

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Shooting Sports

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	12/14/23	6:30 P.M.	Zoom
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chairman Harold Drake at 6:30 P.M.
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Scott Gunderson – Steve Ninneman – Harold Drake – Scot Cameron – Sean Keck – Mark Winkler – Gary Schwoch – Kellen Cassellius – Pete Thiesen – Nicole Gates – Emil Iehl W.D.N.R.,- Robert Nack W.D.N.R. – Kari Zimmerman
EXCUSED	Bill Lorenz – Tad Beutin
UNEXCUSED	Bob Boyd – Tim Gorski
GUESTS	Mark Richmond W.D.N.R.,

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	There were no request for changes by committee members or the chairman
ACTION	The agenda was approved on a motion to except by Sean Keck. Motion 2 nd by Scot Cameron. Motion carried on a voice vote.

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	The Chairman read the current mission statement. There were no requested changes. The mission statement stands as read.
ACTION	None taken

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None. No one from the public registered to speak
ACTION	None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. RANGE GRANT PROGRAM

EMILY IEHL

DISCUSSION	<p>Emily Iehl updated the committee on the success of this year’s range grant program. The department did promotional outreach thru the Gov Delivery system and a direct mailing to all the ranges on the state range inventor list. The number of applications received was 28. Available funding was \$800,000 dollars. The Range Grant Committee met and reviewed all the applications. Eighteen projects were fully funded. One was partially funded. Funding for next year is expected to remain at the \$800,000 level. Changes to the to the public access requirements in the application are being considered. This involves minimum days open to the to the public and weather a fee is charged. Currently the requirement is 100 days per year with a reasonable fee. The Application date for 2024 is July 15th. The date was moved up from august 15th to speed up the application process. There are several levels to the approval process since this is Federal grant money. The earlier date will speed up the process and allow clubs to start approved projects sooner.</p> <p>Questions: Scott Cameron asked who was reviewing the public access requirements. Emily responded</p>
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	that Sara Brenner and herself are leading the discussion on possible changes. The program is still evolving and changes over time will be made. The goal is to partner with more organizations to gain more public access. The committee chair mentioned that at last year's committee meeting it was suggested that the program be promoted at the state convention by asking a recent grant recipient to speak about their experience with the program. This did not happen. It was suggested that that an effort be made to arrange for that to happen in 2024.	
ACTION	Steve Ninneman will discuss the possibility with the individual who managed their grant. If agreeable the chairman will include a request in his report to the D.L.C.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Steve Ninneman – Harold Drake	January D.L.C. meeting	

B. SHOOTING RANGE PROGRAM SPECIALIST

BOB NACK

DISCUSSION	Bob Nack gave an update on the progress of filling this newly created position. He reported, that after a two-week announcement period, 193 applications were received. Many of the applicants are highly qualified. The initial screening of the applications has taken place. In person Interviews will take place on December 18 th and 19 th in Fitchburg. Following selection and background checks the expected start date will be late January. Job responsibility will include managing all 11 state ranges and will include overseeing capitol development/ range improvement projects– shooting sports program development and coordination -Shooting Range Grant Program. There was a request to share job description information with the committee members and to keep the committee up to date on the hiring progress. Bob also reported that 3 L.T.E positions were filled in the last year. One individual is responsible for ranges in the Eau Claire/ Cornell Area. A second for the Peshtigo and Waushara County Ranges and a third for the Columbia County and Yellowstone Ranges.	
ACTION	Chair will forward position duties responsibilities information to all committee members.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Harold Drake	As soon as available	

C. SHOOTING RANGE UPDATE

BOB NACK

DISCUSSION	Bob gave an update on the proposed Shooting Sports Master Plan. He reported that not a lot of progress has been made. He updated the committee on the R3 partnership with four outside organizations. They included 'Pheasants Forever' "Raised at Full Draw" "National Deer Association" "Pass it on outdoors." Each organization has hired it's own state director. Each director will be responsible for creating 12 yearly programs designed to help with R3 effort. They will also assist with hunter education. Bob also updated the committee on the results of "in person interviews" conducted at State managed shooting ranges earlier this year. A total of 69 interviews were conducted by department staff. Some of the highlights included the average age was 40 – 75% were hunters – 16 people did not hunt at all – 87% were Hunter Education graduates – Average time at the Range 2 hours – Over all satisfaction with Range rules, Range conditions, and lack of crowding. He also reported that the in-person survey will be continued starting In January and running into the spring. A copy of the interview questions will be provided to all committee members. There is also an on- line survey being put together. Comments: Scott Gunderson – The partnerships are a step in the right direction. This is a good use of Shooting sports generated P.R. money. He also thanked Department staff for doing good work. Scot Cameron commented that he was concerned about the lack of patches for Hunter Education graduates. Bob Nack will pass his concerns along.	
ACTION	Bob will provide a copy of the in-person survey for distribution to committee members.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Harold Drake	A.S.A.P.	

D. STATE WIDE RANGE LISTING

DISCUSSION	A copy of the Range listing was sent to committee members in advance of the meeting for review, The chairman asked if there was interest by the committee to continue assisting the department with updating the inventory. Although significant progress has been made in determining available venues at each range, the listing has some problems. He reported that the department did a mass mailing to promote the Range Grant program. As a result of the mailing, 110 of the 403 ranges had undeliverable mail. Other issues include no specific category for 5 stand or archery on the list. Archery ranges do qualify for Range Grant money, Motion was made by Scott Gunderson to continue to assist the Department with updating the inventory. Motion 2 nd by Nicole Gates. Motion carried. After discussion	
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	about 5 Stand, a motion was made Scott Gunderson to add 5 stand to the list with specific designations for seasonal and year around availability. Motion 2 nd by Sean Keck. Motion Carried on a voice vote. An additional motion was made by Scott Gunderson to include Archery to the list with specific designations for indoor and outdoor availability. Motion 2 nd by Sean Keck. Motion Passed on a voice vote.	
ACTION	The committee chairman will include the update request in his report to the D.L.C. in January. He will ask that the Range list review to be included as an agenda item for the Spring District meetings. A list of ranges with mailing issues will be provided along with the request for additional 5 stand and archery range information. Committee members should review and report known information directly to Emily lehl.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Harold Drake	January D.L.C. meeting	

E. NR095

BOB NACK

DISCUSSION	Bob Nack reported that a committee met earlier in the year and reviewed NR095. As a result, some tweaking was done related to safety considerations. They are currently looking for public input on suggested changes. No specifics were given	
ACTION	None. Informational only	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

F. Y.C.C. SHOOTING EVENT

HAROLD DRAKE

DISCUSSION	The committee chairman reported that he has been in contact Klye Zenz regarding providing an opportunity for the Y.C.C. group at the 2024 state convention in Appleton. The Y.C.C. committee is working on activities for the group during the convention. They are interested in doing a range event, like what took place at Reedsburg, during the Wisconsin Dells Convention. Trap shooting and indoor archery were offered. They could be open to other activities, including Rifle or Pistol, depending on the venue. Motion was made by Scott Gunderson to have the Shooting Sports Committee partner with the Y.C.C. committee to plan an event during the convention. Motion 2 nd by Scot Cameran. Motion Passed on a voice vote. The convention is May 10 th an 11 th . The preferrable time would probably be Thursday the 10th. There were concerns expressed about possible costs. Nicloe Gates who is on the Y.C.C. committee felt that possible fees were not a problem. Participants have paid in the past.	
ACTION	A range needs to be located with in reasonable proximity to the convention site. Steve Ninneman will contact the Outagamie Conservation Club at Hortonville for interest and availability. Harold Drake will review the State range listing for other venues and will work with the Y.C.C. committee on the details.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Harold Drake- Steve Ninneman	None specific	

G. FIREARM SAFTEYIN SCHOOLS

HAROLD DRAKE

DISCUSSION	Harold Drake reported that he has not actively pursued this initiative. He is still interested in getting legislative assistance for this proposal as was discussed at last year's committee meeting. He is looking for interested committee members to help with the effort.	
ACTION	Nicole Gates, Scot Cameron, and Scott Gunderson expressed interest in helping. Harold will forward what information he has to them for consideration and comment.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Harold Drake	Next Legislative Seession	

H. MEMBER MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Sean Keck comments: Shooting sports in general are a hot topic today. He serves on the environmental committee and is concerned about the number of resolutions to ban lead. He is concerned about a lead ban effects on shooting sports. Shooting is conducted in a very controlled environment where lead reclamation is done. Resolutions writers are mis- informed on the issue. He is	
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currently writing a proposal shot composition. He wanted to know if this committee should be more engaged in this issue. Scott Gunderson commented that lead has become a social issue. Harold Drake commented that lead has been a topic at previous meetings. All lead questions end up in front of the environmental committee. Pete Theisen commented about a recent R3 Hunt Filmed by Dan Small and hopefully it will result in some good press for the program.	
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to adjourn by Scott Gunderson. 2nd by Sean Keck. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.
SUBMITTED BY	Harold Drake/ Steve Ninneman
DATE	12/ 15/2023