

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Rules & Resolutions Committee Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	October 11, 2014	9:00 am	Stevens Point-Schmeckle Reserve
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chairman Larry Bonde at 9:00 am
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Larry Bonde, Ken Anderson, Frank Reith, Jim Burmeister, Mike Dreischmeier, Jayne Meyer, Mark Krmpotich, Ray Smith, Mike Gullickson, Lee Wiesner, Darriol Sterckx, Kevin Smaby, George Bartels, Fred Wollenburg,
EXCUSED	Dick Baudhuin, Guy McFarren
UNEXCUSED	David Ferris
GUESTS	Chandra Harvey – DNR staff; Kari Lee-Zimmermann, Congress Liaison, DNR Warden Matt O'Brien, Patricia Randolph, Roger Zoch

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	Motion to approve the agenda as publically posted, motion carried, all voting aye, with several authors present and will be given priority on the agenda.

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Statement read, no discussion.
ACTION	Motion made and seconded to approve the mission statement as presented; motion carried, all voting aye.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	NA
ACTION	NA

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	See above	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

RESOLUTION 13-10-14 BY ROGER ZOCH – ALLOW ONLY LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SPEAK AND PRESENT RESOLUTIONS AT THE LOCAL MEETINGS. ROGER ZOCH, PRESENTER

DISCUSSION	Zoch presented his resolution indicating the current process gets bogged down with numerous speakers in the Dane Co meetings. Question about non-resident property owners being able to present resolutions. Discussion on how such a restriction might limit already low attendance in other counties and there be a further decline. College students mentioned and if they were or were not considered residents. Appears to be two parts to the resolution, to speak and to present resolutions. Chandra Harvey indicated meetings are covered by Open Meeting provisions but county chair and hearing examiner can limit presentation, comments, to three minutes and enforce it. We seek public input and this could reduce public input.	
ACTION	Motion by Burmeister, seconded by Smaby to reject entirely; motion carried.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

**RESOLUTION 13-14-14 CHANGE DELEGATE SELECTION
PROCESS TO INCREASE TRANSPARANCY**

PATRICIA RANDOLPH

DISCUSSION	Randolph objected to the current election process indicating it wasn't fair to citizens, there is only one night to vote, and no absentee ballots. She wanted to tie delegate election to the April general election and have candidates register two months prior to the election; that the present process is undemocratic. Members objected to the language Randolph used and there was nothing wrong with our present process, and indicated they get phone calls and threats.	
ACTION	Motion by Smith, seconded by Bartels to reject; motion carried.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

Resolution 50-05-14 and 66-01-14 Persons convicted of fishing, hunting violation would not be eligible to be on the CC for a period of five years following conviction.

Discussion: Being convicted of a single violation might be too harsh, like losing your driver's license after a speeding violation. Even honest sportsperson can make a mistake and while this is a good suggestion, there should be levels. Is not having a personal flotation device warrant the same punishment as poaching a deer? Should being party to a crime be treated differently. We do have a non-discrimination segment in our COP. Will we need to ask delegates nominated for election if they have convictions? Should it be limited to those violations where a court suspends hunting and/or fishing privileges for up to three years? Information could be included on how to become a delegate.
 Motion by Wollenburg seconded by Bartels to ask/recommend asking the Executive Council to have the R&R committee look into this further; motion carried.
 Motion by Burmeister, second by Bartels to table both of these resolutions; motion carried.

B. COP Changes to reflect Wisconsin Open Meeting Law

Meeting notice 30 days prior is too long. Suggestion to change the agenda "repair" to approving the agenda leaving the "order" up to the chair. Suggested the notice "should" be 30 days prior, not "shall." While the law allows an emergency meeting with two hours notice, the reason for the "emergency" should be explained in detail.
 Motion by Meyer, seconded by Reith to use "should" rather than "shall" in the 30 day posting and in paragraph 7 C 1 to state "all meetings of the CC shall comply with Wisconsin's Open Meeting law" ; motion carried.

C. & E. ID Requirements for voting, College Students

Some professors, even high school teachers, require students to attend the spring hearings in April. What type(s) of identification should we require? Harvey indicated state law lists 11 forms of identification for voting. Suggest we ask for some form of identification and if they are or are not a county resident for purposes of receiving a ballot.
 Motion by Reith, seconded by Krmpotich to provide documentation of residency per state guidelines; motion carried.

D. 250 Word requirement for resolutions

What parts, words, do you count and which ones don't you count? You don't count "a", "and" or "the" per our retired English teacher Reith. Feeling is 250 words is long enough, just count the Problem, the Whereas, and the Now Therefore Be it Resolved.

A "friendly amendment" was offered to a motion that was ruled out of order. A motion that resolutions shall be 250 words or less and exclude title and author information, be legible, on an 8.5 by 11 sheet of paper; motion carried.

F. Signed affidavit of delegates having read and understand the COP.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Krmptich to adopt a signatory page that delegates have read the COP and have it turned in by the close of the state meeting in May and if not turned in, they forfeit being on a CC committee; motion carried.

G. Tracking reprimands.

Concern if reprimands of delegates are being handled in a consistent manner. For example some reprimands may be by letter and others by a phone call. Are there formal and informal reprimands? We can track written ones, but not verbal ones. A summary of reprimands might be included in the Chairman's report to the delegates at the annual meeting. Who can make reprimands? Feeling is there should be a track record therefore any reprimands should be in writing. Feeling any discipline should be by the Executive Committee since they usually meet monthly.

Motion to change the language to "will be subject to discipline documented in writing by the Executive Committee" in XIII A 2 and 7 A 2.

H. Guidance on resolution authors requests for participation accommodation.

Issue is some authors are a long distance away and only have three minutes to address the R&R Committee. Skype is free, conference calls work, telephone speaker ok? Public participation should be encouraged. Technical issues may occur and cell phone coverage may be an problem.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Anderson to see if electronic presence can be tried; motion carried.

Responding to public comment.

Delegates may not know the answers to requests for information but they need to get back to the party making the request and/or refer them to someone who may have the answer. Motion to get back to the party within 3 days; and to have this discussed at new member meetings; motion carried. **It was recommended that public comments will be taken up by the Outreach & Public Relations Committee.**

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Comments included CC supports the CDAC although some don't support the czar recommendations; youth expo support; who gets the blame if deer changes don't work; CDAC ok in concept but in practice attendance has been very low; CC lost a Ex Council member when his resolution was re-written; resolutions must have accurate information; had DMAP questions with antlerless harvest on private lands; no representative from insurance industry on the CDAC; e-filing deer harvest issues; public-private antlerless numbers and permits.
ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	2:20 pm adjourned
SUBMITTED BY	Ken Anderson
DATE	October 11, 2014