



**2005 Statewide Annual Convention
May 13 & 14, 2005
Manitowoc, WI**

The convention was called to order at 8:30 am Friday morning.

Roll call was taken with 70 of the 72 Counties answering, with Iron and Rusk counties not responding.

Natural Resources Board Chairman Gerry O'Brien was the first speaker introduced and gave a short speech, after introducing the Natural Resources Board members.

DNR Secretary Hassett was next to speak and addressed the actions of the joint finance committee, game warden shortages, stewardship funding, hunter recruitment, access concerns, deer management, CWD efforts, bad year for fish kills.

Larry Bonde introduced Bob Schuh as a guest speaker, Bob had been blinded by a hunting accident in his youth and learned to continue his love of the outdoors after the accident. Bob is a hunter education teacher and still hunts, and writes outdoors articles.

Chairman Oestreicher presented the following Congress recognition awards:

- Cletus Alsteen was given the Law Enforcement Award.
- Jeremy Perry was also presented a Law Enforcement Award.
- Ron Eckstein received the Wildlife Management Award.
- Tim Larson was given the Fisheries Management Award.
- Bob Mather Forestry Management Award.
- Chuck Burney received the Watershed Management Award.
- Greg Hill the Sediments Management Award.
- Chuck Ledin given the Great Lakes Award.

Dick Koerner, Chairman of the Migratory Committee presented the following recognition award on behalf of his committee:

- Ed McCann was the Law Enforcement Award.

Ron Roettger, Chairman of the Awards Committee presented the following awards:

- Al Barden, president of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association received the 2005 State Conservation Organization of the year award.
- Star Prairie Fish and Game Association was earned the 2005 Local Conservation Club of the year award.
- Brown County Chapter of the Isaac Walton League was given the Outstanding Achievement Award.
- Daniel Boone Conservation League earned the Outstanding Achievement Award.
- Westshore Sportsman Club accepted the Outstanding Achievement Award.
- Polk County Sportsmans Club received an Outstanding Achievement Award.

- Chippewa Rod and Gun Club earned an Outstanding Achievement Award.
- Victoria Dahlby accepted the Conservation Educator of the Year Award.

Governor Jim Doyle spoke on the Stewardship Fund and the Joint Finance committees decisions.

Executive Council elections were held, all remained the same except the newly elected Tony Janecek in District 4 and Tony Blattler in District 6.

Executive Committee elections were held after lunch with Steve Oestreicher and Ed Harvey receiving a unanimous ballot for Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Secretary had 3 contestants with Larry Bonde winning over Rich Kirchmeier and Dave Puhl.

Larry Bonde gave a brief update on the Outdoor Heritage Committee.

Dustin Grant and Dan Gunderson gave a presentation on the Youth Expo being planned for 2006, the hope is to get 5000 5th graders.

State representative Scott Gunderson addressed the congress and gave his opinions on the joint finance committee's findings.

Mike Staggs of DNR gave the departments fisheries questions, and pass them all. **Motion by Dunn County, seconded by Outagamie County to accept, discussion from Winnebago and Trempeleau, motion carried.**

Tom Hauge of DNR to advance the questions that passed and not advancing those that didn't, **Motion by Clark County, seconded by Outagamie to accept, discussion Polk, Dunn, Winnebago and Manitowoc, motion carried.**

Congress Questions were handled in the same order as the spring hearing.

Question # 62 Feral Cats, **Motion by Vilas County, seconded by unknown to table, motion failed on a paddle vote 51-17. Motion by La Crosse County, seconded by Monroe to accept, discussion by La Crosse, Vilas, Portage, Clark, Dodge, Fond Du Lac, Trempeleau, Walworth. Paddle vote - 51 -14 motion carried. Chairman Oestreicher stated that the position of the Executive Committee is to take no further action at this time.**

Question #44 Deer season framework – **Motion by Dodge County, seconded by Oneida to accept, discussion Portage, Passed on voice vote.**

Question #45 Rifle use for deer LaFayette County – **Motion by Dunn, seconded by Milwaukee County to accept - Discussion Lafayette, Failed on a voice vote.**

Question #46 Rifle use for deer Kewaunee County – **Motion by Kewaunee County, seconded by Outagamie County passed on a voice vote.**

Question #47 Lowering the hunting age – **Motion by Marquette County, seconded by Manitowoc County to table, motion carried.**

Question #48 Exotic Aquatic Species – **Motion by Oneida, seconded by Dunn County passed on voice vote.**

Question #49 Earn a Buck - December Antlerless – **Motion by Price County, seconded by Lincoln to accept, motion passed on voice vote.**

Question #50 Private Land Versus Public Land Harvest info. **Motion by Portage County, seconded by Polk County to accept. Discussion Ozaukee, Buffalo, Lincoln, Brown and Bayfield, Motion carried.**

Question #51 Landowner Preference Transfer To Youth Under 18. **Motion by Portage County, seconded by Outagamie County to accept. Carried on voice vote.**

Question #52 Free Antlerless Tags – **Motion by Oneida County, seconded by La Crosse County to accept, motion carried.**

Question #53 Restore Full Permitting Process for Certain Waters Affected Act 118 "The Jobs Creation Act" – **Motion by Vilas County, seconded by La Crosse County to accept, motion carried.**

Question #54 Providing Increased Protection To Wisconsin Rivers, Creeks and Streams. – **Motion by Portage County, seconded by Trempeleau County to accept, motion carried.**

Question #55 Asking for Increased Penalties and Added DNR Enforcement Authority Concerning Exotic Species. – **Motion by Dane County, seconded by Dodge County to accept, motion carried.**

Question #56 Bobcat Harvest Zone Expansion. – **Motion by Clark County, seconded by Price County to accept, motion carried.**

Question #57 Damage Control Fur Utilization. - **Motion by Kenosha County, seconded by Outagamie County to accept, motion carried.**

Question #58 Exotic Species – **Motion by Iowa County, seconded by Sauk County to accept, motion carried.**

Question #59 Zone A Ruffed Grouse extended season. **Motion by Milwaukee County, seconded by Kenosha to accept, Paddle Vote, 48 - yes, 14 - no, motion carried.**

Question #60 Bobcat Zone Extension – **Motion by Chippewa County, seconded by Price County to accept, motion carried.**

Question #61 Fisher Season. – **Motion by Door County, seconded by Kenosha to accept, motion carried.**

Question #63 Waterfowl Blinds on State Owned Property. **Motion by Racine County, seconded by Burnette County to accept, motion carried.**

Question #64 Environmental Impact Study for the Upper Mississippi River. – **Motion by La Crosse County, seconded by Crawford County to accept, motion carried.**

Question #65 Reinstate Funding for Private Shooting Ranges with Public Access. **Motion by Monroe County, seconded by Oneida County to accept, motion carried.**

Question #66 Atlatl and Dart use for Harvest of Fish and Game. – **Motion by Lincoln County, seconded by Jackson County to reject. Paddle vote – 45 in favor of rejecting this question - 22 not in favor of rejecting this question. Motion carried.**

Question #67 First Year Hunters. – **Motion by Vilas County, seconded by Langlade County to reject, motion carried.**

Question #68 Youth possession of Firearm. – **Motion by Polk County, seconded by Shawano County to accept, motion carried.**

Question #69 Youth Hunting – **Motion by Pepin County, seconded by Columbia County to accept, motion carried.**

Question #70 Hunting with Crossbows. – **Motion by Calumet County, seconded by Dodge County to reject. Discussion Ozaukee, Oneida, Marathon and Sheboygan. Motion carried.**

Question #71 Put and Take Pheasant Stamp Program. – **Motion by Kenosha County, seconded by Sauk County to accept. Paddle vote 43 yes, 23 no, motion carried.**

Question #72 Splitting Pheasant Stamp Money. – **Motion by Monroe County, seconded by Washburn County to accept. Motion carried.**

Question #73 Musky Stamp. – **Motion by Vilas County, seconded by Polk County to reject. Motion carried.**

Question #74 One Line Motor Trolling. – **Motion by Waukesha County, seconded by Outagamie County to accept. Paddle vote 46-23 carried.**

George Meyer president of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation spoke on the joint finance committees' decision to use stamp monies. Asked people to call your legislators and register your complaint.

SATURDAY MAY 14, 2005

Chairman Oestreicher called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Only Douglas and Iron counties did not answer roll call.

Committee selections will take place on May 24th. Their will be a rigorous audit of the SAK and how the DNR estimates the deer herd. He also went through the deer seasons in the CWD and eradication zones.

Question #44 was concept question that received favorable support, it shows what the majority of deer hunters want. Wants to thank all members for their hard work.

Paul Madden Chair of Rules and Resolutions presented the memorial resolutions. Eau Claire Co., Roger Britton Sr. past Chairman of the Congress, Gerald Lahner, Ervin Lang, Vilas Co. Ollie Wulff, Buffalo Co., Duane Barch, Portage Co. Marion Beyer, Sauk Co. Roger Shanks have all passed away, a moment of silence followed. Roger Britton was from Pepin County.

Rules and Resolutions Committee has decided to forward resolutions to only one committee in the future. **Motion made by Dunn County, seconded by Marquette to accept the Rules and Resolutions report, motion passed.**

Resolution by Lincoln County asking for special license plate with proceeds going to alternative funding. **Motion made by Lincoln County, seconded by Dunn County, motion passed.**

Winnebago County resolution concerning Dove hunters using lead shot near waterfowl areas and to send to Migratory Committee for further study. **Motion by Winnebago County, seconded by Sauk County, paddle vote, motion passed 39-21.**

Dodge County resolution concerning lake levels in Lakes Michigan and Huron. **Motion by Dodge County, seconded by Brown County, motion carried.**

Waukesha Resolution to support AB 381 - **Motion by Washara County, seconded by Polk County, motion carried.**

Crawford county resolution to ask the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service to extend the comment period on the Mississippi River by 6 months. **Motion by Crawford County, seconded by Dunn to accept, discussion Crawford, Milwaukee, Clark, Dunn, motion carried.**

Ozaukee County resolution to modify stamp program rejected on a paddle vote 37-18.

Dale Maas Chairman Great Lakes Committee would like resolution 310205 went to Executive Council rather than Great Lakes Study Committee. **Motion by Dodge County, seconded by Outagamie County to send to Great Lakes, motion carried.**

Milwaukee County resolution on North Lake land purchase in Waukesha County asking for Congress endorsement in upcoming hearings, **Motion by Milwaukee County, seconded by Waukesha County to accept, motion carried.**

Door County on creating new stamp the legislature cannot touch such as a habitat stamp. **Motion by Door County, seconded by Rusk County, motion failed.**

Motion by Washara County, seconded by Crawford County to adjourn – motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Opall, Secretary