



Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 Outdoor Heritage & Education  
 Meeting Minutes

**WCC Meeting Minutes**  
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| <b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b> | 10/08/2022 | 9:30am | Mead Wildlife Visitor Center |
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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| <b>Meeting called to order by</b> | chair Jessica Tomaszewski at 9:30am |
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**B. ROLL CALL**

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| <b>ATTENDEES</b> | Frank Pratt, Kathleen Tober, Trent Tonn, Donald Dukerschein, Michael Gotstein, Rick Wayne, Jessica Tomaszewski, Scott Bestul, Mitch Baker, Gary Dieck, Virtual; Allan Pribnow, Douglas Nelson |
| <b>EXCUSED</b>   | Jerald Huston, Larry Dobbe, Tara Rueth, Brad Martinson  |
| <b>UNEXCUSED</b> | Tracy Swedlund, Lisa Wilson, Vanessa Brotske  |
| <b>GUESTS</b>    | DNR Theresa Stabo, Virtual; Emily Lehl .Author Todd Schill, Virtual authors Danita Doyle, Susan Shepanek , Youth CC Alumni Amanda Rumppe  |

**C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR**

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | move resolution 4 to first as resolution author in attendance.  |
| <b>ACTION</b>     | Motion by Tonn 2nd by Dieck to move #4 to first ,motion carries |

**D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | Read by Chair  |
| <b>ACTION</b>     | Motion by Tonn to accept as written 2nd by Dukerschein, motion carries |

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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| <b>DISCUSSION</b> | none |
| <b>ACTION</b>     |      |

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Resolution 690322 Ban shining of wild animals from Sept. 15th to Dec. 31st**

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| 1.                           | Resolution 690322 Ban shining of wild animals from Sept. 15th to Dec. 31st  | Author Todd Schill |
| <b>DISCUSSION</b>            | Currently DNR regulations allow shining of wild animals from Jan 1st to Sept 15th then there is a state wide prohibition of shining from 10pm to 7am. This is the time of year when the most poaching problems occur, and most complaints from landowners from people shining homes, property, and livestock. If a shining ban were in place during this period it would help wardens enforce poaching laws and thrill killings as citizens could report all shining activities not having to distinguish who is legal and who is not. Also it is felt that the use of trail cameras has replaced the use of shining by landowners to scout deer on their property. |                    |
| <b>ACTION</b>                | Motion by Nelson to advance 2nd by Bestul Motion passes   |                    |
| <b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b> | DEADLINE  |                    |
| none Author in attendance    |   |                    |

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| 2.                           | Resolution 370622 Increase number of days for state Youth spring turkey hunt from 2 to 3 | Read by Chair |
| <b>DISCUSSION</b>            | By adding Friday to the youth turkey hunt adds increased opportunity for youth           |               |
| <b>ACTION</b>                | Motion by Tonn to advance 2nd by Dieck Motion carries unanimous                          |               |
| <b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b> | DEADLINE   |               |
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| 3.                    | 380622 Enable trackers to dispatch wounded game                          | read by chair |
| DISCUSSION            | Would be good idea if all weapon, hunting hour restrictions are followed |               |
| ACTION                | Motion by Dukerschein to advance 2nd by Dieck motion passes unanimous    |               |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE   |               |
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| 4.                    | 090622 Nitro fire Muzzleloader   | Read by chair |
| DISCUSSION            | Since this resolution is brand specific it was decided to amend resolution to make proposal generic for all weapons of this type.<br>Would you support allowing the use of an in-line muzzleloader that can load an encapsulated charge of powder from the breech and projectile(s) from the muzzle (example the Traditions NitroFire) for use during the Wisconsin muzzleloader season? |               |
| ACTION                | Tomaszewski motion to advance as amended 2nd by Pratt. Motion passes.  |               |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE   |               |
|                       | Tomaszewski will contact author with amended resolution  |               |

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| 5.                    | 130722 Ban use of dogs on wild animals   | Susan Shepanek |
| DISCUSSION            | A lengthy discussion was had with author on what types of hunting dogs were the focus of this resolution as there are many different types of hunting dogs that are bred to hunt, from trailing, retrieving, pointing, flushing and that's what they live for, and their owners love just to watch them work. It was felt this resolution was too broad and maybe a more specific resolution could be submitted in the future. |                |
| ACTION                | Motion by Dieck to reject 2nd by Nelson motion carries unanimous   |                |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE   |                |
|                       | none - author in virtual attendance  |                |

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| 6.                    | 132722 Permit required for private hunting tournaments  | Danita Doyle |
| DISCUSSION            | Last year we advanced almost identical resolution that was on the spring questionnaire that passed in 59 counties and was voted on to advance at the Annual Convention, beyond that we don't know where it was sent, but we will contact author when new information is available, but it does not pay to pass an identical resolution. |              |
| ACTION                | Motion to reject by Baker 2nd by Wayne motion passes unanimous  |              |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE  |              |
|                       | Tomaszewski will contact with further info as to the status of the WCC position   |              |

**B. Annual R3 report**

Emily Lehl and Theresa Stabo

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| DISCUSSION            | Have to restart after the pandemic. 2022-23 goals to increase both virtual and in person programs. Greg Kurzynski new NASP coordinator, Hunter education admin is vacant at time being. A lot of volunteers were lost and programs cancelled, biggest goal is to recruit and get programs rolling again. |  |
| ACTION                |  |  |
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**C. Concerns of wanton waste of harvested wildlife**

chair/ Bestul

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| DISCUSSION            | This is a topic that the whole committee thinks should be addressed. The question at last years spring questionnaire passed in all 72 counties so we know this is important to the citizens of Wisconsin. This resolution was not forwarded at the Convention due to some concerns, so we would like to have a virtual meeting to fine tune a question to be advanced. |          |
| ACTION                | Tomaszewski will schedule a virtual meeting in November so we may address this issue, and advance a question to be put on spring questionnaire   |          |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE |  | DEADLINE |
| Tomaszewski           |  | Nov      |

**D. Future meeting**

[PRESENTER]

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| DISCUSSION            | Nov virtual meeting |          |
| ACTION                |                     |          |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE |                     | DEADLINE |
| Tomaszewski           |                     |          |

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

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| DISCUSSION | Rick Wayne; Has been battling cancer and has found out it has infected his liver and is terminal, but he is living life to the fullest and will help with any projects as long as he is around! |
| ACTION     | We thank Rick for his dedication thru all the years, and his inspiration to us all.   |

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

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| MEETING ADJOURNED | <b>Motion by Bestul to ajourn 2nd by Wayne motion carries 12:30pm</b> |
| SUBMITTED BY      | <b>Scott Bestul</b>   |
| DATE              | <b>10/12/2022</b>   |