



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Motorized Recreation
 Committee
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	09/10/ 2022	9:00 a.m.	Zoom
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Meeting called to order by

Dave Larson
 (Chair).

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Dave Larson (Chair), Al Marotz (Cochair), Michael Hamm, Pat Quaiantance, Steven Burr, Robert Budworth, Wayne Schmidt, Brett Weir, Steve Gehrke, Ronald Krueger WI DNR Liaisons
EXCUSED	Richard Marti, Daniel Beauchamp, Steve Drraginis, Michael Kohl, Zack Jansky
UNEXCUSED	Stephanie Blazich (secretary)
GUESTS	Mary Ellen O'Brian (Madison), Mary Schnieder (Fox River & Kenosha County), Amy Mueller (Waukesha), Jess Meessmann (Vilas County), Jim A. Olson (Madison), Nancy Gramh (Winnebago)

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Moved by Ronald Krueger and 2 nd by Marotz to listen to visiting people first on the public commits and citizen resolutions
ACTION	Motion passed

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Dave Larson read the statement. Motion by Robert Budworth, 2 nd by Wayne Schmidt to approve the mission statement.
ACTION	Motion passed.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	<p>Mary Ellen O'Brian of Madison said to consider the wake boats as a serious problem to the lake shorelines and bottoms as well the environment in general. She spoke out against allowing wake boats on Wisconsin lakes.</p> <p>Mary Schnieder from Fox River and Kenosha County wants the WI DNR to enforce airboat noise on the Fox River. She also spoke against the resolution #490422 saying they won't stay on the trails and routs now.</p> <p>Amy Mueller of Waukesha County spoke of kayaks and paddle boarders contending with wakes an wave boats. She did not think it was a responsible use of lakes and found these watercrafts offensive to lakeshore owners.</p> <p>Jeff Meessmann of Vilas County spoke in support of resolution #s 640822, 640922, 641122, 641222, 133822, 13922. A very detailed approach with common sense on why wake boats are disastrous to have on Wisconsin inland lakes. The wake boat stirs up bottom (plows the lake). The wake boats angle down in the stern by 40°. This is accomplished by a stern tank that takes on water to help sink the back of the boat. These ballast tanks do not fully empty from one lake to the other. The boats are powered by a stern drive system that forces turbulence to the bottom of a 20 foot deep lake. The wakes can continue for hundreds of feet. The boat operator cannot see past the bow of the wake boat. It is dangerous for promoting algae blooms. It stirs up sediment (muck) found in shallow bays and lake bottoms.</p> <p>James A. Olson JD from northern Wisconsin spoke on the need to control wake boats on Wisconsin lakes. The WI DNR Lawyers need to write new rules to protect Wisconsin waters.</p>
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

Check Box for Citizen Resolutions

A. [Resolutions on agenda #2 through7]

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	---Agree to move all resolutions forward. Hazardous wake use of ballast tank
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	<p>Rogue wave impact on others enjoying the water 2X 150 horsepower Let the state lawyer write the new rules. Moved by Wayne Schmidt and 2nd by Brett Wier to move the all wake boat resolutions forward (resolutions #s 2-7 on the agenda). Vote was unanimous.</p> <p>#8 Nancy Graham spoke on the excessive noise from airboats and loud motorboats. Members informed her the laws were in the books. Author withdrew resolution #710922 because it was not her county of residence. Motion to reject resolution moved by Quiantance 2nd by Hamm. Passed unanimous</p> <p>#9 Rejected because wrong county</p> <p>#1 Tracks on UTV—Law enforcement said that the tracks make them too wide for state trails. Move to reject made by Wier and 2nd by Marotz. Motion passed</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. [WI DNR Liaison Reports]

WI DNR Employees

DISCUSSION	<p>Daniel Yankowiak, (Trails/Facilities) talked about North Central Region to update Wisconsin network plan. Land acquisition in Oneida County, they want to develop a ATV trail and a state wildlife area. Bridge projects are ongoing. Bayfield County snowmobile trails have numerous wash outs. Brand new Wild River, Shell Lake ATV and UTV trails.</p> <p>Marty Stone & Darren Kuhn (Law Enforcement) talked about Boating fatalities, 17, most of the time caused by speed, no PFDs, falling out. ATV and UTV last year there were 47 fatalities in 2021. Numbers up as sales were up. Most fatalities are caused by speed and alcohol and too many on the road.</p> <p>Jillian Steffes (CFA and Grants) 6 million dollars in grants. 2.5 million in maintenance of trails. There are ten thousand miles of snowmobiles. 3,500 miles of ATV/UTV trails. It cost 1500 per mile of trail for maintenance. The state is thinking of putting business signage on trails.</p> <p>WATVA Randy Hardin invited the committee to the VIP ride September 30 Dyracuse ,HWY 13.</p>	
ACTION	<p>Future Meetings The last Saturday in September, the day after the VIP ride.</p>	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	One member said environment issues are important. Another said we need support for ATV and UTVs
ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motioned by Al Marotz 2nd Brett Wier at 11:24. Motion passed
SUBMITTED BY	[Al Marotz]
DATE	[10-19-2022]