

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Executive Committee Conference Call

MEETING MINUTES

ORDER OF BUSINESS

15 Sept. 14

12:30:00 PM

Conference Call

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Rob Bohmann at 12:32

B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Bohmann, Bonde, Weiss, Meyer
EXCUSED	
UNEXCUSED	Suchla
GUESTS	Zimmermann, Fahrney, Groskopf

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	motion to approve – Meyer, second by Bonde. Motion carries

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	

I. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. WCC ADMINISTRATIVE HOUSEKEEPING

ZIMMERMANN

DISCUSSION	Zimmermann- review of NRB agenda, no hot topics for our consideration. CDAC starts this week. Some counties still having trouble filling seats. Rob will call about this. Chronicle will come out this next week, hopefully. Rob will coordinate. Rob: committee meeting attendance still has vacancies. Meyer comments on Strategic Planning meeting. Difficult to schedule during fall months. Will conduct with whoever can attend. See where we are with implementation. Look for better tools for implementation. Still forming an agenda. Kari will assist with info. Looking for location.
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	<p>Rob: review of upcoming committee meetings and coverage . DNR to hold a yellow perch “summit” meeting in October. Rob will moderate meeting in Milwaukee. DNR will present their info to our Great Lakes Committee meeting on 27 Sept.</p> <p>Get press releases out on upcoming CDAC meetings</p> <p>Meyer: already working on it. Not a lot of response so far.</p> <p>Rob: commend DNR on getting info out concerning CDAC meetings. Discussed possibility of eliminating breakfast and lunch at convention. Increase cost of dinner to provide for a better meal. Kari will look over current proposal and we'll discuss next month. Would like to survey entire delegation on banquet meal changes. Would like to not deal with Holiday Inn in the future concerning meals. Hospitality room concerns to be addressed.</p> <p>Kari: working with venue on changes.</p> <p>Rob: looking at changes in Spring Hearings 2016. Saturday meetings. Would provide updates on fisheries, forestry etc.</p> <p>Meyer: Saturdays are going to be a concern with people</p> <p>Rob: looking at moving Spring Hearing to March. Start with elections, DNR updates, CDAC update, go into questions.</p> <p>Meyer: would not vote for that</p> <p>Weiss: would not support it</p> <p>Bonde: would support it</p> <p>Weiss: would support Saturday meetings but NOT moving it to March.</p> <p>Kari: Saturday meetings would provide a longer time to get more info out.</p> <p>Meyer: longer meetings will not work. Public will not support it.</p> <p>Rob: constituents do not get info on DNR updates now.</p> <p>Meyer: January council meeting is a conflict for her. May skype into meeting.</p> <p>Bonde: could we conduct an on-line poll on moving the spring hearings using Wisconsin Outdoor News?</p> <p>Rob: we can discuss next month</p> <p>Rob: will suggest that Lori's comments be postponed for discussion until he has a conversation with her.</p>
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

I. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Meyer: concern over closed discussions on subjects. Lack of openness. Reference the wolf discussion. WCC position misrepresented at recent wolf meetings.</p> <p>Rob: had a discussion with George about recent e-mail he had sent</p> <p>Meyer: do not assume we have same concerns.</p> <p>Rob: reads e-mail from George Meyer. Asked Mike Riggle about e-mail and it's truthfulness. Mike responded with his “take” (Rob reads). Two opposing views in play here as to what happened. Rob asked Mike to talk to George about this. Rob will discuss in private with Lori. We will discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>Meyer: wolf committee leadership needs to be addressed as to what their role is and should be.</p> <p>Another concern is the threats that “anti's” are making towards WCC members. This should be a law enforcement concern.</p> <p>Rob: received hundreds of e-mails on this subject. Heated discussions will continue. Freedom of speech is one thing. Threats are another. Keep in mind that there are proper channels to use when confronted with this. Law enforcement is an option.</p> <p>Weiss: request recent e-mail on CDAC meetings be sent in another form that I can print.</p> <p>Unable to send in template for CDAC meeting agenda. Mailed it in via snail mail.</p> <p>CDAC meeting for Washburn county next Tuesday. Will be on radio advertising it. Press releases put out locally.</p> <p>questions the need for DNR to “approve” members of CDAC. Should give us (WCC members)</p>
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more credit for knowing our own people better than Madison does.
Rob: we have to follow what was approved by the NRB.
Bonde: stress with delegates that a "stupid " remark made by a delegate at recent wolf meeting created this current problem. Results of CDAC meetings should be made available to all delegates for review to help in improving future meetings.
Rob: will call Lori later about her information she wishes to have discussed.

ACTION

II. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	01:25:00 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Joe Weiss - Secretary WCC
DATE	15 Sept 14