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KWOA Annual Meeting held at Pennyrile State Resort Park

The Kentucky Woodland Owners Association and Foundation Annual Meeting provides a resource-packed and enjoyable setting for woodland owners to interact with forestry professionals and peers about issues of concern and topics of interest regarding the management of their properties. Members get an overview of the association's priorities and its activities in the state legislature as well as communities across the state. University and agency forestry experts are available for questions, discussion, and consultation.

The 2012 annual meeting will be held at Pennyrile State Resort Park, in Hopkins County, April 10-11. Lodging is limited at the state park, so reserve your accommodations early by calling 1.800.325.1711. It's important to ask for the KWOA room rate. Visit www.kwoa.net for more information. Registration is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members.



Photo courtesy: Doug McLaren

As shown above, the KWOA Annual meeting is an opportunity for woodland owners to meet and discuss issues with forestry professionals.

Agenda

"The woodlands ... a benefit for everyone"

Tuesday, April 10

Morning and afternoon tours facilitated by Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF)

9:30 - 10 a.m.

Registration - Pennyrile State Resort Park Lobby

10:30 a.m.

- **Welcome and Introductions** (at KDF educational center)
- **Kentucky Division of Forestry: KDF Centennial, 2012 is the Year of the Forest in KY, and KDF budget update** - Leah MacSwords, KDF Director
- **Pennyrile Forest Overview**: Jim Bryan, KDF
- **Invasive Species Update/Forest Health Task Force Update**: Joe Collins, UK Department of Entomology

Noon - **Box Lunch (provided by KWOA)**

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The Head Hickory Nut's Report...

We wish for you a very good and happy 2012 year.

We are still looking for more positive economic times that will bring more profitable

harvests for our commercial woodland owners. But, as we wander the woods this winter and spring one can marvel at the beauty of our forestland.... Whether hunting, TSI work or just viewing the wildlife and varieties of species that are surviving in the forest....it is a beautiful wonder of nature...

Your KWOA membership is greatly appreciated.

It enables your organization to address pressing woodland owner issues. Look for your membership application in the mail... You will find an additional opportunity for supporting your KWO Foundation: An additional tax exempt contribution will enhance the scholarship and educational programs. Donors will be recognized at annual meetings... **Platinum Member** giving \$300 and up; **Gold Member** giving \$200 - 299; **Silver Member** giving \$100 - 199. Return the membership form: KWOA, 1483 Big Run Road Wallingford, KY 41093

The Forest Land Assessment and Equitable Timber Tax Committee is making strides in meetings with Department of Revenue, PVA and legislators. This is an educational endeavor involving the UK Department of Forestry and dedicated KWOA members. More developments are forthcoming...

The KWOA Outstanding Service Forester Award will again be awarded during our annual meeting to a KDF Service Forester for his/her outstanding achievements. Guidelines and an application are available on the website at www.kwoa.net. Nominations may be made by any KWOA member. Submit applications by February 1 to: Karen Marshall, 3740 HWY 330, Owenton, KY 40359; or e-mail at hickorybend@kih.net. For more information call 502-484-0332.

KWOA representatives are participating in the USDA state technical committee meetings. Cost share programs related to KY woodland owners are on the agenda.

Top photo courtesy: Paul Wray, Iowa State University, Bugwood.org

The 2012 KWOA/KWOF annual meeting will be held at Pennyrile State Resort Park near Dawson Springs in Hopkins County. KDF will provide hands-on field tours in the 15,000 acre forest in addition to outstanding speakers during the business sessions. A block of rooms and some cabins have been reserved at a reduced rate for attendees. Please make your reservations early by calling 1.800.325.1711.

Head Hickory Nut
Henry Duncan, President, KWOA

Ohio River Valley Woodland and Wildlife Workshop



Mark your calendars now for the Ohio River Valley Woodlands and Wildlife Workshop which will be held on March 24, 2012. It is designed to provide woodland owners, with forestry and wildlife related educational opportunities from forestry and wildlife experts from Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. The event will be held at Kings Island Resort and Conference Center in Mason, Ohio, just north of Cincinnati. Visit www.tristatewoods.org for the latest details.

NRCS offers Woodland Owners Incentives

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offers woodland owners an opportunity to have a forest management plan prepared through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Woodland tracts that have never had a plan, or those older than 5 years, are eligible for the Conservation Activity Plan for Forest Management (CAP-FM). Approved applicants will receive funds to contract with a private consultant forester (must be a certified technical service provider) to prepare their plan. Sign up today at your local USDA Service Center or visit www.nrcs.usda.gov



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**2012 KENTUCKY
WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION
and FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING**

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park
Dawson Springs, KY
Phone: 270-797-3421 / 800-325-1711
April 10 - 11, 2012

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME _____

TREE FARM/BUSINESS NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBERS _____

E-MAIL _____

Registration package includes:
Registration and dinner

_____ X \$35 members = \$ _____
_____ X \$45 non-members = \$ _____

Send registration and payment to :
KWOA
1483 Big Run Road
Wallingford, KY 41093
Phone: 606.876.3423

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT CAN ALSO BE MADE VIA PAY PAL ON OUR WEBSITE: kwoa.net

Please make your room reservations separately with: Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park

A block of rooms and some cottages with a special reduced rate have been reserved for KWOA until March 9, 2012. Please state that you are attending the KWOA MEETING when making your reservation.

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2012 MEMBERSHIP INVOICE / APPLICATION JAN. 1 – DEC. 31, 2012

- Forest Landowner *
 - Business or Organization
 - Professional (trained in field related to forestry or natural resource management)
- *Only forest landowners have voting rights.

Please type or print.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

of Acres Owned: _____

County: _____

ANNUAL DUES

- \$30 KWOA Membership
- \$60 KWOA Membership plus National Woodland Owners Association membership
- Voluntary additional Membership payment
 - ___ Platinum Membership (\$300 and above)
 - ___ Gold Membership (\$299 - \$200)
 - ___ Silver Membership (\$199 - \$100)

The voluntary memberships will be recognized in the newsletter.

- ___ I would like to make a contribution to the Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation – a 501 (C) (3) tax exempt organization, deductible as a charitable organization.

Complete this form and mail it along with your check to:

Kentucky Woodland Owners Association
 1483 Big Run Road
 Wallingford, KY 41093

PAYMENTS CAN ALSO BE MADE VIA CREDIT CARD OR PAY PAL ON OUR WEBSITE

Annual Meeting: Pennyrile State Resort Park, April 10-11, 2012
 270-797-3421 / 800-325-1711

(A block or rooms with a special rate have been reserved for a limited time. Please make your reservation with the Park and state that you are attending the KWOA MEETING when you make your reservation.)



KWOA/KWOF Board Meeting Highlights

November 17, 2011

Al Cross, special guest from the Center for Journalism at the University of Kentucky, spoke concerning rural journalism and daily trends in rural communities based on journalism. (ruraljournalism.org)

Nina Cornett asked if any member would be willing to speak before a camera concerning Timber Theft as she and her husband would be available during the meeting to record comments that could be edited for future use. Several members participated in the taping.

Minutes - approved previously using a new procedure through email/Doodle Poll.

Membership - A billing letter will sent out for 2012 dues. It will also be sent to the past five years' members to request them to rejoin. The new KWOA brochure will be included that provides individuals a means to contribute as a business donation to the association. Several categories will be designated.

Nominating report - Jack Rentz will fill the unexpired position of Vice President.

Website - JR Roth will investigate the possibility of a Face Book account for KWOA.

Position paper - The final draft that was previously approved will be posted on the website.

Woodland tax assessment committee - KWOA representatives met with the Revenue Cabinet on November 8th with no results. The KWOA committee will write a follow-up letter reviewing those discussion points that were reviewed during the meeting.

Kentucky Division of Forestry Service Award -The announcement will be posted to the website with a deadline for applicants being February 2, 2012.

Annual meeting - The meeting date will be April 10-11, 2012 at Dawson Springs.

Cooperators Reports:

Farm Bureau - Annual meeting will be held November 30 - December 3 in Louisville at the

Galt House. Forestry session will be December 1st. Presentations will focus on Robinson Forest and American chestnut.

KFIA - Annual meeting will be March 28-30, 2012. Wood Expo will now be presented every other year beginning in 2013 rather than annually. Legislative session will be the 60 day version and KFIA will focus on "roads".

KDF - The 2012 Southern States Foresters meeting will be in Kentucky. EAB was reported in some additional counties in Kentucky.

Tree Farm - Three tree farmers and two logger finalists will be visited in December.

University of Kentucky - Student numbers are increasing in the forestry program; attempt to send 5-9 students to the annual KWOA meeting annually; opening for a Stream Ecologist; Deborah Hill retiring; and attempt to measure economic impact of forestry in Kentucky.

The board approved a motion to become an affiliate member of the Kentucky Conservation Committee.

Forestry Included in the KY Agricultural Economic Outlook

The forestry sector was included in the Kentucky Agricultural Economic Outlook for the first time. The outlook was presented at the recent Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting held in Louisville on December 1.

Thanks to Jeff Stringer, Andrew Stainback and Bobby Ammerman from UK Forestry for putting the information together.

You can check out the full outlook by visiting <http://www.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/PDF/2012KYOutlook.pdf>

Annual Meeting at Pennyrile (continued)

1 p.m.

Woods Walk Tour: lead by Jim Bryan, KDF and Chuck Cortney, Commercial Logger & KFIA board member

- Tree Evaluation
- BMP Trail
- Loggers, Woodland Owners and Timber Sales

4 p.m.

Return to lodge for check-in

5:30 p.m.

- **Social Hour/Displays** - State Park conference room

6:30 p.m.

- **Buffet Dinner**, Dining room

7 p.m.

- **Welcome:** Henry Duncan, KWOA President
- **Presentation:** Senator Joey Pendleton, Kentucky State Senate
- **Awards:** KWOA Kentucky Division of Forestry Service Forester Award
- **Recognize KWOA Foundation Member:** Mr. Bill Green, Graves County
- **Forestry Bowl:** Doug McLaren, UK Forestry Extension and KWOA Secretary

Wednesday, April 11

Meeting convenes in the Pennyrile Park Meeting room

7:30 a.m.

Continental breakfast

8:30 a.m.

- **Forest Products Certification Center Development:** Jeff Stringer/Chris Reeves: Certification Center located at the UK
- **USDA Farm Bill and Forestry programs report:** Jerry Adams; USDA/NRCS
- **Biomass and woodlands update:** Billy Thomas, UK Forestry Extension and Larry Lowe, KDF

9:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Break

9:45 a.m.

- **Timberland Assessment and Property Taxation Committee:** Jim Corum, Committee Chairman and Dr. Andrew Stainback, UK Department of Forestry
- **Natural Resource Photography:** Tom Barnes, UK Forestry Extension
- **Panel of Presenters:** Moderator: Henry Duncan, KWOA President
- **KWOA Annual Business Meeting followed by KWOF Annual Business Meeting** (led by KWOA/KWOF Officers and nomination committee)

Meeting adjourns - Lunch on your own.

KWOA Approves New Position Statement

The KWOA Board of Directors adopted a plan in early 2008 to update the 2004 KWOA position statement. The association's policy committee held several meetings and circulated discussion papers on a variety of policy, legislative and organizational issues to formulate the new position statement. An outline of the new statement that was approved by the Board in November 2011 is below. The entire position statement is posted on the KWOA website.

1. Kentucky General Assembly needs to enact legislation to create a comprehensive forest program for Kentucky.
2. KWOA favors implementing other sections of the Forest Conservation Act of 1998 in addition to water quality sections. Renew and modify sections of the act that speak to implementing Silvicultural practices As well as infrastructure for dedicated timber tracts which would provide for truck roads, landings, fire lanes, trails and water control measures.
3. KWOA favors an emphasis on third party certification to document green standards.
4. KWOA favors a "whole land practice" approach to implementing managing timber tracts, especially when government cost share is involved.

KWOA New Position Statement (cont.)

5. KWOA is committed to a state level organization to represent the interest of woodland owners.
6. In addition to a statewide organization, more structures need to be developed at the county and community level.
7. KWOA was successful in pulling together the resources at the state level of those most concerned with health of Kentucky forests. A Health Task Force should be granted the responsibility and authority to take leadership for these programs at the state level.
8. KWOA favors a formal evaluation of the primary market system for wood material with special emphasis on looking at openness, fairness and competition from the position of the tree farmer selling logs and chip material.
9. The Kentucky Agriculture News Service in cooperation with USDA provides market price information for most agriculture commodities. Such market information is not presently available to the logger and woodland owner. KWOA favors fairness in service from the Market News Service, thus make the markets more transparent.
10. KWOA recommends creation of an "Ad Hock Task Force" to evaluate the economic and ecological impacts of wild fires along with an in-depth analysis of the existing fire prevention and suppression programs and related costs for the eastern Kentucky forests.
11. KWOA favors requiring a percentage of Kentucky electric generation to be powered from green sources.
12. Continue to advocate fairness in timberland taxes. Seek to correct existing unlawful assessments of timberland.
13. Promote youth forestry education by offering scholarships for individuals intending to pursue careers in natural resources.
14. Explore opportunities to develop through grants or partnerships a youth initiative utilizing social networking and/or programs such as Project Learning Tree.
15. Timber theft-property trespass. The legislature needs to provide the public and law enforcement more tools for action in addressing this problem.

Approved Nov. 17, 2011

KWOA Policy Committee
L. D. "Joe" Ball, Chairman
Dr. James "Greg" Kuhns
Dr. James Corum
J. Henry Duncan
Don Girton



2012 Calendar of Events

February 16, 2012

KWOA/F Quarterly Board Meeting
Frankfort

March 24, 2012

Ohio River Valley Woodland and Wildlife Workshop
Kings Island Resort and Conference Center in Mason, Ohio

March 28 - 30, 2012

KFIA Annual Meeting
Seelbach Hilton - Louisville

April 10 - 11, 2012

KWOA/KWOF Annual Meeting
Pennyrile State Resort Park
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June 10 - 14, 2012

Southern Group of State Foresters
Louisville

June 14 - 16, 2012

National Tree Farmer Convention
Jacksonville, Florida

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Members are encouraged to attend.

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