



MANITOBA WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S President and Executive Committee Member Election Nominees

Manitoba Wildlife Federation would like to thank the following who have been nominated and have agreed to stand for election for MWF President and for MWF Executive Committee Members.

The President and Executive Committee Members of MWF are responsible to promote the aims and objectives of the Federation, act on the direction provided by resolutions passed by the membership, interpret policy and make decisions to run the organization efficiently and effectively.

In accordance with the constitution, all nominees must be 2019 affiliate members and must attend the election scheduled for Saturday, April 13th, 2019 at the 75th Annual General Meeting and Convention in Portage la Prairie. Nominee biographies are enclosed and available to view on our website.

For further information on the 75th Annual General Meeting and Convention or on the President and Executive Committee Member election, please contact the MWF office.

Nominees

Randy Walker

Nomination for the position of: MWF President

2019 Affiliate Member: Sprucewoods Wildlife Association

My name is Randy Walker. I was elected as the Manitoba Wildlife Federation President in 2017. Prior to this, I was a director for four years and the MWF Finance Chair for three of those years.

I am an Instructor with the Sprucewoods Junior Rifle Club and was elected as the Chairperson for the Manitoba Junior Rifle Clubs Committee. I sit on the board of the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF). I also sit on the Governance Committee and the Nominating Committee for the CWF. I am the Treasurer for the Shilo Service Club as well as the 2502 Army Cadets.

As MWF President, I have attended meetings on the Lake Winnipeg Walleye Working Group, East Side Moose Matters, Chronic Wasting Disease as well as MWF Committees. It has been a pleasure to represent the MWF at numerous Affiliate Head Nights, Annual Meetings and fundraisers.

Brian Strauman

Nomination for the position of: MWF President

2019 Affiliate Member: Seven Oaks Game & Fish Association

Currently, Brian Strauman is the Past President of the Manitoba Wildlife Federation. Our club firmly believes that while Brian was President in 2013-2017, he held true to his promises of transparency and dedication to the Manitoba Wildlife Federation and its Affiliates. Brian's Presidency during this time was

proven to be very successful.

The Seven Oaks Game & Fish Association nominates Brian Strauman for the position of MWF President. As there are many issues that need to be met head on in order to protect our rights as hunters, anglers, trappers and conservationists in Manitoba. Brian's experience and passion will continue to be an asset to the Federation. Brian is an avid hunter, angler and conservationist with a true passion for our resources and the outdoors. We believe that he will continue to work hard for the MWF membership in the future, as he has in the past.

Brian continues to work as a Finance Manager at Star Building Materials LTD, and has been married to his wonderful wife Marilyn for 39 years. They spend summer months at the family cottage on Betula Lake with their family, where they go boating, fishing and relaxing.

Our club firmly believes Brian's past record as President of the MWF is self-explanatory.

Chase Dreilich

Nomination for the position of: MWF Executive Committee Member

2019 Affiliate Member: Selkirk Game & Fish Association

The outdoors has always been a major part of my life. From a very young age my father immersed my brother and I in the outdoors. So early that the moments precede my memory but lives in photographs. In the beginning we hunted small game and fished. In younger years we participated in the MWF youth fishing league, which we looked forward to on a weekly basis. As we grew older and honed our skills, we progressed into larger game, waterfowl, deer, moose and elk.

My extended families on both sides are very involved in the outdoors and embraced my passion for it. This would lead me to guiding for an uncle of mine for 4 seasons. I was a guide for black bear, waterfowl, whitetail deer and moose. The majority of the hunting took place in the Interlake region, where we would utilize a main lodge, a couple outpost cabins and multiple remote tent camps. Moose hunts would take place on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.

My love for adventure and the outdoors drew me in to becoming a helicopter pilot. I have quite literally travelled to every corner of the province. The greatest jobs that I get to partake in involve wildlife. In my 10 years of flying I've had many great opportunities to work with wildlife. A few favorites include polar bear research with Environment Canada and Manitoba Sustainable Development, polar bear tourism, research work on woodland caribou, moose and wolves with Manitoba Hydro and Manitoba Sustainable Development (survey and capture). Similarly, I've flown surveys and sampling missions with Parks Canada in Wapusk and Riding Mountain. In addition to that, I've also been involved in law enforcement and wildfire management with Manitoba Sustainable Development.

As I grow older my passion for the outdoors only deepens. Year after year I try to expand the range in which I pursue outdoor activities, as well as maintaining my current skillset. When not in the woods or on the water I have polished my long gun technique at the Selkirk Game and Fish shooting range, tightened my groups at Heights Archery and spent many hours searching for the perfect cast on a fly rod in the front yard...which has yet to be found. All of the things that I have done and experienced in my lifetime thus far in the outdoors, I would love for my children to experience as well. As the world changes, habitat and wildlife concerns seem to take a back seat to most other areas. I would like to be part of the future of wildlife in Manitoba - promoting ethical harvests and sustainable, healthy populations of wildlife. Last year I co-founded a company titled Panoramic Outdoors. Our aspirations have been to promote and share our outdoor passion through social media. We have also been running a podcast, striving to cover preeminent topics. Becoming a board member with the Manitoba Wildlife Federation would be a great opportunity to further increase my efforts and contribute to the outdoor community.

Ethical behavior is doing the right thing, when no one else is watching, even when doing the wrong thing is legal. –Aldo Leopold

George Hird

Nomination for the position of: MWF Executive Committee Member

2019 Affiliate Member: Treherne Wildlife Association

George operates a third generation mixed farm based out of his home in the Assiniboine Valley on Highway 242, north of Treherne. He is a thirty-six year member of the Treherne Wildlife Association and he also holds an associate membership with Austin & Area, St Claude and Cypress River Wildlife Associations. George is a long time director of the MWF Habitat Trust Foundation and was recognized at the 2016 MWF Convention for his dedicated efforts directed towards raising funds for the Foundation while organizing and promoting the Assiniboine Valley Sporting Clay event.

George can always be found at MWF, Delta Waterfowl and Ducks Unlimited fundraising dinners and is well recognized for his generous financial support of all three organizations. He is a longtime mentored hunting coach, an avid fisherman, big game and waterfowl hunter. He has experienced big game hunts in Manitoba, Alberta and Africa.

George can always be counted upon to offer a helping hand at any MWF event. George has been on the MWF Board of director for one two-year term, and would like to uphold his dedication to advocate for the members of MWF, and would look forward to serving the membership for another term.

Lee Robins

Nomination for the position of: MWF Executive Committee Member

2019 Affiliate Member: Brandon Wildlife Association

Lee was a tremendous EC member when he served on the EC in the past – 2013-2018, and after a brief break, is ready to serve the MWF again as an EC member. Born in Brandon MB, Lee Robins has lived in the Brandon Hills area his entire life. He has served on several volunteer boards – Riverview Curling Club, Manitoba Seabuckthorne Association and Manitoba Geothermal Energy Alliance – in addition to serving as a Member at Large for the Brandon Wildlife Association for decades. In that time Mr. Robins has been involved with the Pistol Club, Archery Club, and Wild Turkey Relocation, Lee also performed as chairman for the Brandon Wildlife Big Buck Awards for five years.

Lee has served on Manitoba Wildlife Federation Executive Committee for 5 years, in that time worked on rewriting the MWF constitution, served as Vice President, served on Big Game Crisis Committee, Western Region Elk Committee, Western Region Moose Committee, TB Taskforce and Chairman of Wild Gobblers Unlimited.

Mr. Robins is a Certified Level 2 Theory Coach and a Certified Level 2 Curling Coach with Sport Manitoba, having coached Junior Girls, Ladies, and Mixed teams at Club, Regional, Provincial, and Canadian Championships.

Lee has been a hunter, fisherman and trapper all his life, mentoring his daughters and guiding many other people in these sports. His attitude and actions reflect a keen interest to helping to ensure sustainable hunting and fishing opportunities for future generations.

Past experience on a variety of boards, knowledge and training as a leader and mentor, and devotion to wilderness and wildlife will make Mr. Robins a valuable asset to the Manitoba Wildlife Federation Board.