Aug 8th 2015 9AM Mead Visitors Cent
Fur Harvest Advisory Committee
WI Conservation Congress

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A. Call to order by Chairman Ed Harvey @ 9AM

B. Roll Call All Present except. Excused Dave Louis, Duane Butler, Mark Loka, Richard Clark, Kelly Tollefson, Kris Kavelaris. Absent Donald Bongle, Hugh Hatch DNR Liasion John Olson, Nathan Roberts & Nate Kroeplin were present. 10 Guests Signed the sheet. (will Attach) Art Basele Robert Laboda, Brett Helmbrecht, Donald Rober Chris Manninen, Justin Coettrke, Gerri Albers (WDNR) Dan Hircheat (USDA-WS) Jean Hedtke, Ralph Fritsch

C. motion By Dan Cichantek 2nd by John Hetke to Aprove the Agenda MC

D. motion By Randy Mosiac 2nd by Wayne Stie to Aprove the Mission Statement As Printed. M

E. no Public Comment

II

A. Citizen Resolutions

(1) (200415, 240115, 710115) control Cattail vegitat IN Rush Lake - Authors Douglas Bohn and Art Basoler spoke, Questions by Dan Carroll, Jim Bindel Scott Zimmerman, Dan Cichantek, John Olson Coments that it goes Against Rule Siplification Hybred Cattails, need to study First. Incidentals ect motion to Advance by Mike Nicholson, 2nd by Miles Naver motion to Amend (To All trapping) by John Hedtke 2n

by RANDY SYMCOK - discussion
motion to ADVANCE - FAILS. Motion to Amend -
FAILS motion to reject by DAN ~~C~~ICHANTEK
2ND by DAN CARROLL MC

(2) 132015 Protect Beavers AS A State eco treasure
Author NOT HERE - discussion - JOHN OLSON
"They ARE Protected AND treasured NOW"
NATE Roberts "Need more research* on
POPULATION AND HABITAT USE"
motion to Reject by DAN CARROLL, 2ND By
JIM BINDER - MC
discussion INCLUDED DAN CARROLL "Need SOME
MEANS to CONTROL DAMAGE" SCOTT ZIMMERMA
SCOTT MCAULEY. "The NEW 10 yr BEAVER PLAN
MAY ADRESS THIS"

(3) 500315 - single dry LAND trapping opener For All
Furbearers - DICK HORN the Author SPOKE
"Better Fur" "SIMPLIFICATION" "less CONFLICTS with
other ~~USE OF~~ USER groups" Questions By ED HARVEY
would HUNTING SEASONS change? other QUESTIONS by
DAN CICHANTEK, SCOTT ZIMMERMAN, JOHN OLSON, THOM
AVIS, NATE KROPLIN "WOLF SEASON is IN STATUTE"
MOTION TO ADVANCE by MIKE NICHOLSON 2ND BY
JIM BINDER MC

(4) 132115 STOP KILLING PREDATORS
NO AUTHOR - NO DISCUSSION.
MOTION to Reject By DAN CARROLL
2ND By SCOTT ZIMMERMAN, MC

(5) 160215 residents/LANDOWNERS get TAGS FIRST
DON ROBERTS Author SPOKE - "disappointed
with system" "Dogs CAN NOT READ SIGNS" "BEAR HUN
CONFLICT with LANDOWNERS IN HIS AREA"

Questions By Dan Cichantek, John Hetzke, Nate Roberts
Motion to Reject By Dan Carroll, Randy Symic
MC
Discussion by Dan Carroll, Miles Narveson
(6) 040115 Wolf trapping Regulation change
no Author Nate Kroplin discussed - now the
is Potential for Violation, Permit holder needs to
there when trap is set, checked by someone daily.,
Permit holder to remove Animal, Question on tr
tags when trapping with Buddy or Family
Motion to Reject By Dan Cichantek, 2nd
Dan Carroll MC
Dissusion by Dan Cichantek, Dan Carroll, Miles
Narveson, Scott Mc Aukey, Nate Kroplin
(B) Break 5 minutes @ 10:47
Back to order @ 10:55

(B)

Scott Zimmerman reported on the Rule
Siplification Committee. They suggest Nov 1st open
For All Furbearers, get rid of Cubbie Rule on Ic
trap check time,
Motion to support opening the last Saturday
In October For All Furbearers (Same as Rat Seas
By Mike Nicholson, 2nd By Randy Symicek
MC
(C) Beaver Management Plan was Adressed by
John Olson/Gerriann Albers. John/Gerriann have
had Public Input Sessions All over the State
Draft Plan may Go to NRB in Sept.
All Population Goals Are By Zone (need more
Research) and Goals are to Maintain or Slight
Increase Populations in All Zones

(C) motion that the Fur Harvest Committee Supports the 2015 Beaver Plan with ~~An~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Priority For Research by Jim Bin 2nd By Will Netzer. MC

Break For Lunch From 11:57 to 12:32

(D) John Gilbert Gave A talk on Food Habits of Fisher-marten-cats and left us with the Question of what Do they eat and what do they really want to eat - the diets overlap between marten-Fishers - Are they eating less valuable animals when Populations of other Predators Are high and good Food is then Scarce.
Motion that this committee supports the continued research For Fisher / American Martins by Dan Cochantek 2nd by Jeff Stoeckigt MC

(E) Dan Hirchert, State Director For Aphis/WS gave us an update on what Aphis/WS does in the State and ~~#~~ numbers of complan For wolf Damage. Complants For wolf Damage is hard to stop without Lethal Contr

(F) John Olson gave his "Last Report" As he
(1) will retire in early 2016. BMPs Are close to Having All Species done (For now). Wolveri And Artic Fox need work yet. (As new traps techniques happen, more testing will be needed.) the WDNR Did necropies last week (canines) in Ashland. The trap use survay ~~[illegible]~~ is very important. it will Have lots of uses.

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(2) Furbearer Survay was Handled by Nathan Roberts "everything we do is Aplied Science", we use it to make changes if needed we need more otter science - Possibly otter Bridg Survays. our Bobcat INFO is older, we need better, newer stuff. Better INFO will result in Better models and more confidence in Quota

(4) Setting. → our cat project in North (7 cats collared last winter) has a couple odd or new tidbits, th use cornfields, and other areas, their Habitat use is more varied than thought. one cat li in town and uses bird feeders as a food source. Snow survays have problems of detecting a low population - but are good for trends, long term trends. Could we use scent stations and cameras? Other research ongoing in WI are an aquatic mammal survay in St. croix waterw Improving the Beaver Survay by using fixed win or satelite immages. Doing otter avoidance with Aphis/WS, but still a small sample size

(3) Furbearer Quotas for 2015 by John Olson
Bobcat numbers up - 300 in north, 100 in south
Fisher A = 75 B = 75 C = 60 D = 75 E = 250 F = 35
otter North = 605 Central 510 South 510
John Olson was Brief

(5) John told us about some rules working thru th WDNR.
(1) 2 otter zones instead of 3
(2) No toothed traps
(3) A regulated Badger Harvest.
(4) wildlife control licence
(5) Fisher zone changes
(6) the 2 Bag limit on otter was voted down

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(6) trapper ED Report By John Olson - A Big thank you to WTA, Congress, GerriAnn. In 2014 we had 60 classes, 8-10 in schools. 2200 graduates, 200 instructors, 5 For schools in WI 1 in Idaho, 1 in New York. John was Br

(7) Nate Kroplin updated us on trap Incidents in 2013 28 Reported - 23 dogs - none Killed In 2014 55 reported - 43 dogs - 3 Killed (one old dog in Foothold - cold, wet)(1 in an illegal set 200, 1 in 160)
About 9,000 trappers = 13, million trap nights = 1.3 Incidents per 100,000 trap nights

(G) member matters
Elmer Miller passed away last month 95 yrs.
Cities on Bears? USFW dragging Feet
Hunter Harrasment training with Bear Hunters
Artic Fox trapping in Alaska with John Olson
Youth Hunt in Trempalau County
thank you to John Olson For Service

Motion to reissue the "2 otter per trapper" resolution by Mike Nicholson, 2nd by Scott McAuley MC

Motion to Adjourn at 3:30 PM by Scott Zimmerman / 2nd By Jim Binder MC

Guests 2015 For Harvest

Douglas Bohn	Rush Lake Watershed group
Art Baseler	Rush lake Watershed group
Robert LaBudde	Rush Lake Water she
Brett Helmbrecht	Rush Lake Watersh Restorati
DONALD ROBERTS	"Bear & Bobcat permits,"
Chris Mannonen	FdL
JUSTIN COETTKE	" Muskrat, Beaver
Gerinn Albers	WDNR
Dan Hirchert	USDA - WS
Sean Hedtke	Guest
RALPH L. FRITSCH	GUEST -