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From The President

1995—A Year of Important Decisions

By Lee Asbury

All the signs point to 1995 as a year in which significant decisions with long term impact on Royal Blue WMA will be made.

As this article is being written, the Royal Blue staff and Region IV supervisors are circulating a document

called "Proposed Royal Blue Changes." It contains ideas and recommendations and is intended to stimulate discussion and hopefully produce a consensus as to future management of Royal Blue.

If CORA and its individual members will participate in this process in an unselfish and reasonable manner, we can expect to have some influence on the outcome.

CORA's charter, by-laws and the principles we have developed require us to look at each suggestion and unselfishly measure it against our standards.

1. Is it compatible with the long term good of the land and with the long term good of the plants and animals on the land?
2. Is it compatible with the concept of multiple use?
3. Does it infringe unnecessarily on the rights of any significant number of citizens?
4. To what extent will any particular use interfere with or diminish the pleasure of other users?
5. How can enforcement be accomplished and TWRA citizen contact be made as pleasant as possible?

6. How can CORA, its individual members and sportsmen in general be helpful?

7. How can a user network to prevent unlawful activity such as poaching, garbage dumping, etc., be organized and function effectively?

These are the types of test that new regulations need to pass before they are placed in operation.

While this process is going on, there is a real need for CORA to furnish leadership in the effort to produce cooperation and as much agreement as possible on the new use regulations.

All indications point to final acquisition of the doughnut hole and hopefully the taking of the LaFollette Reservoir property. With total acquisition complete, we need to concentrate on the long term good of the land and how it is to be used.

Whatever regulations are adopted are likely to be in place for a long time. If any of you want to have a part in the process, you need to get involved and make your views known before the regulations are adopted. Once in place, it is hard to get them changed. Let's all take advantage of this chance to be heard.

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Flash...Flash

According to TWRA Region 4 Coordinator Ron Overby, Royal Blue will have a (temporary, with benches, we hope) rifle range before the start of the 1995 big game hunting season. The problem...where can it be built without locating it deep inside the Area and still be "safe"? This is what he and Coordinator Norman Bates are presently working to determine. The permanent range, for which money was appropriated, will most likely be located in the newly purchased "doughnut hole" area; "this too...must be carefully located and properly built to specifications," said Overby.

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TWRA Proposes Changes For Royal Blue WMA

by Ron Saunders

1. A use permit* is required. The permit will be good from March 1 to February 28. *Use permit to consist of:

- A. A special Royal Blue Annual Permit at a cost of \$30; or
- B. A Tennessee hunting and fishing license and small or big game annual permit (Type 91, 93 or 94).

At least one occupant of each licensed vehicle must possess the permit(s). All other users (i.e. ORV riders, horseback riders, motorcycle riders, bicycle riders, etc.) not on foot must possess the

forementioned permit(s) except:

- A. Youths under 13 are not required to possess a permit;
- B. Youths 13-16 must possess a Young Sportsman license or a Royal Blue Annual Permit;
- C. Adults over 65 must possess a Royal Blue Annual Permit or a Senior Citizens License (if required) and a Type 91, 93 or 94 WMA permit)

All hunters and fishermen must possess the required hunting and fishing licenses and permits.

2. Horses, bicycles, etc., are restricted to trails and roads open to motorized

vehicles unless posted otherwise by TWRA officials.

3. Only hunters will be allowed in the area during the deer gun season (roughly 16 days beginning the Saturday before Thanksgiving), except ORV and motorcycle use will be allowed on any areas designated as special ORV areas.

4. A marking system will be established where vehicles, ORV's, bicycles, horses, etc., will be allowed only on roads and trails that are marked "Roads Open to Vehicular Traffic."

5. ORV area - Motorcycle Area - An area just West of I-75 and South of Highway 63 will be established. The area known as the "Sand Pit Area" (approximately 100 acres) will be used. Use will be allowed over the entire area but riding must be done in a safe manner or use will be disallowed. Improvements on the access road to prevent soil and water damage must be done with the help of ORV groups before the area is opened for use.

6. No organized competition events (for ORV's, motorcycles, trucks, jeeps, etc.) will be allowed on the area. No events where an entry fee is required, or that are publicized in a magazine, are allowed.

7. All motorcycles (two wheel cycles) will be restricted to that section of the area East of Interstate 75.

8. A recommended maximum speed of 30 mph is established on all roads and trails. Most roads and trails will require speeds less than 30 mph.

9. TDS stickers are required on all ORV's beginning July 1, 1995.

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CORA-TWRA Relationship

By Ron Saunders

In November, 1977, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), entered into an agreement with the Koppers Company, Incorporated, to acquire hunting rights on a 52,000 acre tract in Campbell and Scott Counties. The area was designated as the Koppers WMA and thus began a long and generally beneficial relationship between TWRA and the public that uses the area. Since TWRA did not own the land and indications were that it never would, minimal expenditures were made and the area was generally left open for hunters and outdoorsmen. This agreement stayed in place until August, 1985, when Worldwide Purchasing Incorporated, purchased all of the area except the 3500 acre "donut." In August, 1986, Worldwide cancelled the agreement and actively began trying to resell the area. Public use of the area was in limbo for awhile until a group was formed to be known as CORA (Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association). This group consisted mainly of hunters and other outdoorsmen and had the goal of keeping the area open for hunting and other outdoor activities. CORA was able to lease the area from Worldwide and kept the area open to public outdoor recreation. CORA was able to maintain its lease with Worldwide (and the bankrupt San Jacinto Savings and Loan Company) until September, 1991, when the State of Tennessee purchased the property for management by TWRA. CORA members were very instrumental in TWRA acquiring the property. Thus, through the cooperation of local sportsmen (especially CORA members) and the State of Tennessee (especially TWRA and the McWherter Administration) the area was made available for future public use.

The cooperation that allowed TWRA to purchase the property has generally been maintained since that time. There have been some growing pains with both groups. CORA had to learn to adjust to State regulations which may not have been needed when a private group (CORA) controlled the area. Absence of State regulations meant that all people in

the United States had the right to use the area in any way at any time instead of just a limited number of CORA members. Regulations that were not formerly needed were now needed to properly manage the area. TWRA personnel had to adjust to managing an area where wildlife management was not the sole objective. TWRA had to adapt its management schemes to include open ORV use, camping, nighttime use, etc. that were not generally beneficial to proper wildlife management. All groups are still adapting to the management schemes needed for this diverse Wildlife Management Area.

A detailed management plan was developed by TWRA and generally agreed upon by CORA and other user groups. Goals and objectives for the area were established and specific management activities outlined. This plan has

been followed for several years and is still generally sufficient. Several issues, such as a permit for all users, methods of controlling new road development, resolving user conflict, etc. need to be evaluated in the near future. Cooperation between TWRA, CORA and other users is vital to maintain the area in a state beneficial to most of the Tennessee public.

TWRA acquired the property with the knowledge that it would not be managed like any other WMA in the state. Every citizen of the State of Tennessee owns as much of the area as any TWRA employee. Although wildlife management will be stressed, the area will be managed for the benefit of the Tennessee public. Multiple use (use by hunters, ORV riders, hikers, fishermen

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Revised Road Plan For The Royal Blue WMA

By Ron Saunders

In 1992, a plan to improve wildlife habitat on the Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area was proposed by the Wild Turkey Federation. In an attempt to work with this group, areas were selected that would minimize land and road use changes on the area. Before the plan was implemented, it was discussed before the Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association (CORA) and other concerned groups. The plan called for the Wild Turkey Federation, in conjunction with funds from TWRA and TVA, to provide a total of approximately \$50,000 to improve wildlife habitat in the area. The project eventually resulted in the development of over 70 acres of wildlife openings. A concurrent project with the Tennessee Division of Mine Reclamation resulted in an expenditure of \$70,000 to help restore the water quality of Strait Fork Creek. Although these projects were explained both before, during and after

implementation, it became obvious that many CORA members did not fully understand the project. Major complaints resulted from the construction of gates on some roads.

Since the plan was implemented without a written road and trail plan for the affected area, TWRA will adjust the road management system for the affected areas.

Some roads that were closed with gates or obstructions will be opened. Some gates will be moved to new locations. The gate locations recommended in this proposal will be implemented as soon as possible (many have already been implemented). In the future, gate locations will be incorporated in a road management plan or placed in areas where roads are not presently active. It is anticipated that CORA, as well as other outdoor organizations, will help maintain roads

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and gates on the area as well as help on other area projects.

In implementing the following plan, some areas will be signed to prevent vehicular travel. In other areas, gates will be moved or new gates erected. Improper use of the Tree Pole Powerline and the Greens Branch Road would result in extreme siltation into the streams. It is critical CORA members and other users will help the TWRA administer and oversee proper road use. In the event that road closure signs do not protect wildlife planting, and/or siltation from roads and trails threatens to adversely affect stream quality, gates or road use changes will have to be implemented. Specific road management changes are given below:

Three Pole Powerline Road

This road was gated at both ends to protect areas of wildlife plantings and control extensive erosion that was occurring on the upper stretches of the road, where ditches as deep as six feet had developed. These gates have been opened and will remain open for all but the freeze-thaw period. The soil type and grade on the upper portion of this road make road maintenance extremely difficult. Public use will be allowed as long as significant erosion does not occur. TWRA does not have the ability to maintain this road, especially the upper reaches, and will rely on the public to exert reasonable use patterns. The public will need to restrict use in wet periods and make sure water bars are intact and working (especially CORA members). In addition, it is recommended that the road be closed annually during the freeze-thaw period (December 15 to March 15). During this period it is felt that the road cannot be maintained at any use level.

Two areas of wildlife planting lying off of this road will be signed to prevent vehicular traffic. If the signs do not effectively control vehicular traffic, gates will be erected. If extensive erosion occurs on the Three Pole Powerline road as a result of vehicular traffic, a plan to close all or part of the road will be implemented.

Turley Mountain Road

This road was gated to protect wildlife

plantings in Turley Mountain. A new gate will be erected approximately three tenths of a mile beyond the present gate (just before the first field).

Hackel Knob Road

A new gate will be installed just past the creek crossing where the road starts up to Hackel Knob. Signs will be posted restricting vehicular access in the road that goes to the right to areas of wildlife plantings. If the signs are not honored, another gate will be erected to control access. The road up to the gap on Hackel Knob from the Pioneer Post Office side has been opened for four-wheeler type access.

Long Pit Road

This area was closed to protect wildlife plantings that were developed by the US Coal Company in mitigation for wildlife habitat loss the company caused in its mining operations. The gate protecting this area will be opened. Signs will be posted requiring vehicular traffic to stay off of the wildlife plantings. If signs are not effective, barriers will be constructed to prevent damage. Help by CORA and other users to maintain signs and keep users out of the fields will be needed. If

control cannot be exerted by the aforementioned methods, the gate may have to be reclosed.

Greens Branch Road

The decision to close the Greens Ranch Road was based on the fact that the road had closed itself due to severe erosion ditches. It is felt that the road is too steep to be maintained in a level where erosion is controlled. The road runs adjacent to Greens Branch (a tributary to Montgomery Fork). These streams are still recovering from the effects of bad mining practice of the past and need protection. Keeping this road closed is an important aspect of stream recovery. One group (CORA) has expressed an interest in reopening this road. If CORA will accept the responsibility of maintaining this road in a state where stream degradation does not occur as a result of road use, the road can be reopened. A plan calling for the installation and maintenance of ditches and water bars, in conjunction with wise use patterns needs to be established. This road, or any similar road, is too steep for TWRA to be responsible for maintaining to a standard suitable for public vehicular traffic.

The Recipe Exchange

Light Sour Cream Coffee Cake

Land 'O Lakes Award Winning Recipe

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| 1 cup Land 'O Lakes Light butter | 1 cup sour cream, Land 'O Lakes Light |
| 2 cups sugar | 1 tablespoon sugar mixed with 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| 1 teaspoon baking powder | ½ cup chopped pecans or walnuts |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla | |
| 2 eggs | |
| 2¼ cups cake flour | |

Beat light butter, sugar and eggs until creamy. Add cake flour and baking powder alternately with sour cream light to creamed mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Add vanilla and mix until smooth.

Spoon 1/3 of the batter into greased and floured bundt pan. Sprinkle half of the sugar, cinnamon and nut mixture on top. Repeat above and then add final 1/3 of the batter

on top. Bake at 325 degrees for 50-60 minutes or until it tests done. Cool a few minutes and remove from pan. When cake is cool, glaze.

Glaze

- 1 cup confectioner's sugar, sifted.
1-2 tablespoons milk

Mix well and glaze or drizzle on coffee cake.

CORA Minutes

Meeting Minutes of Nov. 1, 1994.

The board meeting commenced at 7:30 PM at the Campbell County Court House, Jacksboro, TN with nine board members.

Invocation by, Chairman Harry Burden.

Board roll call: Absent...Robert Burden, Gene Hinds, Ray Ivey, Reed May, Jim Rains.

Excused absence...Tom West

October Minutes, CORA general account and Newsletter treasury reports by Treasurer, Terry Lewis, approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rifle range was discussed with no conclusion reached. To the best of everyone's knowledge, one was approved, where and when it will be constructed is anybody's guess at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

In attendance was TWRA Officer and assistant manager of the Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area, John Mike. He respectfully listened to Board and members concerns regarding some of the access problems to Royal Blue; access problems determined to have resulted from management decisions.

President Asbury assured Officer Mike that we did not want severe access restrictions applied to some..while open to others. Asbury insisted that everyone listen and avoid misinterpreting what was being said. He reiterated CORA's position on what ROYAL BLUE is..what it was supposed to be, and the direction TWRA is taking in managing the AREA. He expressed very serious concern regarding the building resentment over the installation of gates. A number of these gates have closed off access to popular hunting areas and have only added fuel to the fire, said Asbury.

Board member, Fred Walker, commented that perhaps TWRA had forgotten how the property was purchased, that it was purchased differently...making it more public domain than other WMA's.

Officer Mike was asked to comment on anything he felt he could, but declined. He said that since he was new to the area and its problems, he would hold comment until a later date. He asked for a copy of the CORA RESOLVE, which

clearly outlines what the organization would like TWRA to consider as they develop the property. A copy will be sent to him by the Secretary.

Attending guest, ADLAI PLATT, TIMBER AND FORESTRY OPERATIONS MGR, for CHAMPION PAPER asked to speak regarding CHAMPIONS position and intent for the area. Briefly, he said that he has hired six people so far for his staff. They expect to make a "SHOW-PIECE" out of the area, considering the flack they've taken these past few years. They want to create an operation which would utilize the formerly wasted upper 2/3rds of the hardwood trees as pulp. Their entire program will consist of the utilization and planting of hardwood, no pine.

They want to provide recreational opportunities in a working forest and cutting would take place in small scattered segments of the property, so as not to devastate the landscape or large areas of the forest.

They will construct a mill and expect to hire about 75 local citizens. Presently, they have asked for logger contractors and are in the process of interviewing them, no timetable has been set.

The Wildlife program and management will probably be turned over to TWRA. Champion will create the recreational rules for the property as they have done in their other forests, however, they are looking for an organization with whom they can work and has the same interests.

Clear-cutting will probably take in about 15-75 acres on a 45 year rotation program, with selected harvest on a 8-10 year plan. BMP (Best Management Practice) restrictions and rules will apply to all personnel attending or working in the forest.

Roads will be a great concern as will water quality and erosion...this will all be addressed from the beginning.

Much of what is done on Royal Blue will probably be implemented on the Champion property, depending on how it is accepted by the public.

Lee Asbury asked if Champion was open to a broader range of recreation. Mr. Platt replied that it all depended upon liability.

Lee asked for the opportunity to further discuss with someone in his organization, CORA's views on Recreation. A channel would be available at a later date, replied Mr. Platt.

Hubert Rollen expressed concern regarding the posting of vast areas of the property. Mr. Platt said he did not expect his happening but did foresee a fee structure for property use.

He did indicate that he was opposed to the excessive fees being charged in GA and AL which would be difficult to impose in this area. Recreation should not be for the wealthy, here or anywhere and should be avoided, said Platt.

Mr. Platt indicated that an office would be located in Campbell County, where special interest groups would be able to discuss their concerns.

Lee asked who would be the present contact for the area, he said he would, along with Tony Campbell and Gary Meyers, depending on what issues were being presented.

In closing Mr. Platt said he would be seeking CORA's input to hopefully, avoid conflict.

CORA Secretary met with Mr. Platt before he left and arranged for a copy of our RESOLVE to be sent to him, personally.

Officer Mike asked to be heard, and expressed concern about ATV's and gates. He asked if all the gates were a problem or just certain ones.

Lee responded that they should all be addressed and asked that Officer Mike have someone get back to him in two weeks to respond to the question of gates.

Jack Ethridge suggested that the gates have a sign giving the reason for the closure, such as food plot or mining or whatever the reason. This, said Ethridge, might help us understand why we're being locked out.

In closing, Tom Conner, activities Chairman, was commended for doing a good job on the Hog roast and a special thanks was extended to Jack Ethridge for bringing a huge crew of riders...it really helped make the party.

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Frank LaGreca, Secretary

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Meeting Minutes of Dec. 6, 1994

The Board meeting commenced at 7:25 PM. at the Campbell County Court House, Jacksboro, TN with 11 Board and 11 members attending.

Invocation by Chairman Harry Burden.

Board roll call: Absent...Bill Bruce, Tom Conner, Gene Hinds, Jim Rains and Tom West.

Excused absence...Mike McAfee, Jim Shetterly and Charles Vincent.

November 8, 1994 minutes, CORA and Newsletter treasury reports were all approved as read.

Prior to commencing our monthly Board meeting, President Lee Asbury recognized TWRA guest Ron Saunders. Mr. Saunders discussed the negative impact the closing of some of the roads in the Royal Blue WMA has had on the public. He said when the original plan was made and its implementation begun, they apparently didn't fully realize the impact it was destined to have on users of the property. Therefore, the "roads" plan was revised for the Area and it's implementation will begin immediately. Mr. Saunders asked that CORA, since we were instrumental in suggesting the changes, assist, by helping to control many of the road problems. One of his major concerns are the "water bars." These "bars" are very important to the control of drainage off the road and must be kept in tact. Four wheel drive trucks must not be allowed to plow through these bars when road conditions are extremely muddy. Lee suggested that perhaps CORA could purchase gravel or help repair and maintain some of these roads. This suggestion was accepted and taken

under advisement by Mr. Saunders and the Board. In addition, it was agreed that signs would be posted at the beginning of the road indicating the closing or temporary closing of any road. Also, signs, rather than gates, will be posted at the head of any roads containing food plots.

All agreed that manpower would be needed to maintain passage on these roads and CORA is prepared to assist in any way we can to help insure their continued use.

In conclusion...President Lee Asbury and TWRA's Ron Saunders agreed to work together to keep roads open and gates to a minimum...in all of the Royal Blue TWRA managed area.

The presentation submitted by Mr. Saunders, greatly improved the moral of the Board and its demeanor toward TWRA.

Royal Blue assistant manager and conservation officer, John Mike and conservation officer, Brad Harrison...both, accompanied Ron to the meeting and assisted with his explanation for the need to comply with the "voluntary" program and limit the need for restrictive enforcement.

The meeting was brought back into normal session by Chairman Burden and he proceeded to call for committee reports. Terry Lewis handled the Newsletter report. He, along with co-editor Frank LaGreca, had an earlier discussion with Lee Asbury and Harry Burden to consider the possibility of having to resign our positions. That the work necessary to support and publish the Newsletter was more than just the two of us could handle. Lee agreed to present the situation to the Board.

The Board and attending membership listened to what was going to be needed to publish and distribute the next and all the following Newsletters and a list of volunteers was recorded. Terry and I wish to thank ALL who enlisted to support our NEWSLETTER. We are becoming more and more convinced that it is our most vital link with the public and with the administrative forces who help influence change.

With information provided by on-site investigations and many of the local gentry, we are able to convey to the public our awareness of their needs and concerns. With your cooperation we intend to continue publishing the NEWSLETTER.

President Asbury suggested that we send the NEWSLETTER to all the Newspapers in the area, including Knoxville. Suggestion acknowledged and accepted by the Editors.

TED FIELDS & JACK ETHRIDGE were nominated to co-chair the ROADS & TRAILS committee.

TERRY LEWIS reported that he has been in contact with CHAMPION PAPER field manager, AD PLATT. Terry has a personal concern since his property adjoins Champion Paper. He commented that he did discuss in generalities the future cooperation of CORA and CP, which is quite favorable, according to Mr. Platt.

Chairman Burden asked for anyone having a 410 gauge shotgun they would consider donating for a worthy cause. Mr. Burden described the cause and it was agreed that personal contributions to purchase a new single shot 410 shotgun might be a better way to go.

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An ample amount of money to cover the shotgun and ammunition was quickly donated and a very happy youngster will be the recipient.

A discussion ensued regarding our position in contributing to the ABRAHMS CREEK bear preserve. Land is being purchased from the ALUMINUM CO. OF AMERICA for the express purpose of preserving passage land for bears into and out of the SMOKY MTS. Since Board member Fred Walker lives in the area and the office is in Maryville, he said he would look into what it was all about. He was given the authority to donate \$300 in the name of CORA, if deemed justifiable.

Jack Ethridge suggested we attempt to be more aware of land being purchased for conservation and consider lending assistance if at all possible.

Suggestion recorded for further review.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank LaGreca, Secretary

Meeting Minutes of Jan. 3, 1995.

The Board meeting commenced at 7:15 PM. at the Campbell County Court House, Jacksboro, TN with 11 Board members.

Invocation by Chairman Harry Burden.

Board roll call: Absent...Gene Hinds, Reed May, Mike McAfee, Jim Rains, Hubert Rollen, Tom West.

Excused Absence...Tom Conner & Jim Shetterly.

December 6, 1994 Minutes, CORA general account and Newsletter treasure reports by treasurer Terry Lewis, were all approved as read.

President Lee Asbury opened the meeting and expressed his serious concern regarding CORA's responsibility for trash pick up on the stretch of road we've assigned ourselves. He asked that we either fulfill our obligation or get out of the program entirely. Lee asked for a volunteer to Chair this committee, since no one accepted, it was delayed until the February meeting for final disposition.

Lee addressed TWRA Officer John Mike regarding road maintenance. John said that "Three Pole and Straight Fork roads" would be held open if we would volunteer to maintain them. Lee sug-

gested we offer to help them on a certain day and time and for a specific time frame and...definitely do it. Ted Fields said that he had personally volunteered earlier with Stan Stooksbury, but at the times Stan needed help he was not always available.

Ted suggested taking on certain roads at our convenience and spread some badly needed rock. At this point, it was agreed that the Roads and Trails Chairmen would report to the Board at the next meeting on the roads needing work (we can handle) and what will be needed to do the job.

President Asbury addressed the ABRAHMS CREEK PROJECT. He said it was his understanding that there is a total of 4600 acres of land located just west of the GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. The Foothills Land Conservancy needed about \$200,000 to purchase this property and needed it in about 5 or 6 months or it could be lost. Three hundred acres of this property will be added to the Park and used for a Bear refuge and the remaining acreage will be

turned over and managed by TWRA. President Asbury felt it was notably worthy of CORA's support and requested we approve a \$300 contribution. It was brought to a vote, passed and the check was sent to the Foothills Land Conservancy.

Terry Lewis read off a list of Newspapers in the general area who should be receiving our Newsletter. A motion was made to fund the mailing through the General Account...motion approved.

Jack Ethridge expressed concern regarding which roads would be closed during bad weather. It was explained that TWRA would be making this decision and we, as everyone else, would abide their decision.

In closing, the decision to replace (2) Board members was delayed until the February meeting to allow Lee to check the Bylaws.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank LaGreca, Secretary

CORA Studies Volunteer Forest Fire Fighters

by Terry Lewis

CORA has been exploring the idea of forming an all volunteer crew of fire fighters to help the Forest Service with the task of handling local forest fires. Tennessee State Forest Service supervisor Mr. Rick Walker will attend the March 7, CORA meeting to discuss the logistics of the formation of a group of volunteers to supplement the small staff of local State Forest Department forest fire fighters. Mr. Walker stated his department has only 4 men to fight all of the fires in the three county area of Campbell, Scott and Claiborne. Sometimes that just isn't enough manpower to handle all of the areas fires. When that happens some fires just continue to destroy additional acreage until the department can get to it. With its limited manpower staff the forest service works as many hours as possible but they too must sleep sometime and the fires just continue to burn

out of control. We are just coming into this years fire season and with the increased usage of the Royal Blue WMA comes the likelihood of increased fires. Mr. Walker's department has offered to instruct the volunteers in the forest services methods of fighting forest fires. All volunteers would be under his department's direction at all times while in the field fighting fires. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or for more information please call Terry Lewis at 584-1825.

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CORA Is A Good Thing

by Ernie Lester

CORA is a good thing. It helps us have a place to ride four wheelers, hunt, fish, hike, camp, horseback ride, and many other things that we all love and need to do so we can have enjoyment in our lives.

CORA works with TWRA officials to make rules and regulations for Royal Blue Area. We as members of CORA should help the officers of CORA in areas where they need it by giving just a little more time to help write articles, sell advertisements, and collect for ads. We should also help TWRA officers by telling other people we see while using the area

about rules, and by picking up trash, not leaving it. Telling people in a nice way to ride slower if they are going too fast, and talking to people about where to ride and where not to ride also will help.

We should also look for people who hunt out of season or kill over their limit. These things will help us insure use of the area for many years to come.

I know some of the happiest times I have had are when I am in the woods of Royal Blue, and I look forward to many more happy times at Royal Blue.

No Time To Brag

Author unknown
Submitted by Curtis L. Perkins

Two geese were about to start on their annual migration when they met a frog who begged to be taken along. The geese said, "OK, if you can think of a way that we can manage it."

The frog produced a long stalk of grass and suggested that each goose hold it at opposite ends and that he would cling to it by his mouth, in the middle.

In this manner, the three were heading south when they noticed a man below.

The observer expressed admiration for this clever maneuver and shouted, "Who thought of such an unusual mode of transportation?"

The frog was so puffed up over the compliment that he opened his mouth to say, "The idea was mine!"

Of course he lost his hold, fell to the earth and was killed on impact.

The moral of the story is this: When you have a good thing going, don't be so eager to take credit. It is best to keep your mouth shut.



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and 4-WD Trucking, sightseers, etc.) is accepted as the method of management for the area. Multiple use, however, is a complicated system. It means that the area will be used for a variety of users. It does not mean, however, that the area is open to all users, or that all uses allowed on the area are compatible at the same time. An example is the UT Thompson-Boling Arena. It is a multiple use arena that has basketball games, rock concerts, conventions, professional boxing, etc. But as a multiple use arena, many allowable events still cannot occur at the same time. While the arena is big enough for both a basketball game and a convention of salesmen to be held at the same time, the activities would detract from each other if held simultaneously. The Cherokee National Forest is an area that is managed for multiple use. It encourages use by most potential users. However, many times activities are scheduled or restricted depending on their compatibility with other events. The same may be true for the Royal Blue

WMA in the future. Do activities allowed sometimes conflict so that both users are dissatisfied? Can activities be regulated so that the overall benefits to different groups are increased? As more and more conflicts arise between users, TWRA is going to be put into a position where changes need to be considered. When questions arise, TWRA must be able to evaluate the options and make a responsible decision. At all stages of evaluation, groups such as CORA must be kept involved and informed as to potential changes.

I believe all users agree that regulations should be kept to a minimum. TWRA, CORA and other users must recognize that TWRA or any group will not have everything exactly as they want it. TWRA needs to manage the area for the best public interest and accept that the area is going to be much more "open" to the public than any other WMA is the State.

CORA and other users need to realize that all groups will not be able to have everything exactly as they want it. But, most importantly, TWRA, CORA and

other users must recognize that they need to work together to make Royal Blue the best overall area that it can be. Working together, the area will develop into a better area than it now is. If we fail to communicate and work together, mainly negative things will happen.

What is the key to the future? I think that it's cooperation. Cooperation is a two way street and all groups need to work hard to keep all avenues of communication open. Changes are going to occur in the future. Through cooperation and an open exchange of information, TWRA, CORA, and users will work together to ensure that proposed changes are needed, understood by all, and agreed upon by most. Royal Blue is going to be an "Open" WMA—and the degree of openness must be set in the best interest of the users of the Royal Blue WMA.

**C.O.R.A. Meeting
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