

WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS  
HUNTING WITH DOGS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Conservation Congress Hunting With Dogs Committee was held on Friday, August 14, 2009 at the Ramada Inn in Stevens Point, Wi.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by chairman, David Puhl.

Committee members present: David Puhl, George Bartels, Harold Petsch, Chris Wegner, Michael Kreibich, Mark Loka, Ken Risley, J. Michael Gould, Richard Baudhuin, Brian Heins, and David Mabie.

Committee members excused: Gene Knoll, and Larry Nelson.

Committee members not excused: Donna Falbe, and Marc Ince.

DNR staff present: Pat Quaintance, committee liaison Scott Loomans, GEF-2, Kurt Theide.

Others present: Rich Kirchmeyer, Don Carroll, Mike Gappa, Corky Meyer, Dean Johnson, Scott McCauley, Ed Harvey, and Scott Meyer.

MISSION STATEMENT

The committee will review all matters that are related to the seasons and laws involving game animals and game birds that are pursued by dogs, as well as any matters assigned by the Executive Committee or the Executive Council. The committee will also work jointly with other Conservation Congress committees, the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Board.

All meeting minutes will be provided to the Conservation Congress Liaison or Assistant.

Disposition of 2009 resolutions: 030409 training of dogs in Zone C. Plus duplicate resolutions 080109, 100309, 120109, 250109, 370309, 530109, 620109, and 680109.

Dean Johnson, writer of the resolution, gave his thoughts on the resolutions and why we should have a state-wide vote on it. After an hour and fifteen minutes of discussion, a motion by Richard Baudhuin to reject, seconded by Ken Risley, passed unanimously.

Scott Loomans, DNR, gave an update on the 2009 Spring Hearing question on bobcat harvest seasons and applications fee. The bear hunters testified against. The Senate passed the rule and on August the Assembly will vote on the rule. It will be a split season. It will be back to the DNR and might need to go to the Natural Resources Board. If it passes, a new season will be in 2010.

A motion to use the \$3.00 application fee for research on bobcats south of Hwy 64, establish population and hunting season was made by Richard Boudhuin and seconded by Mike Gould. Motion passed.

No action was taken on Assembly bill 371 concerning new rules on bear hunting.

Spring Hearing question 71, a statewide coyote season year-round:

A wolf management plan is needed. Scott Loomans reported that there has been no progress on the plan and also if the season is open during deer season, the coyote season may be closed after March because of whelped young.

Resident and non-resident coon hunting dates may be changed.

A problem of people walking dogs through sanctioned dog trials was reported.

Dog training permits may be more difficult to get because of reduction of staff.

Some dog training permits have been revoked because of hunting on certain parks land.

A bear interest group has requested public records information on dog training pens.

A resolution from Bayfield County pertaining to learn to hunt, 10-12 year olds: They would like 5 percent of bear tags reserved for Learn To Hunt Programs. It would be run the same as the youth deer hunt. Richard Baudhuin made the motion and Ken Risley seconded the motion to have the Bear Committee and Outdoor Heritage Committee look at the Learn To Hunt Program for improvement. The motion passed.

The Wolf Program needs intervention by the Governor, Attorney General, and the DNR Secretary, which may help move it along.

Next years Hunting With Dogs Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 20, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: George Bartels