or February.

President Asbury discussed the additional South Cumberland land purchase proposed by TWRA. CORA and RMEF have been asked to help raise approximately one million dollars to help in the funding of the purchase. A short discussion was had about ideas in the request. Asbury also discussed the tax problems Campbell County would face if the land becomes public. A discussion about raising the funds to pay the taxes on the property each year was had.

Meeting dismissed at 8:25 pm.

#### CORA MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2001

The board meeting commenced at 7:10 pm at the Campbell County Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

**Invocation** by Jim Shetterly

**The Board's Roll Call and November Minutes** were read and approved.

**Absent:** Ray Ivey, Perry Vinsant and Galen Wiseman.

**Excused Absent:**

**November Treasury Reports** were read by Treasurer Ray Wilson; those reports were approved as read.

**Committee Reports:**

**Publicity** Chairman Mike McAfee: No report.

**Activities** Chairman Bill Bruce: Bill discussed the idea of planting some lespedeza in the spring for the quail and

other birds. Bill said he would prefer the lespedeza, as it is a perennial.

**Newsletter** Chairman Terry Lewis: No Report.

**Newsletter Distribution and Advertising** Chairman Perry Vinsant: No Report.

**Roads and Trails** Chairman Ted Fields: Ted says Stan is closing some roads and restricting access to some areas again. Several members complained they have encountered many blocked roads. A discussion followed with Ray Wilson saying the trails committee should check into the closed roads that are not consistent with the agreement and the marked map. It was agreed that after the committee checked into the road closings, CORA will request TWRA's explanation as to why those roads in question are blocked.

**Membership** Chairman Robert Burden: No Report.

**Review Old Business:** The CORA board of directors changed the regular January 2002 meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in January, that being on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

CORA has been requested to attend a Summit Meeting being held by the Tennessee Conversation League in Nashville in December. The purpose of the meeting is to allow groups from across the state to voice their ideas to TWRA as to the direction the sportsman of the State would like TWRA to proceed. Three, five and seven year goals will be discussed along with other ideas that need attention.

A discussion of who will attend the Tennessee Conservation League meeting on December 13, 2001. President Asbury asked Ray Wilson if he could go to the meeting. Ray indicated he would like for Terry Lewis to represent CORA at the meeting. Asbury then asked Lewis if he could go to the meeting in Nashville. Lewis agreed to attend the Summit Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. President Asbury then read the board's recommended three, five and seven year goals CORA would like to see TWRA management consider at the Summit Meeting.

Don Dilbeck made a motion for CORA to pay Lewis for his expenses for the trip to Nashville. Asbury seconded the motion and the vote passed.

President Asbury spoke about Ellis Bullock who is in bad condition health-wise. A benefit for Bullock will be held on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for Bullock. Donations will be accepted and several CORA members donated money for Bullock.

Asbury discussed the offer of 12 million by Rex Boner to purchase the land from International Paper Co. Lee indicated Rex Boner had been outbid by another firm and the price is around 14 million now. Approximately ten million dollars has been raised and another four million is still needed. It is still unclear where the additional funds might come from to help with the purchase. Lee asked if anyone had any suggestions as to how to help raise the additional funding.

The REMF gun raffle is to be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Sports Shop to support the newly formed local chapter named the Upper Cumberland Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The Elk festival to be held sometime this spring came into question. Asbury said CORA should raise the question at the gun raffle to check out the local interest in a festival. CORA will ask around to check interest.

The National Wild Turkey Foundation has started a new local chapter and a banquet will be held on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at Hacks Party Barn. A gun raffle and prizes will be available.

#### New Business:

Meeting dismissed at 8:20 pm.

#### CORA MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2002

The board meeting commenced at 7:15 pm at the Campbell County Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

**Invocation** by Jim Shetterly

**The Board's Roll Call and December Minutes** were read and approved.

**Absent:**

**Excused Absent:**

**December Treasury Reports** were read by Treasurer Ray Wilson; those reports were approved as read.

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**Committee Reports:**

**Publicity** Chairman Mike McAfee: No Report.

**Activities** Chairman Bill Bruce: No Report.

**Newsletter** Chairman Terry Lewis: No Report.

**Newsletter Distribution and Advertising** Chairman Perry Vinsant: No Report.

**Roads and Trails** Chairman Ted Fields: No Report.

**Membership** Chairman Robert Burden: No Report.

**Review Old Business:** President Asbury asked Terry Lewis to give a report on the Tennessee Conservation League meeting he attended in Nashville on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Lewis reported that the meeting appeared to be a large success as approximately 30 leaders from different sportsmen's groups were invited to the first Summit meeting. Mr. Gary Myers from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency was a guest speaker discussing many things including the proposed purchase of the two tracts of land including the 81,000 acres of Champion Lands currently owned by

International Paper Company. Mr. Allen Gepheart was also a guest speaker covering the financial requirements and current TWRA budgets. Also discussed were license increases for hunting and fishing. Wetland funds and legal discussions about the use of wetland funds for upland purchases. Also discussed were other funding issues for the agency.

Lewis read many sections of a report issued by the TCL covering the Summit Meeting. Another Summit Meeting is to be held to review these and other issues facing the Tennessee Sportsmen on January 28<sup>th</sup>, also in Nashville. Lewis was asked to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Summit Meeting and to report his findings to the group.

A lengthy discussion on the TCL Summit Meeting was had by many board members and questions and debates were had on issues like license increases, land purchases and many other issues were discussed at length.

President Asbury discussed going to Elk Island to get more Elk this year. Lee had reserved two spots to go along with the TWRA to get the Elk. It was decided that Leonard Hooks would go first, and Scott Lee would be on the second trip to Elk

Island with Terry Lewis going if one of the others could not go for some reason. Those who want to go to help must qualify with the requirements of TWRA. A clean driver's license is a must. A motion was made to allow Leonard Hooks, Scott Lee and Terry Lewis to go if they qualified, motion carried.

Lee read a card of thanks from the Bullock Benefit fund thanking CORA for all their help in raising over \$6,400.00

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's newest chapter, the Upper Cumberland Chapter of the RMEF, held their gun raffle at the Sports Shop and the winners were: Jerry Crutchfield, 1<sup>st</sup> place, with a new Remington 7mm mag. Rifle; Bill Walden placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with a new Remington 870 shotgun, and Mr. Fred Jordan was the lucky number three, winning a new Ruger 22 rifle. The proceeds went to the RMEF to help in the funding of the Elk Program.

Lee indicated that CORA must have been doing a good job because we have six or seven new members joining from

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out of state. Lee said they must have been finding out about CORA from the Newsletter.

**New Business:**

Meeting dismissed at 8:20 pm.

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**CORA MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2002**

The board meeting commenced at 7:15 pm at the Campbell County Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

**Invocation** by Don Dilbeck.

**The Board's Roll Call and January Minutes** were read and approved.

**Absent:** Jim Shetterly, Perry Vinsant

**Excused Absent:**

**January Treasury Reports** were read by Treasurer Ray Wilson; those reports were approved as read.

**Committee Reports:**

**Publicity** Chairman Mike McAfee: No Report.

**Activities** Chairman Bill Bruce: Bill discussed spring planting requirements and asked TWRA's Fred Jordan about seed. Fred indicated it would be March before TWRA would receive any type of seed.

**Newsletter** Chairman Terry Lewis: Lewis asked if anyone had any articles for the next issue of the newsletter. Lewis asked President Asbury for the President's column.

**Newsletter Distribution and Advertising** Chairman Perry Vinsant: No Report.

**Roads and Trails** Chairman Ted Fields: No Report.

**Membership** Chairman Robert Burden: No Report.

**Review Old Business:** Ray Wilson reported he wanted to submit a copy of the Elk release tape produced by TWRA to the local TV station to run the tape several times. Everyone agreed that it would be a great idea and for Ray to proceed.

President Asbury discussed the many bills before the legislature for the sportsman of Tennessee. Of those bills the OHV program is the most critical issue. President Asbury asked Secretary Lewis to explain the issues on the table at

this time and the impact of those issues. Lewis explained the OHV bills as it stands and answered many questions, a discussion was had by many.

President Asbury took a poll of the board members to see who rides and hunts from ATV's. The results of the poll were: all but one member rides and hunts. Asbury asked the board members what position the group is going to take towards this issue. A very large discussion was had on the multiple use concepts.

President Asbury held another discussion concerning the amount of taxation through registration fees to OHV owners. The amount of registration in the current bill before the house committee being discussed is as follows:

For machine values up to \$1500.00 the fee is \$25.00

For machine values up to \$2500.00 the fee is \$50.00

For machine values over \$2500.00, the fee is \$75.00

The board members felt that the fees were higher than they would like to see.

President Asbury outlined CORA's position of multiple uses and a small discussion was had.

President Asbury discussed the Tacket Creek sale to the Bagley Brothers Timber Company. Lee indicated we should be worried over the sale as the property will probably be timbered and then broken down into small tracts and sold to many different individuals. Lee did not know if anything could be done about the future of the property.

**New Business:** Galen Wiseman discussed his contract with the University of Tennessee on food plots. Wiseman indicated that UT would send the biologist to our CORA meeting in the near future to discuss these issues.

President Asbury discussed a new program with the Soil Conservation Service designed to help the landowner plant and protect streamsidess. This program also provides help in the fencing of cattle to prevent them from getting in the streams and to help improve areas adjacent to creeks.

Treasurer Ray Wilson discussed the upcoming Elk release to be held on

February 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Secretary Lewis asked TWRA's Fred Jordan if CORA members were invited to attend the release. Fred indicated that CORA and the public could attend this release, but everyone needed to be prepared to walk from 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile due to road conditions. Fred also indicated that Secretary Lewis needed to apply for a passport so he can accompany the Elk team when they travel to Alberta next year.

Meeting dismissed at 8:45 pm.

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**CORA MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2002**

The board meeting commenced at 7:15 pm at the Campbell County Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

**Invocation** by Don Dilbeck.

**The Board's Roll Call and February Minutes** were read and approved.

**Absent:** Harry Burden, Perry Vinsant, Gale Wiseman.

**Excused Absent:**

**February Treasury Reports** were read by Treasurer Ray Wilson; those reports were approved as read.

**Committee Reports:**

**Publicity** Chairman Mike McAfee: Mike presented his finding on the study of an Internet Web site for CORA. The discussion that followed covered the cost and maintenance for the proposed web site. Mike said Computer Concepts, a local internet website hosting company, had offered to donate the hosting for CORA at no cost. That would be a donation amounting to approximately \$600.00 per year. The cost for the proposed website is approximately \$500.00 for set up, \$55.00 to \$110.00 per month for maintenance and a considerable amount of someone's time to answer questions generated by the information available from the Web site. A discussion concerning the Domain Names available and CORA OUTDOORS was the proposed name that could be used. A discussion centered on the type of information and whom CORA would like to reach. The board agreed to table this proposal for further discussion.

**Activities** Chairman Bill Bruce: Bill discussed spring planting requirements

and asked TWRA's Danny Akins about seed availability. Mr. Akins reported he had ten bags of Lespedeza with him out in his truck for distribution. If anyone was interested in the seed they were to see him after the meeting.

**Newsletter** Chairman Terry Lewis: Lewis asked if anyone had any articles for the next issue of the newsletter. Lewis asked President Asbury for the President's column.

**Newsletter Distribution and Advertising** Chairman Perry Vinsant: No Report.

**Roads and Trails** Chairman Ted Fields: No Report.

**Membership** Chairman Robert Burden: No Report.

**Review Old Business:** Secretary Lewis passed out a list of questions concerning the future direction for CORA. The questions were of the nature to generate thought from the board members about issues CORA will face as we go into the future. President Asbury stated some of the questions were difficult, but thought provoking. Lee directed the board members to read and review the list of issues provided by Secretary Lewis and a more detailed discussion will continue in the near future.

A discussion was held by President Asbury concerning the acquisition of the 80,000 acres of IPA property. Lee indicated the Anderson County Commissioners were to hold a public meeting next week to influence the sale to a private interest group. Lee stated several conservation groups have joined together and want to purchase the natural resources like the coal, gas, oil and timber. TWRA would like to join the purchase and would own the surface rights like the recreation for camping, hunting and fishing and other types of multiple uses. Lee asked that anyone from Anderson County that could go and speak on the behalf of the TWRA purchase should make it a point to attend this important meeting. Lee said he would go to the meeting, but did not intend to speak publicly as he lives in Claiborne County not Anderson County.

Hubert Rollins distributed many gunlocks provided by the National

Shooting Sports Foundation to CORA board members that wanted one.

**New Business:** The Third Tennessee Sportsman's Leadership Summit Meeting will be held April 12 through the 14<sup>th</sup> in Nashville and has requested that CORA send their representative to the meeting.

Meeting dismissed 8:45 pm.

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### CORA MINUTES OF April 2, 2002

The board meeting commenced at 7:15 pm at the Campbell County Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

**Invocation** by Jim Shetterly  
**The Board's Roll Call and March minutes** read and approved.

**Absent:** Bill Bruce, Hubert Rollins  
**Excused Absent:**

**March Financial Reports** were read by Treasurer Ray Wilson; those reports were approved as read.

**Committee Reports:** There were no Committee Reports this Month.

**Publicity** Chairman Mike McAfee: No Report.

**Activities** Chairman Bill Bruce: No Report.

**Newsletter** Chairman Terry Lewis: No Report.

**Newsletter Distribution and Advertising** Chairman Perry Vinsant: No Report.

**Roads and Trails** Chairman Ted Fields: No Report.

**Membership** Chairman Robert Burden: No Report.

**Review Old Business:** Presentation by Mr. Craig Harper Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries at the University of Tennessee. Mr. Harper presented the Philosophy of food plots and the establishment requirements and the maintenance of the specific types of food plots. Mr. Harper used a color slide show to illustrate the different food plots and explained the purpose and value of establishing food plots for the types of wildlife in our area. Many questions were answered by Mr. Harper about specific weed control products, chemicals for pre-emergence and post-emergence food plots, planting schedules, and the rates for specific seeding. This very educational program lasted approximately one hour and thirty minutes.

TWRA Officer Danny Akins reported that the Elk are doing well. None of the newest released Elk have been lost and they have joined the current herd. Additionally, Officer Akins stated nothing new has transpired on the 80,000 acre purchase of the Champion Timber Company property currently owned by International Paper Company.

**New Business:** The Third Tennessee Sportsman's Leadership Summit Meeting is to be held April 12 through the 14<sup>th</sup> in Nashville at the Marriott Conference Center Complex and is to be attended by CORA's appointed Summit delegate Secretary Lewis.

Meeting Dismissed at 8:45 pm.

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### CORA MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2002

The board meeting commenced at 7:05 pm at the Campbell County Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

**Invocation** by Harry Burden.  
**The Board's Roll Call and April Minutes** were read and approved.

**Absent:** Ray Ivey, Jim Shetterly, Perry Vinsant

**Excused Absent:**  
**April Treasury Reports** were read by Treasurer Ray Wilson; those reports were approved as read.

**Committee Reports:**  
**Publicity** Chairman Mike McAfee: No Report.

**Activities** Chairman Bill Bruce: Bill reported he had sown three lespedeza and clover plots. Bill indicated he was ready to plant six more plots and TWRA's Officer Akins was looking for some Milo seed. Bill said many people are reporting hearing the quail calling on their properties as a result of Bill's efforts.

**Newsletter** Chairman Terry Lewis: No Report.

**Newsletter Distribution and Advertising** Chairman Perry Vinsant: Treasurer Ray Wilson reviewed the newsletter accounts receivable and a discussion was had among board members as to who was best able to collect the outstanding balances.

**Roads and Trails** Chairman Ted Fields: No Report.

**Membership** Chairman Robert



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Burden: Robert reported he should have something for the group at the next meeting.

**Review Old Business:** Terry Lewis gave a report on his attendance at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit Meeting held in Nashville by the Tennessee Conservation League.

Lewis also provided the board members with a report on the current OHV law and the status of the bill before the commissioners.

President Asbury held a discussion on the Champion Purchase and the meeting he had attended. Lee indicated that the proposal had experienced some difficulties with some landowners and with some tenants living on the property.

Mr. David Maples with the Tennessee Department of Forestry attended this meeting and advised the board that certification had expired on the CORA members who had volunteered to be fire fighters in case of a major fire breaking out here in Campbell County. Mr. Maples indicated he had enough equipment to outfit up to ten volunteers. Maples said the re-certification training should take approximately four hours. A motion was made to start the training at 6:00 pm in Lee's office and for the training to stop at 7:00 pm to allow the normal CORA meeting schedule and at the conclusion of the CORA meeting the training is to resume and last until it is completed. Terry Lewis is to contact Mr. Ted Daily supervisor for the Tennessee Forestry Department to discuss the storage of the equipment provided by the forestry department.

**New Business:**

Meeting dismissed at 8:05 pm.

**CORA MINUTES OF June 4, 2002**

The board meeting commenced at 7:05 pm at the Campbell County Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

**Invocation** by Jim Shetterly

**The Board's Roll Call and Minutes** were read and approved.

**Absent:** Mike McAfee, Perry Vinsant

**Excused Absent:**

**May Financial Reports** were read by

Treasurer Ray Wilson; those reports were approved as read.

**Committee Reports:**

**Publicity** Chairman Mike McAfee: No Report.

**Activities** Chairman Bill Bruce: Bill reported he had sown all the plots and that all are up but they need some rain soon. Bill indicated that he had seen a hen quail and her new chicks.

**Newsletter** Chairman Terry Lewis: Lewis reported he is currently working on the new issue of the newsletter and it should be available before the next meeting.

**Newsletter Distribution and Advertising** Chairman Perry Vinsant: No Report.

**Roads and Trails** Chairman Ted Fields: No Report.

**Membership** Chairman Robert Burden: Robert made a motion that if anyone sells two new memberships to people who are not currently members, that the person who sold the new memberships would receive his membership at no cost for that year. Motion was seconded and a vote by the board carried the motion.

**Review Old Business:** Re-certification of the volunteer forest fire fighters took place at President Lee Asbury's office this night. Approximately eight CORA members were re-certified.

Treasurer Ray Wilson made a motion to donate funds to the Tennessee Conservation League—a one time donation of \$1,000.00. Secretary Lewis seconded the motion and a vote by the board of directors carried the motion and therefore a check shall be sent out tomorrow. CORA has been a major affiliate of the Tennessee Conservation League since 1987.

President Asbury asked Secretary Lewis to address the new law passed by TWRA on the OHV issue. Secretary Lewis read aloud a fax sent to him by TWRA's Ron Fox. The fax included the exact language of the law and was read aloud by Lewis for the board members and audience attending this CORA meeting. A discussion on the new law was had by all and several questions by board members were answered and discussed by President Asbury and Secretary Lewis.

President Asbury discussed the evolution of the Champion Land purchase by the TWRA. The state's purchase does not include the homes leased from Tennessee Mining. Lee indicated that Tennessee Mining's interest has been sold to a group from Mississippi.

President Asbury held a discussion on the proposed House Bill 3116 regarding the reserves of the TWRA, which the state may take to balance the state's budget. A large discussion was had by the board members. Secretary Lewis read aloud the House Bill 3116 to the board members. That bill outlines the proposed reserves to be taken from 34 different budgets.

TWRA's Fred Jordan reported to the board that the Elk are doing well and area personnel had found two lost collars and several calves had been seen.

President Asbury reported that CORA's next election of officers and board members would be held at the next meeting. President Asbury asked everyone to be here to vote for the directors of choice.

**New Business:**

Meeting dismissed at 8:00 pm.

**CORA ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

CORA has scheduled its annual yearly elections for July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002. This Election is for its Board of Directors and for new Officers. All current directors are asked to attend and vote for the new officers and new directors of their choice.

CORA's President Lee Asbury would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have served as a director and for their personal commitment to this great organization. CORA currently has 4 officers and a Board of 12 Directors. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please attend the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and let President Asbury know of your intent to volunteer to serve in the CORA organization.

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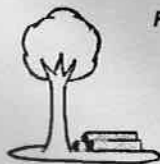
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