

Wisconsin Conservation Congress 2014 Annual Convention

9 – 10 May 14

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS

May 9-10,
2014

9:00 am.

Stony Creek Inn

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Rob Bohmann at 9:00 am.

B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES All 72 Counties Present and Accounted For

EXCUSED

UNEXCUSED

GUESTS DNR personnel, VIP guests

C. AGENDA

APPROVAL/REPAIR, ADOPTION OF RULES OF ORDER

DISCUSSION motion to approve rules of order – Manitowoc. Second by Crawford. Motion carries
motion to approve agenda repair – Clark, second by Crawford. Motion carries

ACTION motions carry

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

BOHMANN

DISCUSSION Dave Majewski – Forest Co., Richard Ammon – Green Co., Harold Grandaw – Marinette Co., Ben Loma – Oneida Co., Herb Behnke – Shawano Co., Judge Thomas Williams – Winnebago Co., read and noted with moment of silence.

ACTION Motion by Door. Second by Washburn to approve. Motion carries

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR JAMES TIPPLE

DISCUSSION welcome to the area. Intro of Marathon Co. delegation. Intro of Dane Co. delegates (mayors birthplace). 15 acre parcel purchased by city along Wisconsin River to promote recreation along river. Reclaimed landfill with partnership of DNR. Encouraging biking with development of mountain bike trails. 20 year plan. Bike to work week. Wausau crossroads of the state.

ACTION N/A

I. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

**A. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS,
NRB REMARKS, LEARN TO HUNT
RECIPIENT, DNR SECRETARY
REMARKS, WCC STRATEGIC
PLAN UPDATE, CODE OF
PROCEDURES CHANGES,
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTION**

**ROB BOHMANN, PRESTON
COLE, MIKE ROGERS, MATT
MORONEY, ART LERSCH, LARRY
BONDE**

DISCUSSION

Chairman's Address – Bohmann
welcome to delegation. History and functions of WCC. Celebrate 80th year of the WCC. Mention of the YCC formed in 2013. continue to attract youth. Implementation of WCC Strategic Plan. Request for each delegation to submit names of County Deer Advisory Committee Chairs to Adam by Saturday of the convention.

NRB Remarks – Cole
His background. Speaks for WCC at highest levels of govt. Thanks to delegation- leadership for our efforts. Youth involved will become the next leaders in conservation. 22 state legislators, 7 state senators retiring this year. We need to be “in the room” at the local level with the newly elected officials. Provide input on Natural Resource ideas. Our responsibility. Need to educate the youth 18 -34 year old. Encourage joining our ranks. See our message. minorities/people of color be included. Concern is for “jobs, jobs, jobs”. How do natural resource issues provide economic benefit and value. We need to communicate that. Educate in the political environment, human environment (people pick where they want to live first, then look for a job), natural environment (be a better conservationist, expand knowledge base, pay attention to science based management, be stewards of the resource, time to give back to conservation).

Learn to Hunt Recipient – Rogers
intro and read winning essay from Hunter Harris. Intro and thanks to Dave and Gary Mabie, Price County delegates (bear hunters and guides for the LTH program).

DNR Secretary Remarks – Moroney
his background. His duties as deputy secretary. Goal – to improve DNR including customer service, building trust, recognize the DNR plays a role in economy. When current leadership started, discovered large number of vacancies. Had talented staff however with great ideas. Were de-centralized with poor employee review procedures. Result was to reconstruct advisory teams, embraced centralization, improved internal communication, invested in equipment (vehicles, computers etc.) developed metrics to evaluate success. Read Buzz Besedny's comments from the 80's. They mirror today's issues. What matters is results “on the ground”.

Strategic Plan Update – Lersch - Bonde
discuss evaluating success of Strategic Plan. General conversation on “how's it going?” read mission statement. Ask – how are we fulfilling our mission? Why evaluate? Because other agencies need the information. Discuss the “4 goals”. Show slide - “Bennet's Hierarchy”. Discussion on first goal (what must the WCC do to improve our organizational structure). Make link between what has been implemented from the plan and the organizational change. Important point – we need a formal committee to evaluate success of implementation.

Q: Bayfield:- what are parameters of measuring Strategic Plan?

A: need a formal committee to review and develop metrics.

Q: question on pyramid goals.

A: message was to focus on impacts and outcomes.

Comments from Bonde: study committee evaluation forms are on-line. Encourage use by committee members. Discuss highlights so far of Strategic Plan including YCC, modification of standing team structure, bottom up WCC committee selection process, redefining excused/unexcused absences, inclusion of deer season changes into spring hearing format, explanation of WCC ability to lobby for positions. Fell short on communicating resolution disposition, must advise executive committee of any stewardship purchases (both pro and con). Developed “minutes” template. Included – who is responsible for completing tasks. Create a relationship with DNR Science Services Division. Came as result of recent “deer study” proposal in Vilas Co. stress need for public “buy in”. Discuss upcoming meeting for all committee chairs, secretary's for training. County Deer Advisory Committee Chairs requirements include: ability to facilitate discussion, no personal agenda, allow all members to speak,

build consensus.

Questions-

Q: location of June meeting

A: to be determined. Centrally located

Q: mandatory Roberts Rules course?

A: will cover at Jun 21 meeting

Q: Columbia: observation, accountability is necessary.

A: Lersch agrees

Q: local fish resolutions should be solved locally.

A: Bonde: that's where we're going with this

Q: Outagamie: need clarity from executive council minutes. Explanations needed.

A: will correct.

Q: some local waters are fished by non-residents. How to divide local vs. Non local issues.

A: look at each unique situation.

Q: are we set up to fail?

A: we will not fail. Don't allow "other" groups to influence.

Questions for Cole and Moroney -

Q: pressure on National Forests to harvest.

A: Cole: difficult to do. It's the job of the legislature/senate.

Moroney: Governor has signed letter asking for relief and more cutting (from a disease and habitat perspective).

Q: White Nose syndrome and bat issues.

A: Moroney: letter written to support our concerns over effects on logging/economic concerns etc. response back encouraged working together.

Q: disconnect between DNR and public. Local committee's are important to engage public.

A: Moroney: absolutely. Huge opportunities to engage public

Q: some DNR personnel display "I know more than you do" attitude.

A: Moroney: Dept currently has training program for employees to address working with public. Emphasis on respect and integrity. Encourage healthy discussion and debate.

Q: Iowa: concern over different attitudes between Northern and Southern Wisconsin MFL owners regarding forestry harvest.

A: Moroney: challenged forestry dept. to analyze and review.

Q: explain how rewriting environmental rules has been beneficial.

A: Moroney: there are a lot of positives so far. Air quality best in years. Water quality improving.

Bohmann – announced money raised while passing the hat for the LTH expenses. Reminded delegates of bucket raffle. Announced that DNR looking for volunteers for BB gun/ archery range at youth expo.

See Rob for contact info.

COP Changes – Bonde

refer to 2014 Convention Book – tab 4 -

page 1 – eliminate "subject" line. Motion to adopt by Sawyer. Second – Milwaukee. Motion carries
page 4 – item 3. - add "Turkey" to upland game committee. Motion to adopt- Waukesha. Second- Dunn. Motion carries.

Page 4 sect. VI.A.4 – scratch "study", add "advisory". Motion to adopt- Green Lake. Second- Iron. Motion carries.

Page 5.A.7. - item C.2.-grammar change -"committee". "meetings". Motion to advance- Sawyer. Second- Bayfield. Motion carries.

Page 7 item 7.and 8. - excused absence verb-age addition. Motion to adopt- Columbia. Second- Pepin. Motion carries.

Page 7 item 9 – to be discussed at the May 27th exec council mtg.

Page 8 item 16 – scratch "study". Add "advisory". Motion to adopt by Kenosha. Second- Iowa. Motion carries.

Page 8 B. 7.- to be discussed at May 27th exec council mtg.

Page 9 B. 10.- to be discussed at May 27th exec council mtg.

Page 10 item 17.- entire verb-age. Motion to adopt – La Crosse. Second- Monroe. Motion carries.

Page 10 item D. page 11 item E and F – verb-age added. Motion to adopt – Dodge, second- Polk. Discussion: Lincoln: other duties as requested by "chair" should be changed to "executive council". Motion carries.

Page 12 G.e., H.g. - add "chair". Scratch "conservation congress executive committee", "executive committee" respectively. Motion to adopt – Wood. Second- LaFayette. Motion carries.

Page 13 A. - scratch "A". "and "mentors" . Add "K". motion to adopt – Iowa. Second – Taylor. Motion carries.
 Page 14 ,item f.(at top of page).- new statement- motion to adopt – La Crosse. Second- Monroe. Motion carries.
 Page 14 VIII.B.- new verb-age. Motion to adopt – Douglas. Second – Door. Motion carries.
 Discussion: Q: Outagamie: does this exclude posting of citizen resolutions?
 A: resolutions are part of agenda. Point of Order: resolutions are part of congress once accepted by county chair.
 Q: La Crosse: this goes too far.
 Q: Iowa: discuss commenting on issues from floor vs front table by delegates
 Q: Brown: are pamphlets and fliers allowed?
 A: not in hearing. Outside ok
 Page 15 C.4. - to be discussed at May 27th executive council mtg.
 Page 17 E.5. - new statement – motion to reject - Clark. Second – Monroe.
 Discussion:Q: Clark: questions changing resolutions at committee level.
 A: Rules and Resolutions discussed chairs working with authors to insure intent.
 C: Waukesha: once resolution is posted, becomes property of WCC. It's the "idea" that counts and not necessarily the verb-age.
 Q: La Crosse: the last sentence refers to what question? The original or the altered?
 La Crosse: makes friendly amendment to add words "as modified" after the word "question".
 Second by Milwaukee. Motion to advance by Waukesha. Second by Columbia is made out of order.
 Paddle vote called for motion to reject with friendly amendment attached. Vote to reject fails.
 Motion to adopt with the friendly amendment attached made by Door. Second by Ozaukee. Motion carries.
 Page 17 XI.E.- to be discussed at May 27th exec council mtg.
 Page 18 XIV.C. - new statement – motion to adopt – Monroe. Second – Clark. Motion carries.

Conduct Executive Councilor Election -
 results: District 1 – Joe Weiss, Rick Olson, District 2 - Al Brown, Dave Larson, District 3 – Marcell Wieloch, Ken Anderson, District 4 – Bob Ellingson, John Aschenbrenner, District 5 – Kevin Smaby, Al Suchla, District 6 – Stan Brownell, Matthew Sedelbauer, District 7 – Dale Maas, Arlyn Splitt, District 8 – Larry Bonde, Terri Roehrig, District 9 – Mike Rogers, Lee Fahrney, District 10 – Ken Risley, Jayne Meyer, District 11 – Al Shook, Rob Bohmann, District 12 – Josh Hennlich, Jacob Janowski.

lunch break: 12:00

reconvene : 1:00

ACTION see above. Develop formal committee to address Strategic Plan metrics. Several COP changes for Exec Council to address on May 27th.

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL **DEADLINE** 27 MAY 14

**B. WCC ADVISORY
 QUESTION RESULTS, FISHERIES
 SPRING HEARING RESULTS,
 GOVERNOR WALKER REMARKS,**

**BOHMANN, RON BRUCH,
 GOVERNOR WALKER WALKER
 WALKER, SCOTT LOOMANS,
 BOB NACK, TODD SCHALLER,**

**WILDLIFE SPRING HEARING
RESULTS, COUNTY DEER
ADVISORY COUNCIL'S, UPDATE,
GREEN AND HEALTHY
SCHOOLS, WISCONSIN
CONSERVATION AND
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

SCHULLER, SPORS

WCC Advisory Question results – Bohmann
(see county voting results from spring hearings) – posted on May 8th 2014 executive council meeting minutes.

Convention vote as follows:

Q:36 – motion to reject – Waukesha. Second – Washburn. Motion carries.

Q:37 – motion to reject – Milwaukee. Second – Iowa. Motion carries

Q:38 – motion to advance – Sauk. Second – La Crosse. Motion carries

Q:39 – motion to advance – Rusk. Second – Wood. Motion carries

Q:40 - motion to reject – St Croix. Second – Peirce. Motion fails by paddle vote

Q:41 – motion to advance – Dodge. Second – Columbia. Motion carries

Q:42 – motion to advance – Waukesha. Second – Pepin. Motion carries

Q:43 - motion to advance - Douglas. Second – Manitowoc. Motion carries

Q:44 – motion to advance – Bayfield. Second – Kenosha. Motion carries

Q:45 – motion to advance – Outagamie. Second – Eau Claire. Motion carries

Q:46 – motion to advance – Brown. Second – Iron. Motion carries

Q:47 – motion to advance – Green Lake. Second – Walworth. Motion carries

Q:48 – motion to reject – Vilas. Second – Portage. Motion carries

Q:49 – motion to reject – La Crosse. Second – Dodge.

Discussion: La Crosse: new info out on effects of 60 day season on hen mallards. Want 1 hen/day.

Milwaukee: info came out last year.

Motion to reject fails by paddle vote.(35-27)

Motion to advance – Vilas. Second – Wood. Motion carries

Q:50 – motion to advance – Crawford. Second – Waukesha.

Discussion: Clark: Q: any consideration of boundary water rules with Iowa and Minnesota?

A: not aware of any.

Motion to advance carries

DISCUSSION

Q:51 – motion to advance – Monroe. Second – Ozaukee. Motion carries

Q:52 – motion to advance – Price. Second – Milwaukee. Motion carries

Q:53 – motion to advance – Richland. Second – Milwaukee. Motion fails

motion to reject – Vilas. Second – Waukesha. Motion carries

Q:54 – motion to advance – Sawyer. Second – Milwaukee. Motion carries by paddle vote (42-20)

Q:55 – motion to advance – Sawyer. Second – Chippewa. Motion carries

Q:56 – motion to advance – Outagamie. Second – Waushara. Motion carries

Q:57 – motion to advance – Sawyer. Second – Sauk. Motion carries

Q:58 – motion to advance – Kenosha. Second – La Crosse.

Discussion: Dunn: inaccuracy in question. Misleading. Wolf trapping in Wisconsin is not new. Wolves caught in many different kinds of traps. Not specialized. You don't need big traps. Wisconsin Trapper's Education against this question. Put it in current trapper education course.

Motion to advance carries by paddle vote (43-27).

Fisheries Spring Hearing Results – Bruch

intro of DNR fisheries staff in attendance. Background. Look forward to working with WCC on issues. Develop relationship with your local fish biologist. Promote public buy-in. hiring good people underway. Managing ceded territory waters. Enhance fisheries we do have. Wis. Walleye initiative – 13 million dollars pumped in. 440,000 ext growth planted. 750,000 slated for next year. Address angler recruitment and retention. Young adults are not buying fishing licenses. Reg simplification: find happy medium to provide opportunities. Surveys indicate pan fish regulations will not drastically change however, will try research on a small number of lakes. Study results and effects on size structure etc. Bass need more discussion. Bass team on it. Trout reg simplification: looking at rules to see what can be improved but still keep opportunities open. Walleye team updating walleye management plan this year. Bringing in user groups for input. Sturgeon: how to expand opportunities. Question on local rule streamlining: a work in progress involving the WCC. Great Lakes plan being developed. Improving pan fish habitat got the most “no” votes.

Convention votes on Fisheries Rule Change and Advisory Questions – (see executive council meeting minutes 8 May 14 for county votes). - Bohmann
Q:1 – Rule Change: motion to advance – Sawyer. Second – Iron.
Discussion: Vilas: constituents not happy. Question why and the way question was brought back. Many small lakes. No room to troll without conflicts a concern.
A: Bruch: discussion was had. Will be brought forward to NRB as written.
Vilas: questions the “compromise”.
Milwaukee: concerns over spread of AIS when trolling.
Menominee: concern for small lakes. Simplification of rules 3 vs 1 line. Questions biologic effect on fish.
Motion to advance carries.
Q:2 – motion to reject – Washburn. Second – Monroe. Motion carries
Q:3 – motion to advance – Iron. Second – Monroe.
Discussion: Bayfield: discussion out of order (discussed Q:2 and vote was already taken).
Motion to advance carries.
Q:4 – motion to advance – Milwaukee. Second – Kenosha. Motion carries
Q:5 – motion to advance - Chippewa. Second – Sauk. Motion carries
Q:6 – motion to reject – Clark. Second – La Crosse. Motion carries
Q:7 – motion to reject – Pierce. Second – Douglas. Motion carries
Q:8 – motion to reject – Milwaukee. Second – Chippewa. Motion carries
Q:9 – motion to advance – Iowa. Second – Calumet. Motion carries
Q:10 – motion to reject – Bayfield. Second – Waukesha. Motion fails by paddle vote.
Motion to advance – Vilas. Second – St. St Croix. Motion carries
Q:11 – motion to reject – La Crosse. Second – Barron.
Discussion: La Crosse: too much emphasis on trophy management. Leave pan fish alone. Going to far with this question.
Fond du Lac: like to see more effort in improving habitat
A: Bruch: some lakes have issues. Questions designed to ask what might be done. Start out on small scale with a few lakes.
Forest: look at yearly bag limits vs daily bag limits.
La Crosse: question asks “is there a statewide need”?
Motion to reject carries
Q:12 – motion to reject – La Crosse. Second – Chippewa. Motion carries
Q:13 – motion to advance – Monroe. Second – Eau Claire. Motion carries
Q:14 – motion to reject – Wood. Second – Iowa. Motion carries
Q:15 – motion to reject – Vilas. Second – Ozaukee. Motion carries
Q:16 – motion to reject – Sauk. Second – Clark. Motion carries
Q:17 – motion to advance – Sawyer. Second – Trempealeau
Discussion: Clark: this will not simplify regulations
motion to advance carries
Q:18 - motion to reject – Monroe. Second – La Crosse. Motion carries with paddle vote.
Q:19 - motion to advance – Sawyer. Second – Eau Claire. Motion carries
Q:20 - motion to advance – Waukesha. Second – Milwaukee. Motion carries
Q:21 - motion to advance – Sawyer. Second – Douglas. Motion carries
Q:22 - motion to reject – Iron. Second – Douglas. Motion carries
Q:23 – motion to reject – Chippewa. Second – Peirce. Motion carries
Q:24 – motion to advance – Sawyer. Second – Rusk. Motion fails
motion to reject – Iron. Second – Dodge. Motion carries
Q:25 - motion to advance – price. Second – Monroe
Discussion: Pepin: restoration on Bear creek, trouble with easements – deer hunt conflict
motion to advance carries with paddle vote.
Q:26 – motion to reject – Iowa. Second – St Croix. Motion carries

Break:

Governor Scott Walker Remarks - Came from Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony. Numerous Packer/Viking/Bear jokes. Report on the Governors fishing opener on Balsam Lake. Wisconsin Walleye initiative report and explanation .- Big part of tourism. Tourism up from previous years. Deer hunting discussion i.e appointing Deer trustee. DTR report ,reasons and hopes for future discussed at numerous public hearings. Keep people informed. Engage WCC. Be more responsive to public. Wolf hunt success. Work with other states and federal govt. conduct managed harvest. DNR

actively engaged in hearing from the people concerning hunting, fishing and trapping.

Questions and comments:

C: Wisconsin Buck and Bear Club now recognizes wolf skulls for official measurement

Q: Vilas: can lakes be removed from spearing quotas that natives do not use, even though they continue to declare them?

A: Attention given to this along with Walleye initiative discussions. Continued emphasis on trying to get tribes to pull back somewhat on the numbers so as to maintain a reasonable opportunity for open water season bags.

Q: Ashland: with fee increases, how can we be sure money goes back into fisheries.

A: Budget specifies this money will go back into programs designated.

C: Winnebago: comment on wonderful job you've done for the state. Would like to see us separate gas tax money that boaters purchase to fund boat landing access etc. instead of highways etc.

C: Waukesha: request to move forward on the issue of boat launch problems in Waukesha County. (North Lake).

A: Courts slapped it down in the past. DNR being aggressive on this.

C: Fond du Lac: stocking is a good tool. Would like to see some of the Walleye money go towards habitat improvement.

A: Refers to experts within DNR. Great point. Will work with you and others to address.

C: Sheboygan: pan fish discussion on Lake Michigan. Fish aren't surviving due to mussel invasion. Like to see state be proactive on this issue.

A: We'll look more closely at that. AIS a big problem for great lakes i.e asian carp etc. Great lakes Governors recently met in Chicago to discuss issues.

C: Brown: discussion on Phosphorous legislation

A: Some success so far (Fox River) etc. water quality improving.

Presentation of award by the Governor to the WCC for our help and contributions to Natural Resource issues. Celebrating 80 years.

Resume Advisory questions – convention vote

Q:27 – motion to advance – Washburn. Second – Waukesha. Motion carries

Wildlife Spring Hearing Results – Loomans

convention votes on Wildlife Advisory Questions (refer to Executive council meeting minutes 8 May 14 for county vote)

Q:28 – motion to advance – Clark. Second – Sauk. Motion carries by paddle vote. DNR will take no action – requires legislation

Q:29 – motion to advance – La Crosse. Second – Green. Motion carries. DNR will take no action – requires legislation.

Q:30 – motion to reject – Washburn. Second – Iowa.

Discussion: Peirce: it's fair now the way it's set up.

Motion to reject carries

Q:31 – motion to advance – Shawano. Second – Clark. Motion carries. DNR will continue to pursue this.

Q: 32 – motion to advance – Iowa. Second – Chippewa. Motion carries. Legislation required. DNR will provide numbers if needed.

Q:33 - motion to advance – Ozaukee. Second – Trempealeau. Motion carries.

Q:34 - motion to advance – Monroe. Second – Sauk.

Discussion: Brown: discriminatory reg. Doesn't affect archers

Vilas: baiting and feeding are two separate issues

Burnett: question favors bow hunters. Need to reject motion to advance carries. Requires legislation. DNR will work with us.

Q:35 – motion to reject – Douglas. Second – Iron.

Discussion: Wood: too many white deer

La Crosse: can't issue be handled by new County Deer Advisory Committee's?

Iowa: difference between albino and white deer.

Motion to reject carries. DNR plans no action.

Questions for Ron Bruch -

Q: prohibition to bait harvest is a problem along Mississippi.

A: appreciate comments. VHS rules since 2008. time to re-evaluate rules.

Q: Bayfield: explosion of large mouth bass in walleye lakes. Concern of Small mouth anglers with early season etc. any thought of managing for separate species?

A: work on declaring management objectives for each water.
Q: Vilas: disseminate data from fish surveys to public. Also info from GLFWIC surveys to public.
A: initiative to come up with standard survey form/format to post on website/app.
Q: Shawano: possible hook and line season for sturgeon in future?
A: Sturgeon Advisory Committee/Team looking at options to increase opportunity
Q: Walworth: no place for youth/adults to fish from shore in Southern Wisconsin. Can't afford a boat.
A: work with local clubs. Increase shore fishing sites. We need to stay on that track.
Q: Pepin: supports Buffalo Co. on bait harvest problem. Local minnows more effective than store bought. Where does it stand?
A: VHS rules are what they are for now. We'll explore it.
Q: Adams: proposed iron mine puts fish at risk. Watershed contamination.
A: haven't been involved as of yet. Depend on our permit people to build in safeguards.
Break: 15:31
Reconvene: 15:50

Kevin Wallenfang discussion-

2015 electronic registration. This fall setting up pilot program with meat processors to cut off heads for study. Anticipate a good program with these changes to the way we've done business.

Questions for Kevin Wallenfang -

Q: LaFayette: Amish problem with "E" deer registration.
A: set up special stations for them if needed.
Q: Monroe: compliance rates with "E" registration?
A: Minnesota, Missouri have 90% or better.
Q: Ashland: any savings seen with "E" registration?
A: yes
Q: Ashland: question about requiring tag to be with meat.
A: carcass tag has a section to fill out that stays with the meat.
Q: Vilas: will there be a data loss with "E" registration?
A: this fall we'll have 120 registration stations open – will collect biological data.

County Deer Advisory Councils – Nack

1 – 3 meetings per year anticipated. Chaired by WCC delegate in each county, council membership includes many user groups (forestry, AG, WCC, hunting clubs, etc.) with professional interests in deer. At least 3 members must be deer hunters. Ideally 6 – 8 members on council. Charter is to gather public opinion. Members on a three year cycle. Provide DNR with recommendations on deer numbers etc. Advisory to DNR wildlife management Board. Meetings open to public. DNR provides staff support. Brief discussion on DMAP program. Bob Nack will coordinate. Info on DNR website. Great potential for landowners.

Questions-

Q: Dodge: CDAC. Are we better served to include non-hunters on council?
A: at least 3 people have to be hunters. Beyond that it's up to you. Provide all viewpoints.
Q: Iowa: shouldn't DMAP member be included on council? Ensure buy-in from public on membership.
A: good point on DMAP member on council. We're hoping local organizations will give us good names.
Q: Douglas: how about tourism?
A: yes
Q: Walworth: sunflower seeds program and problems.
A: seeds came from D.U. Hunters need to patrol themselves
Q: Door: do you anticipate the council voting as one or separate votes on issues?
A: Council is advisory only

Bohmann – county chairs be sure to fill out form specifying who will chair CDAC in your county. Turn in to Adam before you leave tomorrow. This is a big responsibility.

L.E. Update - Schaller

2015 hiring going on now. Time to apply. Will close in June. Look to hire 9. currently 19 field vacancies. 7 "other" vacancies. 2014 recruits just graduated 13 field wardens. Will be stationed in early June. 9 retirements planned so far out of 14 possibles this year. Current workload consists of deer season changes, AIS (20 hours / warden/year dedicated to this. AIS workload includes education and enforcement. 11 water guards stationed around state.

Bohmann – presentation to Tom Van Haren for 35 years of work (his last convention as a warden).

Green and Healthy Schools – Schuller

Wisconsin Dept. of Environment education UW-SP. Promote environmental education in Wisconsin schools. Teachers are mentors. Spend the most time with kids. More influence on child's education. Schools in position to provide career development – conservation jobs available. Research shows being outdoors benefits cognitive skills in child. Students involved with green and healthy schools will also tend to be involved with the YCC. Some schools provide fishing opportunities, others trap shooting. 1,000,000 people either in or working in schools. Big audience available. 210 schools so far participating in G & H schools. Targeting the whole state. Benefits of G & H schools. Work in partnership with DNR. If interested, contact Susan.

Questions:

Q: Dodge: how are teacher's enlightened? Some don't support outdoor activities.

A: the more successes that are shown, the less this will occur. Environmental groups need "to play" more with the conservation groups.

Q: St Croix: is there a power point available to show?

A: yes she has one

Q: Polk: how about schools in NW Wisconsin?

A: we're trying to get a workshop started there.

Wisconsin Conservation and Education Foundation – Spors

Offshoot of WCWA (Wisconsin Conservation Warden Association). Able to fund raise etc. money raised provides 5 -1000\$ scholarships to college of Natural Resources at UW-SP. Accept donations year round. WCC can help out by letting them know about funding requests for conservation related projects etc. website: wiconservationfoundation.org

Bohmann – raffles close at 6:30

Recess at 17:20.

Banquet to follow.

Awards at Banquet:

Statewide Organization of the Year – Urban Ecology Center

Local Organization of the Year – Bad River Watershed Association

Educator of the Year – Trent Tonn

Wildlife Biologist of the Year – John Olson

Fisheries Biologist of the Year – Ben Heussner

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – Bob Stroess

ACTION

see above

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE N/A

DEADLINE N/A

**C. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL
CALL, ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE, RULES AND
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
REPORT, OTHER BUSINESS**

**BOHMANN, WEISS, BONDE,
DELEGATION**

DISCUSSION

Bohmann – Call to order at 8:30 am. Saturday, May 10 2014

Weiss – Roll Call. All counties (with 3 exceptions – Langlade, Richland, Taylor) present in some form.

(see roll call form attached).

Election of Executive Committee- Results: Chair – Bohmann, Vice-chair – Bonde, Secretary – Weiss, Public Relations – Meyer, Historian – Suchla.

Rules and Resolutions Report – Bonde

230 resolutions reviewed. Green Lake Co. introduced 3 resolutions by same individual. Only allowed 2. decided to reject all 3 (240114,240214,240314). Kewaunee Co. had more blue resolution ballots cast than people in attendance. Result – all resolutions rejected.

Resolution Committee Assignments: (see 2014 convention book for titles)

Resolution number - Committee Assigned

120114 - Mississippi River

020414 – Environmental

100714 – fail, no further action (nfa)

700314 – Bear

520114 – Deer and Elk

080114 – Warm Water

640214 – fail (nfa)

520514 – Migratory

720114 – Deer and Elk

190214 – fail (nfa)

030314 – Deer and Elk

100314 – Deer and Elk

480114 – Deer and Elk

411114 – Wolf

040214 – fail (nfa)

100214 – fail (nfa)

131314 – Legislative

520414 – Migratory

200214 – Executive Council

140214 – Outdoor Heritage

110114 – Deer and Elk

540114 – Wolf

340214 – Warm Water

410114 – Migratory

150414 – Upland Game

700214 – fail (nfa)

160314 – Upland Game

650114 – Warm Water

500514 – Rules and Resolutions

570214 – fail (nfa)

370714 – Deer and Elk

210414 – Warm Water

040114 – Deer and Elk

100114 – Bear

480214 – Trout

190114 – Warm Water

131614 – Environmental

130614 – Legislative

690214 – Outdoor Heritage

030114 – Warm Water

090614 – Fur Harvest

570314 – Executive Council

570114 – Legislative

220114 – Warm Water

510114 – fail (nfa)

260314 – Bear

130514 – Legislative

030214 – Warm Water (see narrative below ref: this resolution)

411214 – Legislative

680314 – fail (nfa)

440314 – fail (nfa)

640314 – Warm Water

410914 – Great Lakes
411014 – Great Lakes
240414 – Warm Water
200314 – Warm Water
630114 – Upland Game
690114 – Fur Harvest
230114 – Environmental
720714 – fail (nfa)
620214 – Warm Water
720214 – Warm Water
710414 – Warm Water
131014 – Rules and Resolutions (see narrative below regarding disposition of this res.)
500114 – fail (nfa)
130214 – Wolf
040414 – Outdoor Heritage
410214 – Migratory
010214 – Environmental
230214 – Fur Harvest
510414 – Land Use
200114 – Outreach and Public Relations
440614 – Fur Harvest
280114 – fail (nfa)
500714 – Environmental
240214 – fail (nfa)
131914 – Outdoor Heritage
040314 – Legislative
600114 – Floor of Congress (see narrative below ref: this resolution)
350214 – Fur Harvest
180514 – Warm Water
200414 – fail (nfa)
490314 – Legislative
131414 – Rules and Resolutions
050114 – Warm Water
300314 – Warm Water
360214 – fail (nfa)
490514 – Deer and Elk
130414 – Legislative
020214 – Environmental
350114 – Bear
130114 – Fur Harvest
240114 – Rejected improper submission
560414 – Trout
010114 – Environmental
090514 – Environmental
360114 – Migratory (see narrative below ref: this resolution going to Legislative)
640114 – fail (nfa)
090414 – Environmental
041014 – Outdoor Heritage
580114 – Legislative
470114 – Legislative
020114 – Great Lakes
450114 – Land Use
110414 – Land Use
710314 – fail (nfa)
280214 – fail (nfa)
440214 – Land Use
640514 – Warm Water
370214 – Wolf
150314 – Legislative
410514 – Warm Water
060114 – Deer and Elk
131514 – Rules and Resolutions

370114 – Wolf
040914 – Outdoor Heritage
560114 – Legislative
300114 – fail (nfa)
590214 – Warm Water
240314 – rejected improper submission
Discussion:
Bonde: be aware that resolution 030214 and 090714 (same resolution) was signed by different people.
Q: Waukesha: request 360114, 550114 be moved to Legislative. Motion made. Second – Milwaukee.
Motion carries.
Q: Vilas: resolution 600114 (to be handled on the Floor of Congress) be split into two issues. 1.)
Stewardship land should remain open to public. 2.) proposed scientific deer study.
Bohmann – permission granted
Discussion: closing land would set a bad precedent.
Sheboygan: questions validity of a study on 900 acres of land. Question was not brought before Deer
and Elk Committee.
Vilas: makes motion not to close off stewardship land to the public. Second – Clark. Motion carries.
Vilas makes motion to postpone deer study until more information can be presented to the public.
Second – Wood. Motion carries

Q: Oneida: we voted last year on 4 resolutions concerning open pit mining. They were voted down.
This year the same thing. Can we combine these similar resolutions, and must we act since we voted
last year?
A: Bohmann: yes, we have to act on all of them.
Q:Dane: reference resolution 131014. problem in Dane Co. with certain individuals who dominate
hearing with opinions and attitude and literally drive people out of the hearing. Make a motion to have
Rules and Resolutions Committee draft language and change COP to prevent this situation in the
future without limiting participation at spring hearing. Second – Clark. Motion carries.
Q:Milwaukee: request clarification on open pit mine resolutions. Can the committee combine these if
they want to?
A: Bohmann: if they want to combine, they can
C: Milwaukee objects to that.
A: Bohmann: discuss that with committee members
Q: Sheboygan: as a matter of procedure, suggest going back and approving report first. Sheboygan
makes motion to approve R and R report. Second – Columbia.
Discussion: Iowa: concern why Green Lake resolutions were all rejected by R and R committee.
Questions how decision was made.
A: Bonde: discussion occurred at R and R meeting. Determined that errors were made by all
concerned and procedure was not followed (3 resolutions submitted by one person).
Bohmann: this should have been handled at county level to weed these out.
Q:Dodge: request clarification on timing of reconsideration of resolution 131014 (Dane Co.)
A: Bohmann: now
Discussion:Dodge: we should act now on this. Makes motion to act now. Second – Green Lake.
Discussion: Iowa: premature to act now with only input from Dane Co.
Dodge: 72 counties present now. Important to vet this here and provide R and R with info.. could be
life or death decision affecting WCC in future.
Bonde: be aware this would not be a change until after Jan. 2015 Executive Council mtg.
Motion made to reconsider by Vilas. Second – Dane.
Discussion: Door: ?
Clark: should take back to the people first.
Peirce: resolution wording is incorrect. Stifling opinion is wrong
Pepin: don't reconsider. Need to act immediately.
Milwaukee: any figures on attendance at their hearing?
Iowa:?
Winnebago: questions what motion we're talking about.
Brown: object to it.
Question is called. Motion to reconsider by Vilas. Second - Dane . Motion fails.
Bohmann: motion on floor is to accept the R and R report. Motion carries.,
Bohmann: requests Deer Council assignment sheets from counties.

Other Business – Bohmann

Crawford: wild pigs a challenge to wildlife management. Increase info to public. Expand use of

committee's to inform public on variety of issues.

Clark: losing sportsman representation. Hiring a lobbyist to represent our side a possibility? Concern for numerous tags issued to individual when purchasing patrons license. Suggest a "card" that could be scanned by warden. Eliminate paperwork.

Green: thanks for effort on working with question 48. (retrieving hunting dogs). Still a problem. Illegal to retrieve on private land. Affects coon hunters in particular. Iowa, Minn., Michigan have common laws now to deal with this. We need input to make it possible to legally retrieve dogs. Another issue. Wolves in Southern Wisconsin.

Oconto: new wolf management. Plan soon to be. What should population be? 2011 WCC supported goal of 350. last year same. Need assurance that when DNR wolf committee calls for support, the WCC stands strong on 350!

Bohmann: WCC stands on 350. that has not changed. Riggle has never changed from 350.

Oconto: never have felt we have supported 350 in committee.

Rogers: wolf committee decided. Question is will we lose hunt opportunity we have now if population goes below 350. threshold limit is hard to explain. Do you even need to count wolves with a threshold limit.

Oconto: two issues. 1.) stand of WCC .2.) how many can we live with?

now we have to stand on the number 350. must go back to public with a change to that.

Oconto: motion to reaffirm stand on population of 350. second – Dodge.

Bonde: can't do that. Procedure affecting report we just passed.

Dodge: is it proper for me to make the motion since I voted to accept the report?

Bonde: yes

Dodge: makes motion to reconsider WCC stand on population of 350. second – Waupaca. Motion fails.

Vilas: concern over convention attendance on Sat. of this convention. Make a motion to see roll call vote at adjournment and recognize those still here. Second – Waukesha. Motion carries.

Oneida: concern over DMAP procedures.

Clark: believe in science. Concern over Governors Phosphorous bill that doesn't take effect until 2034! concern over "science" evaluating deer herd with CDAC in place. Fear victims will be WCC and DNR.

Dane: concern over question 48 (retrieving dogs). Failed in Dane County. Upland game hunters not concerned about retrieving their dogs.

Buffalo: DNR questions are sometimes lengthy in questionnaire. We should put less emphasis on the 250 word limit on resolutions. Sometimes takes more words to get the idea across.

Bonde: this topic is on the R and R agenda. Point well taken.

Vilas: move to adjourn.

Bohmann: not yet, roll call first.

Ashland: CDAC will require hard work. Let's do our due diligence and do this right!

Bohmann: roll call.

Vilas: motion to adjourn. Second – Clark. Motion carries

Adjourned at 10:22 am.

ACTION

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE

I. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	See above (Other Business)
ACTION	N/A

II. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	10:22 am. Saturday 10 May 14
SUBMITTED BY	Joe Weiss – Secretary WCC
DATE	05/14/14