



Tuesday, September 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes



President Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. E.L. Morton led the invocation. Secretary Tidwell called roll with 11 members present and 4 absent. Tidwell read the August minutes which were accepted. Treasurer Crutchfield reported minimal activity. For publicity, E.L. Morton will get the announcement to WLAF concerning the October barbeque. In the trails report, Sheila Westray noted that some trails are in terrible shape. Westray also noted that the alcohol ban seems to be having the desired effect with no reported accidents on the North Cumberland over the Labor Day holiday.

Glennis Monday highlighted the recent Leadership Campbell County trip to the elk viewing tower. TWRA personnel and CORA members engaged with the group and several elk were in the area to make for a memorable occasion.

Fred Walker gave an update on his advocacy for a flintlock muzzleloader season. He has, and will continue to address the

Wildlife Commission and engage with state legislators. Terry Lewis helped clarify Walker's two-pronged strategy: (1) getting an actual flintlock season, separate of all others, and (2) the historical period clothing aspect of the season with the possibility of no hunter orange, or at least reduced hunter orange requirement. Walker has researched the flintlock season in Pennsylvania extensively, which requires no hunter orange. Pennsylvania's flintlock season has been statistically accident free for the last several seasons. (Hunter orange is a state law in Tennessee, while seasons are the purview of the TFWC.)

President Lewis updated the board on his attendance at meetings in which new avenues of funding for TWRA were discussed. A movement is afoot to explore new revenue streams such as the possibility of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent of state taxes going to TWRA to compliment the traditional funding mechanism of license sales. It is hoped that this situation will be worked out under Governor Lee's administration.

Sheila Westray discussed the possibility for TWRA looking at OHV fee revisions a second time. She feels it is critical, if TWRA does so, to keep fees in line with other states and affordable to those utilizing the North Cumberland.

The last bit of business was a reminder of the upcoming Elk Banquet on September 18th. The meeting dismissed at 7:50pm.

