

Rules and Resolutions Study Committee  
Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center, Milladore, WI  
Saturday, August 22, 2009

- A. Meeting called to order at 9:37 am by Chairman Tony Blattler
- B. Roll call was taken by secretary Dick Koerner

Present: Tony Blattler, Dick Koerner, Ken Anderson, Dick Baudhuin, James Houck, Wade Jeske, David Larson, Pete Petrouske, Frank Reith, Brice Thomaе, and Liaisons Kurt Thiede and Tim Andryk.

Excused: Ray Smith, Jake Jandro, and Tom Van Haren (DNR)  
Unexcused: Henry Jacobson

- C. Mission statement was read to the committee by Chairman Tony Blattler.
- D. Discussion and Action Items
  - 1. Definition of "Term of Service." When does a delegate's term and district councilor's term officially begin and end?
    - a. Ken Anderson said a delegate's term should end or begin at the annual county Spring Hearing held in April
    - b. Motion by Jeske, second by Larson that delegates may appear at the annual convention or a study committee meeting at the request of the Executive Committee, however in accordance with the Congress Code of Procedures, they would not have voting rights. We did NOT vote on this motion, but chose to leave it on paper for more discussion with the Executive Council.
    - c. When does an Executive Council member's term start and stop? Motion by Ken Anderson to withdraw his motion concerning delegate terms beginning and ending at the conclusion of the annual Spring Hearing held in April. Second by Dick Baudhuin. Motion carried.
    - d. New Motion by Dave Larson that a delegate's term begins and ends at the start of the annual statewide convention. Second by Jim Houck, motion carried unanimously.
  - 2. Delegate "Recall" Procedures. After a long discussion with no motion we moved on to the next item of business.
  - 3. Disciplinary Actions for Code of Procedure Violations. After another long discussion we decided that violations such as absenteeism without an excused reason from the delegate not attending a committee meeting or county, district or state meeting, can be dealt with by the code of procedure. Rules are established but sometimes not enforced.
    - a. In reference to discussion and actions items sub section C (disciplinary actions for code of procedures violations- Absenteeism), motion by Bruce Thomaе, second by Pete Petrouske to take NO ACTION since this is covered in the Code

of Procedures but to reiterate Section 7a, Rule 8 to all delegates where, when all issues are forwarded by county, district, committee chairs to the Executive Council/ Committee for violations and where they will determine and enforce said actions.

The above wording was from Bruce Thomae. It was also noted many committee Chairs are taking charge of this problem. This matter is put on hold. Ken Anderson, Vilas County said he will volunteer to contact Iron County on their continued absence to the annual state convention.

4. Committee Term Limits- Committee positions and Executive Council/ Committee. Discussion on the pros and cons of term limits; some delegates are only interested in one committee and some have been on the same committee for many years. Some delegates want on a committee and there is no room for more. Motion by Wade Jeske, second by Ken Anderson, that the Rules and Resolutions Committee recommend to the Executive Committee when assigning committee members that they have a minimum of 10% turn over on each committee each year. A motion by Dick Baudhuin that each district elects people on to a study committee at the August district meeting. Motion dies for lack of a second.
5. Discussion on Personal History Questionnaires. They should be used to see a delegate's choice of study committee. A list of all study committees should be listed. Kurt and Wade Jeske will work to have PDQ simplified and possibly available online along with committee mission statements. Should have two representatives per district for each study committee.
6. Grievance Procedures for Delegates and Members of the Public. Motion by Ken Anderson, second by Jim Houck that a grievance by the public should be addressed to the local WCC County Chair with their issue. This was amended to start with the chain of command-a grievance from the public should 1) go to the county chair, 2) then go to the district councilor, 3) then go to the Executive Council. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Education of Committee Chairs and Secretaries (resolution action, open meeting laws). We have come a long way with dealing with resolutions beginning with the county Spring Hearing. Most chairs follow up with the author. Only a few understand the open meeting laws. Ken Anderson said that Kurt Thiede should get copies of the open meeting laws and get them to all the councilors and to the Rules and Resolutions Committee. Kurt said it may be possible to do a video, also. Wade Jeske said we should have a 20 minute breakfast with the information to teach councilors. Dick Koerner said all delegates should have this information.
8. Appointed Delegate Opportunities/ Eligibility. If there was a medical emergency, what is the policy? The Executive Council can appoint a new councilor or an Executive Committee member. The concern here is someone could be "appointed" and elevated to the Executive Committee and never been elected by the public. DNR Liaison, Tim Andryk, read the rules. The district should elect a new district councilor ASAP (not to

exceed 45 days). It could be done with a conference call and be done in 3 weeks. Motion by Ken Anderson to adopt, second by Frank Reith- motion carried unanimously. Motion by Ken Anderson, that persons elected to the Executive Council must have been an elected, not appointed, county delegate. Second by Frank Reith; motion carried.

9. County delegate Election Protocol. The protocol previously was the 3 year term for a county delegate was voted on first and the 2 year term second. Motion by Ken Anderson that this committee recommends to the Executive Council that the county delegate election have the 3 year term filled first, followed by the 2 year term. Motion carried unanimously.
10. 2009 WCC County Meeting Public Grievances. Vilas County had problems where the meeting was moved due to parking problems and it was over crowded and people had to stand outside, not enough ballots, etc. Winnebago County moved the meeting place a few years ago, but not enough publicity to the change and we had people in the old school and the new school and not enough signs to direct them to the right meeting place.
11. Study Committees: Adequate Notice, Alternatives and Proxy Voting. We will have problems with this one, but has some pros and cons. If someone can't make a meeting to endorse the concept, you could have someone take your place to represent you or a committee from your district. Would get paid for mileage. If someone can't make a meeting should someone be able to take his place and vote? Motion by Ken Anderson to postpone item 11 indefinitely; second by Wade Jeske. Jim Houck said we should be able to send a substitute (proxy) and he would work on this problem for the committee. Bruce Thomae and Tony Blattler will form an Ad Hoc Committee. Vote on the motion to postpone item 11 pasted on a hand vote 7 yes, 3 no.

#### E. Members Matters

Ken Anderson-Will provide Kurt with a form for comments for other committees.

Frank Reith-How many people on committees Bear Hunters want Hunting with Dogs?

Kurt-Hand out on study committee Liaisons guidelines (they are not bound by the Code of Procedures.

Dick Baudhuin-short 1 delegate

Bruce Thomae-has been on the Rules and Resolutions Committee for 16 years. R&R was a joke 15 years ago, but we have made a lot of headway, it's a good committee now.

Wade Jeske-The Youth Conservation Congress is setting guidelines but is short on money.

Tim Andryk-Problems getting hunters to the public hearings on deer.

Dick Koerner-met with DNR regional staff, we only ask the DNR staff to have one person in each division at our district meetings (LE, Wildlife, Fisheries, etc)

Tony Blattler-Next meeting will be April 26, 2010 in Stevens Point.

Meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Koerner, Secretary