

Minutes from the Sporting Heritage Council Meeting  
October 24, 2013

1. All members present except Torhorst and Steineke.
2. Minutes from the August 27, 2013 meeting were moved by LaBarbera and seconded by Gruber. Approved unanimously.
3. Gundy reported to the Council that the Natural Resources Board is currently reviewing three potential appointees for the Bear position on the Council and will appoint a Bear representative at their December 11, 2013 meeting.
4. Kevin Nase gave a presentation on the Hunter's Network of Wisconsin. The site already has 913 Likes and 89 Friends. Kevin asked the Council to use the site and ask their members to use it. He encouraged Council members to post events and pictures to the site. He would like DNR to post a new idea everyday on the site. He hopes that the site could be used as a Hunter's Network Billboard and will connect hunters with new recruits, young and old. One-on-one gets it done is Kevin's motto.
5. Kevin suggested a hunter's license plate would be a great way to raise money for hunting projects.
6. Gundy asked if there was a way for us to upgrade or help Kevin on this website. Keith responded that it can already match mentors with potential hunters.
7. Joe Caputo asked why not use college kids for tech developers on the site. Keith says we can.
8. Grant discussion: *There was a wide ranging discussion of the grant contained in the 2013 -15 Biennial Budget and what actions the council should take now that the grant has not been awarded. I have tried to capture the key points below.*
  - a. We could raise the amount of PR or SFR funds to do what the grant would have done (DNR can do this internally, we would not need legislation)
  - b. Grants would be small grants to as many groups as possible
  - c. Payments could be retroactive and based on number of events, etc and would be based on the outcomes of these events
  - d. Fishing needs to be included as well
  - e. We should develop clear applications, full budgets should be required with timelines, projected outcomes and evaluations.
  - f. There was talk about using the \$200,000 identified in the grant contained in the Budget to use for now for programs
  - g. There was talk about the Council's integrity being protected and that the public needs to see that the council is open.
  - h. It was suggested that \$400-\$500,000 is what is really needed to cover the whole state
  - i. Whatever amount of money is agreed to it must continue in the future
  - j. If it was decided that PR and SFR was used it could it likely could be used into the future
  - k. The Council should support a concept, then the council can fund ideas that it supports
  - l. Some members wanted a vote today

- m. Some members wanted the council to do what is described in the law only, and not push legislation
  - n. The \$200,000 will disappear if we do not act quickly
  - o. The council was never meant to be political and we should not start to take positions like this
  - p. The current legislation is still on the books and needs to be repealed or changed
9. The Council, on a voice vote, with Sen Kedzie abstaining, passed the following motion: **The Sporting Heritage Council recommends the DNR move forward with a grant program aimed at hunter and angler recruitment and retention and asks that the Legislature review the grant program that was included in the 2013-2104 Budget.**

10. Council Ideas and Sub-Committees

- a. Scott Zimmerman said that habitat on state properties needs to be the right habitat to hold deer or other species that we want people to hunt and trap.
- b. Joe Caputo suggested we have an “Adopt a Property” program where clubs or groups could manage the habitat
- c. Ben Gruber suggested we have a regional coordinator who can help groups. The coordinator could be in UW Extension, DNR or some other agency.

*I will add these ideas onto the Idea List.*

11. Gundy suggested the following sub-committee chairs:
- a. For Communication and Outreach, Mark LaBarbera. Mark accepted.
  - b. For Access issues, Joe Caputo. Joe accepted.
  - c. For Legislative Issues. Rep. Jim Steineke
  - d. Ralph Fritsch volunteered for the Access sub-committee
  - e. Scott Zimmerman volunteered for Communication and Outreach sub-committee
12. Ralph Fritsch asked how and where the \$7 million of access money was being spent. (*Steve Miller sent Ralph the information*)

**Our next meeting will be on January 9, 2014 in Room GO 9 in Madison.**

**Future meetings will be planned for the MacKenzie Center and around the old Badger Army Ammunition Plant, now called the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area.**