

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Outdoor Heritage & Education

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	8/13/2-16	9:30 am	Grand Lodge Water Park, Wausau
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chair David Tupa at 9:30 am
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Frank Pratt, Donald Dukerschein, Bob Ellingson, Kevin Smaby, Richard Wayne, Lavonne Leibzeit, Patrick LaBarbera, Scott Bestul, David Tupa, John Cler, Trent Tonn, Larry Bonde, Keith Warnke, Mary Kay Salwey, Theresa Stabo
EXCUSED	Brian Melicher, Tashina Peplinski, Kathleen Tober, Tracy Swedlund, Douglas Nelson, Chris Jepson
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Youth CC Reed Miller, Madeline Damon, presenters Harold Resch, Matt Lallemond

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Discussed combining resolutions 610116, 190116, 210116 as they all deal with same subject, youth antlerless tags in buck only zones.
ACTION	Motion Ellingson to approve 2 nd Wayne, motion passes

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	The mission of the Outdoor Heritage and Education committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is to explore ways to help recruit new outdoor enthusiasts, both young and old, and to develop and review strategies to retain those groups and individuals who currently participate in outdoor recreational opportunities in Wisconsin. To accomplish these goals the committee will take into account the diversity, demographics, social demands and expectations of those using Wisconsin's rich natural resources.
ACTION	Approved as written

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	none

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. 610116,190116,210116 COMBINED- YOUTH TAGS IN BUCK ONLY COUNTIES

HAROLD RESCH 210116

DISCUSSION	All resolutions were read Motion by Smaby to open discussion 2 nd by Ellingson. After lengthy discussion, with input from presenter and youth congress delegates, a motion to reject resolutions by LaBarbera, 2 nd by Smaby motion passes. Idea of letting county CDACS determine the issuance of youth antlerless tags in buck only counties was discussed. A new proposal was written up with support of presenter and youth delegates. (Background) In the Northern Forest Zones where the deer populations have plummeted many zones have gone to a "buck only" season to help build up the herd,
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	but under current laws youth ages 10 thru 17 are still able to harvest antlerless deer with both bow and gun in these zones. It is felt that if local CDACS were given authority to control the number of youth tags issued it would help them build up the deer populations. Question: Do you support the Wis Conservation Congress and DNR work with Legislators to give local CDACS authority on issuance of youth antlerless tags in buck only counties. First time Hunter Safety graduate tags would not be affected.	
ACTION	Motion to accept Smaby 2 nd Wayne motion carries	
PERSON (S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
	Sec will inform resolution 610116 and 190116 authors of our actions	

B. 350116 CREATE YOUTH BEAR HUNT

MATT LALLEMONT

DISCUSSION	Presenter read resolution. Discussed on how current deer, turkey, waterfowl all have special dates for youth hunts and that a similar youth bear hunt could be established using current youth tag system. Motion to accept by Ellingson 2 nd by Smaby Resolution was rewritten to read as follows: (Background) Current youth Turkey, Deer, and Waterfowl hunts have separate season dates to allow the youth hunters a special time to hunt less pressured game, with less competition in the field, and a greater opportunity for success. Youth bear hunters with class A kill permits do not have this increased opportunity. Question: Would you support the Wis. Conservation Congress and DNR work with legislature to create a Youth Bear Hunt.	
ACTION	Motion to advance by Labarbera 2 nd by Ellingson Motion carries	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
	none as presenter was at meeting	

C. 160416 CLASSROOM HUNTER SAFETY

READ BY CHAIR

DISCUSSION	Motion to accept Labarbera, 2 nd Frank. Discussed classroom vs online Hunter ed. Resolution was rewritten to read as follows: (Background) Wis. has a great tradition of qualified volunteer hunter education instructors, that are willing to go the extra mile to properly train students in safety, responsibility, and ethics, and also impart their personal knowledge to students to help them become successful. (Question) Would you support the Wis. Conservation Congress and DNR work with legislature to promote "Classroom" hunter safety with qualified instructors, and the time necessary to properly train students?	
ACTION	Motion by Smaby to advance 2 nd by Wayne. Motion carries	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
	sec will inform 160416 author of our actions	

D. DEPT INFO AND UPDATES.

DISCUSSION	Theresa Stabo. Aquatic ed/ Public awareness updates; Wild Rose Fish Hatchery Education Center, plans for the addition of sturgeon exhibit, The State Fair display, New interns for the angler ed/ fishing in the neighborhood program, fishing for dinner program has a lot of interest. Mary Kay Salwey; Wildlife management Education updates, power point presentation of past 35 years accomplishments. Creation of education centers to reach out to the public, Navarino, Crex Meadows, Horicon Marsh, Sandhill, and Mead to name a few. 1 st Learn to deer hunt program at sandhill, Project Wild K-12, High School independent studies. Keith Warnke, R3 integration updates, New DNR grants available in the last 2 years, Hunter Recruitment Development Training, and Education Grant, Public Shooting Range Grant, Private Shooting Range grant, have awarded over \$300,000 in last 2 years. Stressed it is just as important to recruit adults into outdoor sports as kids. There is a big interest from adults wanting to learn to hunt for food, and volunteers needed for this program, grants available.
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E. RULE SIMPLIFICATION IDEAS

NONE	None
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F. YOUTH CONSERVATION CONGRESS UPDATES

	Ideas for Youth Conservation Congress should be forwarded to Trent Tonn who will be heading up this program! Ideas include youth handbook, and page for every county with contact info on members and DNR staff.
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Frank Pratt: How the Conservation Congress could become the leader in the Aquatic education program, now that DNR has cut it's funding. How we could tie in with the Youth Conservation Congress to gain participation and interest. Scott Bestul: Set meeting date for future OHEC meetings, it was decided to set 2 nd Sat in August for our committee meetings. Trent Tonn: Thanks for invite to youth delegates. David Tupa: Brought copy of 2015 hunting accidents, how in each instance shooter broke basic rules of hunter safety. Proposed that all shooters in hunting accidents would have their hunter safety card revoked and all shooters would have to pass a Hunter ed course to get their privileges back.
ACTION	It was proposed to have a conference call committee meeting to see if we want to forward a question on the topic of hunter safety card revocation.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	2:35 pm
SUBMITTED BY	Scott Bestul
DATE	Aug. 13 th 2016