

**Minutes**  
**Wildlife Resources Committee**  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**September 26, 2012**

**Attending:**

Committee Members

Rob Leebern, Chairman  
Joe Hatfield, Vice Chairman  
William Bagwell  
Mabel Jenkins  
Duncan Johnson  
Phyllis Johnson  
Ray Lambert  
Philip Wilheit, Jr.  
Philip Watt, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Dennis Billew  
Walter Hudson  
Mark Mobley  
Loyce Turner  
Steven Woodruff

Visitors

Bill Donohue, North Georgia Mountains Authority  
Nancy Gallagher, Attorney General's Office  
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Ronny Just, Georgia Power  
Chris Manganello, Georgia River Network  
Walter Jones, Morris News Service  
Amber Brady

Staff Members

Mark Williams  
Jud Turner  
Todd Holbrook  
Homer Bryson  
Spud Woodward  
Dan Forster  
Becky Kelley  
Dave Crass  
Kyle Pearson  
Zachary Harris  
Lauren Curry  
Ben Stowers  
David Brady  
Walter Rabon  
Jim Laine  
Kathy Knowlton  
Wally Woods  
Paul Nelson  
Tim Banks  
Randy Tate  
John Martin  
Sally Winchester  
Jeff Weaver  
David Clark  
Toby Evans  
Bret Albanese  
Fred Hay  
Jim Ussery  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Doug Lewis  
Cathy Barnette  
Mary Ann Evans  
Hellen Harris

The September 26, 2012 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Philip Watt.

Chairman Watt called on Rob Leebern, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee.

Mr. Leebern called on Chairman Watt, DNR Commissioner Mark Williams, and Wildlife Resources Director Dan Forster to make a presentation.

Chairman Watt presented a Lifesaving Award to Ranger First Class David Brady for saving the life of distressed swimmer, Daniel Hearn, on June 3, 2012. He also recognized Ranger Brady's wife Amber, who was in attendance and stated that they are expecting their first child soon.

Photos were taken with Ranger Brady, Chairman Watt, Commissioner Williams, and Director Forster.

Director Forster called on Major Walter Rabon for a PowerPoint presentation on WRD Specialty Hunts.

Major Rabon showed a PowerPoint of several photos of individuals who have taken advantage of the Specialty Hunts, such as Wounded Warriors, Outdoor Dream Foundation, Georgia Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Georgia Kids Hunting for a Cure, and Individual Officer Hunts. He also talked about Senate Bill 309, Taylor's Law, which was passed during this year's Legislative Session, which gives the DNR Commissioner the authority to grant a license to a terminally ill person under the age of 21.

Major Rabon talked about several resources that rangers use to facilitate these Specialty Hunts, and what it takes to hold one.

Discussion ensued.

Director Forster gave a briefing on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Weekend for Wildlife on February 8-9, 2013, stating that he encouraged Board members to attend and to be involved in donating auction items. He stated that updated information can be seen at [www.wildlife.com](http://www.wildlife.com).

Director Forster gave a briefing on the e-photo contest; Hunting and Fishing Day September 22; the Grand Opening of the Dodge County PFA Archery Range; and the status of the License System transition RFP.

Mr. Leebern stated that he would like to encourage everyone to make Weekend for Wildlife a very successful event. He further stated that there are new outings this year, as well as new opportunities for giving in a particular area in DNR.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.