

# Deer 2000 Review Ad-Hoc Committee

## Ramada Inn

### Stevens Point, WI

**Friday, November 6, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Rob Bohmann

Members present: Rob Bohmann, Stan Brownell, Larry Bonde, Tony Janecek, Gerald Merryfield, Arold Ninneman, Mark Noll, Al Phelan, Mike Riggle, Roger Sabota.

Also present: CC Chairman Ed Harvey, Kurt Thiede, Kari Lee-Zimmerman, Rich Kirchmeyer, Keith Warnke

Motion to approve agenda by Larry Bonde, second by Gerald Merryfield.

Report by WDNR – Keith Warnke

- Public hearings on deer review completed
- Review of comments from public meetings
- Web comments being reviewed and tabulated
- Attendees usually preferred to send e-mail comments rather than testify at hearings
- Other comments came back around 70% from license surveys of 1000 hunters

Rob Bohman: why was 16-day proposal considered statewide instead of in EAB units only?

Mark Noll: how many units at one time were the most in herd control of EAB?

Gerald Merryfield: Many units in the North would not qualify for herd control or EAB in the next few years so should not be in a 16-day season

Roger Sabota: Most in the North do not support a 16-day season at any point

Tony Janecek: Most hunters at this meeting would not support a 16-day season

Larry Bonde: Hunters want a better herd count before they will support changes

Mike Riggle: Low percentage of public comments (1%) may not be consensus of hunters

Ed Harvey: 65 – 70% of public did not support dept. proposal at hearings. Thank Keith for expressing CC proposal at public hearings.

Review position of Committee

Tony Janecek : after reviewing comments, should committee review it's recommendation of proposal?

Motion by Tony Janecek- second by Al Phelan to leave 2009 deer season framework in place for 2010 with the suspension of EAB outside the CWD area. Motion approved.

Gerald Merryfield: Start discussion of problems with deer management at December meeting of Big Game Committee.

Recommendation on Funding Research:

Keith Warnke: Need to recruit new hunters

Pittman-Robertson surcharge on gun and ammunition sales has increased Federal funds to State

1.4 million deer hunters creates 27,000 jobs for State

Motion by Al Phelan, second by Mark Noll to have letter to Secretary Matt Frank endorsed by Executive Committee before Executive Council meeting.

Motion by Larry Bonde, second by Tony Janecek to recommend the NRB proceed to have current Administrative Code NR 10.104 changed to read: "included but not limited to buffer strips, sediment basins, CRP lands, CREP lands, wetland restorations, small tree and shrub plantings, warm season grasses, prairie restorations and woodlots of at least 5 acres in size." Motion approved

Motion by Al Phelan, second by Larry Bonde to adjust over winter goals and are current goals realistic or not?! Motion approved

Motion to adjourn by Arold Ninneman, second by Gerald Merryfield.

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Secretary, Stan Brownell