

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress**  
**Ex. Comm. Mtg. Minutes**  
**Sept. 15, 2008**

Conference call meeting called to order by Chr. Edgar Harvey at 5:34 P.M. Those present were Chr. Ed Harvey, V. Chr. Rob Bohmann Sec Rich Kirchmeyer Ron Roetger, Mike Reiter, Mark Noll, Ray Heidel and Marc Schultz from the congress. From the DNR were Tom Hauge, Kurt Thiede, and Kari Lee-Zimmermann.

Tom Hauge gave a report about some complaints from the S.E. CWD zone. Some county and town officials are concerned about the ability to use rifles in some of the former shotgun only areas. Some communities are talking about putting their own firearm restrictions in place in their areas during the early Oct. herd control hunt. So far it hasn't been put on any county board agendas. Rob is watching his county (Racine) for anything that might happen. Some people don't think local government should be able to control gun issues.

Tom then talked about some of the issues in the S. Kettle Moraine Forest during the Oct hunt. 1000 acres have already been closed to the hunt and some people would like to close an additional 2300 acres in the evenings during the weekend. There have been a few proposals out there to alleviate the problem, i.e. only let hunters hunt in the mornings, or provide blaze orange vests for anyone using the forest during that time.

**Motion by Rich to oppose any closure of the S. Kettle Moraine Forest during the Oct. antlerless deer hunt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob. Motion passed.**

Budget for the 75<sup>th</sup> annual convention. How much and for what should the congress's budget be spent on. **For now we approve of using monies for printing and such things needed to promote the convention.**

We discussed logos and we all agreed that the years the Con. Congress has been in existence should be incorporated into what ever design we end up using. "75 years of Democracy" vs. "Conservation" was discussed. The Exec. Committee asked Kari to incorporate both terms in the final logo.

Marc Schultz gave suggestions that he has been working on for fund raising for the congress and he is hoping to have some more details ready for the Ex. Com by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Some special events discussed were the possibility of having the Ex Council meeting on Thurs. on a river boat. We need to find out a cost before we commit to this. There was the interest brought up on having a guest speaker at the awards banquet. We need to figure out who we should invite as special guests whether it be former Congress delegates, or past ex council members. The April issue of the DNR's Natural Resources Magazine will be the official start of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We will have the gun board again this convention with the proceeds going towards the youth expo. **Marc Schultz and Ray**

**Heidel will work on getting the guns. Rich is going to check out getting a rod from St. Croix Rods in Park Falls with our logo on it.**

Ron Roetger discussed awards, we will be sending out around 1600 applications to clubs and delegates to get more applicants for our awards, this will be facilitated through the use of the February 2009 WCC newsletter. In addition to an award for educator of the year, we may also provide an award for hunter ed. instructor of the year. **In dealing with longevity awards it was decided that we would give out certificates for 5, 10 and 15 years of service. For 20 years of service and in 5 year increments there e after you would receive a pin and a certificate.** Maybe we could list the length of services on a board for people to see.

There were quite a few items that were talked about that we could sell or give to delegates at the convention. The hope is to have some of these items for display at the district meetings in March of 2009. Some items that were mentioned were t-shirts, shirts, decals, belt buckles, all would include the 75 year logo. A coin like the ones given to hunter safety instructors or a belt buckle was thought about in giving to each delegate. **The Exec. Committee agreed to provide a coin this year to each delegate depending on the cost of the item, and the cost would be taken out of the Congress fund.**

Mike Reiter informed us of what he would like to see as far as showing the history of the Congress. He has spent many hours going through the archives of the congress looking up past chairs, ex councilman and so forth. He has collected many pictures of past con. chairs, dept. sec. and other pictures of congress events. He has many booklets and other printed items from the con. congress's past.

The future of our present county paddles was discussed. This will probably be the last convention that the present paddles will be used. The suggestion that they be refurbished was not supported. **We will discuss this issue at the Jan. Ex. Council meeting.** One possibility would be to let county chairs take them back to their counties and display them at their court houses.

**A motion was made by Rob to support some type of management practice to control the expansion of the population of Cormorants, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich. Motion carried.**

Future convention sites were proposed by Kari. We decided to award contracts to The Lodge in Geneva for 2010, Plaza Hotel and Suites in Wausau for 2011, Manitowoc Holiday Inn in Manitowoc for 2012, and The Plaza Hotel and Suites in Eau Claire in 2013.

Motion to adjourn by Rob Bohmann 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Kirchmeyer at 7:39pm Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by  
Richard Kirchmeyer, Sec.