

Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 13th & 14th 2011
The Plaza Hotel & Suites
Wausau, Wi.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman. Ed Harvey at 9:00 A.M. Roll call of the counties was taken by Secretary. Richard Kirchmeyer. All counties were present. (See roll call list of counties)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Monroe County 2nd by Vilas County to adopt the rules of order for conducting the annual meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda repairs were minor. The only adjustment was the time at which the Governor would address the delegation.

Mayor Jim Tripple, of Wausau, welcomed the Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) to Wausau.

Secretary Cathy Stepp addressed the WCC delegates. Some of her main comments are as follows; Many important ideas start with the Conservation Congress. The WCC is very important to the State of Wisconsin. The Department and the Secretaries office want to work with the WCC to improve communications between the department and the citizens of the state and to improve the DNR and the way it functions. Secretary Stepp thanked Congress Liaison Kari Lee-Zimmermann for the work she does for the Department and for the Congress. She has kept the Congress running smoothly. Secretary Stepp introduced Scott Gunderson, and congratulated Dave Clausen for his new role as Chairman of the Natural Resources board (NRB).

West Central Regional Director Scott Humrickhouse welcomed the WCC to the area.

NRB Chairman Dave Clausen addressed the delegation. He thanked them for their dedication to the outdoors and their support of the NRB. He mentioned that he had attended the new delegate breakfast and thought it was very well put together and well presented to inform the new delegates about the WCC, how it works, and what it does for the people of Wisconsin. He commented that the WCC will probably have to partner with other organizations to help manage the natural resources of the state. He challenged the WCC to promote more participation from outdoor users and try to find ideas to help fund other conservation, and conservation projects. He stated that too many people take for granted the clean air and water we have here in Wisconsin. He challenged the Congress to become engaged in environmental issues.

Chairman Ed Harvey's Annual Report:

The WCC will be considering 3 Code of Procedure (COP) changes at this annual meeting, they are as follows;

#1 Clarify committee authority to produce their own questions for the questionnaire.

#2 Permitting delegates to fill out Personal Data Questionnaires (PDQ's) on-line. (This saves an extreme amount of time for the WCC liaison, and we are already doing it)

#3 Create a treasurer position on the Executive Committee.

At the present time the Executive Committee consists of a Chairman, Vice Chair, and a Secretary. If any 2 of the committee are in the same room or at the same affair, or part of the same telephone conversation, it may constitute a quorum, requiring a posting to be compliant with the open meetings law. Tim Andryk (lawyer of the year, not voted on this year) had advised the Executive Council at their May 12 meeting that adding one more position to the Executive Committee does not really solve the problem. Two members of a four member Executive Committee would constitute a negative quorum. Chairman Harvey thanked everyone for their help and support while he was Chairman of the WCC.

Proposed Code of Procedure Changes:

Dale Mass started the discussion about the Treasurer position by explaining what was discussed the night before at the Executive Council meeting. He provided the pros and cons that were brought forward by the council members. There really is no need for a Treasurer position for the WCC because we have no treasury. Having four people on the Executive Committee does not alleviate the open meeting issue. To negate all problems, there would need to be five people on the Executive Committee. The delegation today cannot create a five man Executive Committee, because the proposal is too different from the one that was posted on our agenda. However, the delegation can give support to the Executive Council to move forward with such a proposal and take action at their next meeting in 10 days.

Tony Blattler, Chair of the Rules and Resolution Committee, added that the committee was given the charge by Chairman Harvey to come up with the COP changes. Vice Chairman Bohmann had proposed that a Treasurer position be created. He noted that the committee never discussed having five people on the Executive Committee.

Clark County. Knows of the problems of too many people on a committee. MADE A MOTION TO TABLE until The 2012 Convention. MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Vilas County. Thinks the original intended benefit was to allow Executive Committee members to meet casually without violating any laws. He thinks at the present time there have been no violations of the rules, as he understands them.

Juneau County. There are a lot of unanswered questions. We need to proceed with this proposal with a great deal of caution to make sure everything is done properly. MADE A MOTION TO TABLE until the next Executive Council meeting. 2nd by Sheyboygan County.

Dodge County. Point of Order; Maas asked for clarification. After making the COP change at their next meeting, can the Executive Council appoint or elect two members to the Executive Committee, or do we have to wait another year before the change can become effective?

Chair Harvey said the election could take place at the next Executive Council meeting if the change to the COP was approved by the delegation today. MOTION TO TABLE until the next Executive Council meeting WAS APPROVED by a paddle vote. 44 YES 24 NO

COP #1 Committees have the capability to produce their own question for the spring questionnaire. MOTION TO APPROVE by Dodge County. 2nd by Sawyer County.

Washara County. If committees are allowed to come up with their own questions they are bypassing the citizens.

Vilas County. A committee should not be able to produce their own questions.

Door County. The legislators are circumventing the WCC, now we are wanting the WCC to circumvent the citizens of the state.

Chairman Harvey. If a committee wants to create their own question it must be posted on their agenda so the public does have a chance to comment before it actually goes to the spring hearings. Sometimes the Chair of the WCC may ask a committee to address a specific issue and may actually be directed to produce a question in order to get public input. We are often unable to wait another year because of forthcoming legislation or because issues are time critical for some other reason.

Marquette County. Sometimes the wording of a resolution is not correct so there are times a committee has to modify the resolution in order to come up with a properly worded question for the spring hearing.

Manitowoc County. Some times a committee has a need to produce a question, this does not mean they are taking anything away from the public. They will still get to vote on the question, and still have the ability to use the WCC.

Wood County. This is a good idea. Why would we want to take the ability for a committee to create a question away?

La Crosse County. I am Chairman of Forestry and Parks Committee. If we need to make changes to the wording of a resolution I check with the author for approval before revising the resolution and formulating a question from the committee.

Price County. All the Rules and Resolutions Committee is asking is to give committees the authority to create their own questions, most committees do this now. So, we wanted to have this addressed in the COP.

Douglas County. The Chair of the WCC asked the Air Waste and Water committee to create the lead question last year. All committees should have the opportunity to create their own questions when there is a need.

Lincoln County. The WCC has structural problems now. It takes too long to get anything done. Citizens have too many problems getting resolutions forwarded.

Outagamie County. In favor of the COP change, if author is present at committee meeting he can give permission to change or amend the resolution.

Waukesha County. Does not like the idea of a committee creating a question. All resolutions and therefore all questions should originate at the spring hearings. Some authors do not want their questions reworded.

Waushara County. If committees are doing it now and it makes a difference whether a resolution is made into a question why not give the committee that capability?

Chairman Harvey read the COP change again.

Green County. Vote for this COP change and let the committee do their job. Sometimes issues are time sensitive and need immediate action.

Congress Liaison Kari Lee-Zimmermann. Offered as a point of information: A committee can only write question for the spring hearing if it is posted on the committee agenda.

Dodge County. Remember that the committee should not stray from the author's original intent when rewording or amending a resolution into a question. After a committee writes a question for the spring hearing it also must be approved by the Executive Council.
MOTION CARRIED.

COP change #2. Ability to fill out PDQ on line. MOTION WAS MADE BY Vilas County 2nd made by Marathon County to approve. MOTION CARRIED.

10:35 AM Election of Executive Councilors. The Councilors are listed as Seat 1 and Seat 2 as voted on.

Dist. #1 Richard Kirchmeyer Joe Weiss	Dist. #2 Al Brown Dave Hraychuck
Dist. #3 Mike Riggle Roger Sabota	Dist. #4 Kevin Marquette John Ashenbrenner
Dist. #5 Mark Noll Marc Schultz	Dist. #6 Stan Brownell Dave Puhl
Dist. #7 Dale Mass Dick Koerner	Dist. #8 Larry Bonde Dave Miller
Dist. #9 Mike Rogers Lee Farney	Dist. #10 Ken Risley Al Phelan
Dist. #11 Robert Bohmann Al Shook	Dist. #12 Jim Wrolstad Andrew Limmer

Executive Committee elections followed immediately.

Chairman: Robert Bohmann
Vice Chairman: Larry Bonde
Secretary: Lee Farney

Dick Koerner gave the annual Law Enforcement award from the Migratory committee to the Water Fowl Officer of the Year. The recipient was Mike Hirschbeck from Racine County.

Recessed for lunch at 11:30 A.M.

Reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

Keith Warnke and Randy Starks gave a presentation on Hunters Network Research. This presentation dealt with the recruitment and retention of youth into the outdoors. Megan Loka from Lincoln County (also President of the Future Trappers of Wisconsin) talked to the delegation about some of her experiences in the outdoors and she is supportive of recruiting more youth so they can enjoy the outdoors like she does.

Chris Jauques (DNR) and Mike Riggle (WCC) gave a presentation on the ongoing deer research project.

DNR Spring Hearing Fisheries Questions – Mike Staggs

All questions except 2, numbers 4 & 11 are being recommended by the DNR to be forwarded to the NRB for their approval.

Comments and Motions made by WCC

#1 Require quick-strike rigs when using minnows larger than 10 inches in length. The DNR made 3 changes to the question since the spring hearings. 1) You must set hook immediately after a strike 2) Ability to use circle hooks and 3) Changing the minnow size from 10 inches to 8 inches. MOTION WAS MADE BY Vilas County. 2nd by Clark County to APPROVE.

Forest County. The question was supported state wide, why are you changing the question after the spring hearing vote? MOTION CARRIED.

#2 Musky 40 inch minimum size limit on most waters statewide. MOTION TO APPROVE by Waukesha County. 2nd by Bayfield County. MOTION CARRIED.

#3 Cisco/whitefish, hybrids daily bag in Wisconsin/Minnesota boundary waters. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Kenosha County. 2nd by Clark County. MOTION CARRIED

#4 Walleye, sauger, hybrid size limit/bag limit in 19 southern counties. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE DNR, NOT TO FORWARD TO THE NRB by Columbia County. 2nd by Waukesha County. MOTION CARRIED.

#5 Rice and Stump Lake musky 50 inch minimum size limit. MOTION TO ACCEPT BY Wood County. 2nd by Waukesha County. MOTION CARRIED.

#6 Lilly Lake Large mouth/small mouth bass protected slot size limit. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Door County. 2nd by La Crosse County. MOTION CARRIED.

#7 Lilly Lake panfish daily bag limit reduction to 10 fish. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Brown County. 2nd by Kenosha County. MOTION CARRIED.

#8 Lower Fox River walleye, sauger, hybrid minimum size limit elimination. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Brown County. 2nd by Jefferson County. MOTION CARRIED.

#9 Burnette Co. large mouth/small mouth bass minimum size limits elimination. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Burnette County. 2nd by Calumet County. MOTION CARRIED.

#10 Extend hook and line catfish rules to include Green Lake and Marquette County. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Marquette County. 2nd by Green Lake County. MOTION CARRIED.

#11 Re-establish closed area for set-line fishing for catfish in Winnebago County. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DNR RECCOMENDATION, NOT TO FORWARD TO THE NRB made by Green Lake County. 2nd by Price County. MOTION CARRIED.

#12 Re-establish open area for set-line fishing for catfish on Fox River. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Marquette County. 2nd by Green Lake County. MOTION CARRIED.

#13 Phestigo River fish refuge. MOTION TO ACCEPT by La Crosse County. 2nd by Door County. MOTION CARRIED.

#14 Anderson/Archibald Lake musky 50 inch minimum size limit. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Price County. 2nd by Vilas County. MOTION CARRIED.

#15 Minoqua chain large mouth/small mouth bass and walleye regulation. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Oneida County. 2nd by Sawyer County. MOTION CARRIED.

#16 Designate Appleton Memorial Park Pond as an urban fishing water. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Sawyer County. 2nd by Waukesha County. MOTION CARRIED.

#17 Create fish refuge at Thiensville-Mequon Dam. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Ozaukee County. 2nd by Wood County. MOTION CARRIED.

#18 Redstone Lake musky 50 inch minimum size limit. MOTION TO ACCCEPT by Sauk County. 2nd by Iowa County. MOTION CARRIED.

#19 Black Dam/Island Lake walleye, sauger, hybrid size and bag limit. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Kenosha County. 2nd by Sawyer County. MOTION CARRIED.

#20 Big Elkhart Lake musky 50 inch minimum size limit. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Sheboygan County. 2nd by Door County. MOTION CARRIED.

#21 Designate Kohler-Andrea State Park as an urban fishing water. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Ozaukee County. 2nd by Calumet County. MOTION CARRIED.

#22 Glen Lake large mouth/small mouth bass protected size, bag limit. MOTION TO ACCEPT by St. Croix Co. 2nd by Polk Co. MOTION ACCEPTED.

#23 Squaw lake largemouth/smallmouth bass protected slot size limit. MOTION TO ACCEPT by St. Croix County. 2nd by Waukesha County. MOTION CARRIED.

#24 Washburn County Large mouth/small mouth bass minimum size limit eliminated. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Bayfield County. 2nd by Burnette County. MOTION CARRIED.

#25 Designate Delafield rearing pond as an urban fishing water. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Waukesha co, 2nd Kenosha co. MOTION CARRIED.

#26& 27 are advisory questions and are NOT BEING ADVANCE TO THE NRB. They were on the spring hearing questionnaire to help gather support or non-support for the 2 issues.

Questions and comments for Mike Staggs

Forest County. The fishing opener could open on April 30th some lakes in the north may still have ice on them.

Price County. Why not just say the opener would be the last sat in April this would be less confusing.

Pierce County. The culling of bass has a bill in the legislature why has the DNR not commented on this issue. He doesn't think most live wells will keep the bass alive and wondered who would inspect the live wells to make sure they would keep the bass alive.

Vilas County. We need to keep bighead carp out of Wisconsin.

Staggs. The big head carp are very abundant in Iowa and Illinois. There is no way to totally stop their advancement.

DNR Wildlife Spring Hearing Questions. Tom Hauge

All questions except 2, numbers 39 & 40 are being recommended to be advanced to the NRB for their approval.

Comments and Questions asked by WCC delegates.

#28 Allow archery deer hunting during the traditional 9 day gun deer season. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Sauk County. 2nd by Door County. MOTION FAILED AFTER A ROLL CALL VOTE. 35 Yes 36 No

#29 Allow normal hunting hours for pheasants on weekends at stocked properties. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Marquette County. 2nd by Columbia County. MOTION CARRIED.

#30 Repeal the blaze orange requirement during the elk season. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Price County. 2nd by Clark County. MOTION FAILED.

#31 Establish a September firearm/archery hunting season for elk. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Bayfield County. 2nd by Clark County. MOTION CARRIED.

#32 Allow landowners to shoot cougars that are harming a domestic animal. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Sauk County. 2nd by Pepin County. MOTION CARRIED.

#33 Require that hunters must provide bear carcass samples for research. MOTION TO ACCEPT by La Crosse County. 2nd by Dunn County. MOTION CARRIED.

#34 Extend each of the spring turkey hunting periods by 2 days. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Waukesha County. 2nd by Kenosha County. MOTION CARRIED.

#35 Renew the fall turkey hunting season extension in management zones 1-5. MOTION TO ACCEPT by La Crosse County. 2nd by Dodge County. MOTION CARRIED.

#36 Allow the use of rifles for firearm deer hunting in Waupaca County. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Oneida County 2nd by Waupaca County. MOTION CARRIED.

#37 Establish firearm & muzzleloader only deer season at Copper Falls State Park. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Sawyer County. 2nd by Bayfield County. MOTION CARRIED.

#38 Prohibit discharge of firearms on department lands in Manitowoc County. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Manitowoc County. 2nd by Wood County. MOTION CARRIED.

#39 Prohibit discharge of firearms on department lands in Pierce County. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DNR'S POSITION, NOT TO ADVANCE TO THE NRB by Waukesha County. 2nd by Kenosha County. MOTION CARRIED.

#40 Prohibit the discharge of firearms on department lands in St. Croix County. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DNR'S POSITION, NOT TO ADVANCE TO THE NRB by St. Croix County. 2nd by Clark County. MOTION CARRIED.

#41 Lower the age which anyone can use a cross bow from 65-55. NO ACTION NECESSARY (legislation already in action)

#42 -44 Duck season proposals. NO ACTION NECESSARY.

NRB Advisory questions

#45 Use of non-toxic shot on state lands. MOTION TO REJECT by Door County. 2nd by Vilas County.

Dane County. we need to clean up the amount of lead we use for hunting.

Waukesha County. It is no secret that lead is toxic; you should support your county vote. MOTION CARRIED.

#46 Restrict deer baiting/feeding 10 days prior to the 9 day gun deer season. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Marquette County. 2nd by Dunn County. MOTION CARRIED.

WCC Spring Hearing Questions

WCC Spring Hearing Questions are recommended to be either forwarded to DNR, were rejected at spring hearings, and or rejected by the WCC delegation at the annual meeting.

#47 Division of Bear Management Zone C (#110710). MOTION TO ACCEPT by Columbia County. 2nd by Lincoln County. MOTION CARRIED.

#48 Legalize Crossbows for Archery Season. MOTION TO REJECT by Rusk County. 2nd by Monroe County. MOTION CARRIED.

Governor Scott Walker addressed the delegation.

#49 Use of archery equipment with a gun deer license (#520310) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Dane County. 2nd by Winnebago County. MOTION CARRIED.

#50 Legalize rifles for hunting deer statewide (#130110) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Waukesha County. 2nd by Jefferson County. MOTION CARRIED.

#51 Use of a crossbow for rough fish (#230110) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Forest County. 2nd by Clark County. MOTION CARRIED.

#52 Allow hunting on state park lands (#540210) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Price County. 2nd by Rock County. MOTION CARRIED.

#53 Allow trapping on state park lands (#540210) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Rock County. 2nd by Sheboygan County. MOTION CARRIED.

#54 Cable restraints on private lands (#510210) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Wood County. 2nd by La Crosse County. MOTION CARRIED.

Oconto County. We will need to educate people n how to use cable restraints and make sure they are not using snares. Washara County agrees with Oconto County.

Dodge County. The Fur Harvest committee supported this question.

#55 Shorten fall beaver trapping season (#050210) MOTION NOT TO ADVANCE by Wood County. 2nd by Door County. MOTION CARRIED.

#56 Initiate study to define effects of dog training on nesting birds (#670310) MOTION TO ADVANCE by Columbia County. 2nd by Rock County.

Oconto County. Supports because there is a lack of public lands to train on. MOTION FAILED. PADDLE VOTE 31 Yes 31 No (A tie is a vote of no according to the WCC COP)

#57 Night hunting of raccoons during the 9 day gun deer season (#670410). MOTION TO REJECT by Waukesha County. 2nd by Bayfield County. MOTION CARRIED.

#58 Bear hunting with dogs statewide. MOTION TO REJECT by Columbia County. 2nd by Monroe County. MOTION CARRIED.

#59 Wolf population goal of 350 or less in the next revision of the wolf plan. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Douglas County. 2nd by Sawyer County. MOTION CARRIED.

#60 Implement meaningful population controls in the next Wisconsin wolf plan. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Bayfield County. 2nd by Sheboygan County. MOTION CARRIED.

#61 Federally de-list the gray wolf in Wisconsin. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Lincoln County. 2nd by Price County. MOTION CARRIED.

#62 DNR not to relocate wolves that have caused problems. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Iron County. 2nd by Douglas County. MOTION CARRIED.

#63 Fish and wildlife fund money for commercial fishing (#410110). MOTION TO ACCEPT by Dodge County. 2nd by Kewaunee County. MOTION CARRIED.

#64 WCC process before legislative action (#150210) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Sauk County. 2nd by Florence County.

Manitowoc County. Needs legislation to enact. MOTION CARRIED.

#65 Change definition of vehicle for transportation of weapons (#230210) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Monroe County. 2nd by Fond Du Lac County.

Vilas County. What is a non-motorized vehicle? (A vehicle that cannot propel itself, this would make wagons and trailers legal) MOTION CARRIED.

#66 Open water rule modification for disabled hunters. (#440110) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Oneida County. 2nd by Winnebago County. MOTION CARRIED.

#67 Unattended decoys on private lands (#110110) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Manitowoc County. 2nd by Winnebago County. MOTION CARRIED.

#68 Conservation Congress curriculum added to Hunter's Education (#460110) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Door County. 2nd by Pepin County. MOTION CARRIED.

#69 Remove 15 day requirement for permit transfers (#510110) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Kenosha County. 2nd by Columbia County. MOTION CARRIED.

#70 Disabled Veterans recreational card (#650210) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Walworth County. 2nd by Bayfield County. MOTION CARRIED.

#71 Increase archery license by 1 dollar for youth archery & bow hunting training. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Polk County. 2nd by Waupaca County. MOTION CARRIED.

#72 Dog access regulations at badger ordinance site (#110410). MOTION TO ACCEPT by Columbia County. 2nd by Iowa County. MOTION CARRIED.

#73 Exemption from 100 yard firearm discharge prohibition on public lands. MOTION TO ACCEPT by Chippewa County. 2nd by Polk County.

Douglas County. Has had problems with hunters shooting his beer signs.

Waukesha County. In southern Wisconsin, because of urban sprawl there is getting to be less and less area to hunt legally.

Buffalo County. A safe hunter should be shooting away from buildings. MOTION CARRIED. PADDLE VOTE 43 Yes 27 NO

#74 Metal detecting on state lands (#700110) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Waushara County. 2nd by Forest County.

Crawford County. Give people the chance to recover artifacts that have been buried for many years, preserving our past heritage.

Washara County. Give people the ability to preserve and restore hidden artifacts.
MOTION CARRIED.

#75 Turkey permit preference for Wisconsin state residents (#650310) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Douglas County. 2nd by Door County. MOTION CARRIED.

#76 Open fall crow season earlier (#240510) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Calumet County. 2nd by Milwaukee County. MOTION CARRIED.

#77 Manage large mouth and small mouth as separate species (#040610) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Sawyer County. 2nd by Iron County. MOTION CARRIED.

#78 Northern pike size limit on Diamond Lake, Bayfield County. (#040810) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Bayfield County. 2nd by Racine County. MOTION CARRIED.

#79 Walleye restoration on the Chippewa Flowage (#580110) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Sawyer County. 2nd by Chippewa County. MOTION CARRIED.

#80 Reduce panfish bag limit on Eau Galle Lake, Dunn County. (#170110) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Dunn County. 2nd by St Croix County. MOTION CARRIED.

#81 Free winter fishing weekend (#580510) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Vilas County. 2nd by Door County. MOTION CARRIED.

#82 Northern Wisconsin game-fish season extension (#680110) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Oneida County. 2nd by Polk County. MOTION CARRIED.

#83 Musky survey using the automated license issuance system (#200110) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Milwaukee County. 2nd by Dane County. MOTION CARRIED.

#84 Reduce large mouth size limit on Trump Lake, Forest County. (#210210) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Forest County. 2nd by Kenosha County. MOTION CARRIED.

#85 Increase rifle hunting in Shawano County (#590310) MOTION TO ACCEPT by Shawano County. 2nd by Door County. MOTION CARRIED.

Recessed for the day will reconvene at 8:30 AM May 14th 2011.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Harvey at 8:32 AM
Roll call of counties was taken by Sec. Richard Kirchmeyer. There were 67 counties present with 5 being absent. (See attached roll call)

Rules and Resolutions Report Tony Blattler, Chairman.

Chairman Blattler read the resolution descriptions and to what committee each resolution had been appointed to.

Lincoln County. #440211 Allow state wide coyote harvest during deer firearm season. Wondered why this resolution went to the Wolf Committee and not the Fur Harvest Committee. MOTION TO REFER TO Fur Harvest Committee by Lincoln County. 2nd by Oneida County.

Chippewa County. This resolution has been presented before and it could go to the Wolf Committee and the Fur Harvest Committee. MOTION TO AMEND to advance to both committees.

Dodge County. If one resolution goes to 2 committees the larger committee will rule over the small committee.

Chairman Blattler. If a resolution goes to 2 committees only 1 question can come from the 2 committees.

Waukesha County. More problems arise when a resolution is appointed to 2 committees.

Waushara County. Keep resolution in 1 committee and have the chairman of the other committee attend the committee the resolution was appointed to so that he can report back to his committee about the discussion and the outcome of the resolution.

Dodge County. Prefers the Wolf Committee.

Lincoln County. Doesn't like the Wolf Committee, wants the resolution to go to the Fur Harvest Committee. MOTION TO AMEND FAILED.

#370111 Allow training of dogs only in zones that allow hunting with dogs. MOTION by Lincoln County to go to the Bear Committee and not the Rules and Resolutions Committee. 2nd by Crawford County.

Chairman Blattler. The question has been brought forward 6 times previously, the committee thought it would have a better chance to be forwarded to the spring hearing by being forwarded to the Rules and Resolutions Committee. MOTION FAILED.

150311 Change walleye bag limit to 3 year round. MOTION by Dodge County, 2nd by Door County. to advance the resolution to the Great Lakes Committee not the Warm Water Committee.

Dodge County. Deals with all waters of the state, not just inland waters.

Washburn County. Sounds like the intent of the author was the Great Lakes and tributaries.

Waukesha County. The intent of the author was a state-wide question but mainly a Great Lakes issue. MOTION CARRIED.

#540411 Spearing rough fish within 200 feet of a damn. MOTION by Dodge County, 2nd by Manitowoc County. Resolution has been referred to the Warm Water Committee, would also like the resolution to go to the Great Lakes Committee. MOTION REJECTED.

#670211 Allow culling of large mouth and small mouth bass. MOTION by Dodge County, 2nd by Door County. That resolution goes to the Warm Water Committee and Great Lakes Committee. MOTION REJECTED.

#390111 Remove Marquette County from herd reduction zone. MOTION by Iowa County, 2nd by Forest County for resolution to go from the Big Game Committee to CWD Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

#700211 Allow fall fishing and boating at Mekan Springs. MOTION by Waushara County, 2nd by Fond Du Lac County to refer resolution from the Trout Committee to the Forestry, Parks and Recreation Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

#450311 Inclusion of persons with upper body disabilities in disabled hunts.

Outagamie County. Questioned why resolution was referred to the Executive Council and not the Legislative Committee.

Chairman Harvey. Stated that the DNR is working on the issue now.

MOTION by Juneau County, 2nd by Polk County to approve the Rules and Resolutions report as read and amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Other business:

Manitowoc County. Commented on why some counties did not vote the same way the citizens did at the spring hearings.

Waukesha County. Wants new county resolution discussed and voted on right after the elections of the WCC county delegates. MOTION WAS MADE ACCORDINGLY. 2nd by Brown County.

Walworth County. Agrees with Waukesha County, it would be nice to have the information given to the public before they vote on it.

Dodge County. Agrees in concept.

La Crosse County. Wants resolution read earlier.

Oconto County. Should be earlier in the evening.

Dunn County. would like to see the resolution read before the WCC question portion of the meeting.

Congress Liaison Lee-Zimmermann. Stated that the DNR portion is a public hearing and must start on time.

Shawano County. Called the question.

Brown County. Would like to have the election earlier, maybe before 7:00pm. MOTION by Dodge County. 2nd by Dunn County to present resolutions before the WCC portion of the spring hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Eau Claire County. 2nd by Price County to have a paddle vote on question #30. Price County asked for a clarification on what the position of the DNR was on the question. The DNR position was to not require blaze orange during the elk hunting season.

Washburn County. Commented that the blaze orange would have only been in the elk hunting zone. The MOTION is to support the DNR position. MOTION CARRIED. PADDLE VOTE 52 YES, 11 NO.

La Crosse County. People are not staying at the spring hearings to hear discussions of the questions, electronic balloting has destroyed the WCC hearings, also has heard talk of doing away with the WCC and the WCC hearing process.

Chairman Harvey. One-third of the people that attend the spring hearings fill out the ballot and leave, they probably wouldn't come to the hearings if they could not vote by the electronic ballot method.

La Crosse County. We possibly could go to internet voting.

Pepin County. Thought we should be able to seine our own bait fish.

MOTION BY Oneida County. 2nd Menomonie County

Oneida County. Wants all resolutions to be proof read before being presented at spring hearing.

Waukesha County. Already pre-reads resolutions along with the vice chairman of the county's help. MOTION DEFEATED

Clark County. Not sure about committee writing new questions. Chairman Harvey wants this issue forwarded to the Outreach Committee.

Brown County. Wolf hearing in Ashland on Wednesday.

Outagamie County. Complained that at times the chairman of the WCC proceeds too fast on issues not giving delegates time to think about what is being presented and losing the ability to make a good decision about the issue.

Oconto County. Why do some county chairs still accept un-typed resolutions?

Buffalo County. On question #26: The DNR did not provide much information or allow much discussion on this question. Obtaining bait fish on the Mississippi River is a cultural thing in that area.

Stags. We have to collaborate with Minnesota.

Buffalo County. Does not like that comment. People in Mississippi River area don't care what Minnesota does or wants. We need to deal with what Wisconsin wants. Let Minnesota do what they want, when they want.

Portage County. Legislators are getting too involved with wildlife and fishing issues. We need to show them that the WCC is important.

Sheboygan County. Thought that the heads of the DNR and the leadership of the state should have given more information about what is actually happening in the state. For example, Asian carp, we need to stay on top of this issue.

Lincoln County. Complained again about the coyote resolution going to the Wolf Committee and not the Fur Harvest Committee. Thinks this is a procedural issue.

Chairman Harvey. The item has been disposed of already and he thinks Chairman Blattler handled it correctly.

Pepin County. On question #26 Minnow harvest on the Mississippi River. This question passed the WCC process in 2010, passed the DNR question in 2011, why do we still have to worry about what Minnesota wants when the question passed by two-thirds vote majority? Why should Minnesota be mandating or influencing what happens in Wisconsin?

Walworth County. Doesn't like electronic balloting. There is a lack of citizen participation when there are over 600,000 deer hunters in the state, we have a very small portion of people attending the spring hearings. In the WCC mission statement, it states that we shall work with the citizens. Too many WCC delegates bring their personal agendas or opinions into committee meetings and defeat the purpose of the WCC and what the citizens of the state want.

Chairman Harvey. Thanked Congress Liaison Lee-Zimmermann for her help in keeping the WCC running smoothly. Thanked Vice Chair Bohmann and Secretary Richard Kirchmeyer for their help in helping him keep the WCC running smoothly and productively.

Motion to adjourn at 10:40 am by Vilas County, 2nd by Sauk County

Respectfully submitted,
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