

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Ex. Committee
Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
3-22-2011

Meeting was called to order by Chr. Edgar Harvey at 7:04 P.M. Roll call was taken with Chr. Harvey, V. Chr. Rob Bohmann, Sec. Richard Kirchmeyer, and Kari Lee Zimmermann DNR liaison for the WCC present.

The main portion of the agenda was to nominate and award the WCC delegate of the year and DNR employees for the year. Mike Riggle was a unanimous decision to be the recipient for the WCC delegate of the year for his work with the CWD committee and also taking the lead on the Deer Research Project for the WCC. A MOTION was made by Kirchmeyer 2nd by Bohmann to approve Mike Riggle as the 2011 WCC delegate of the year. MOTION CARRIED

Mike Staggs recommended Larry Claggett the cold water biologist to receive the WCC award for DNR fisheries division MOTION by Bohmann 2nd by Kirchmeyer to award Mike Claggett the WCC DNR fisheries employee of the year award. MOTION CARRIED

Tom Hauge recommended Tom Meier, the Mead Wildlife area manager to receive the WCC award for the wildlife division of the DNR. MOTION by Bohmann 2nd by Kirchmeyer to award Tom Meier the WCC DNR wildlife employee of the year award. MOTION CARRIED

Russ Fell was recommended by the Law Enforcement division to receive the WCC DNR Law enforcement officer of the year. A MOTION was made by Bohmann 2nd by Kirchmeyer to award Russ Fell the WCC DNR warden of the year award. MOTION CARRIED

Agenda Item 2b Kari Lee Zimmerman Liaison report/questions

What can we do to improve the WCC annual convention (some Complaints about waste of time) The Out Reach Committee is working on this issue.

Breakout session to inform delegates on how the WCC functions. This maybe could be held before Thursdays WCC Ex. Council meeting.

Kari commented that unfortunately we only have so much time at the annual convention to make a lot of decisions on important issues.

Chr. Harvey commented about having some type of meeting informing or reviewing our COP and RRR with Chairs, V. Chairs and Sec. so all of the WCC committee meetings are run properly. We could possibly do this at the convention or some time after new committees are appointed in June.

Rich suggested maybe we could do something at the annual convention. On Friday morning the WCC Ex. Committee has breakfast and meets with new delegates to inform them of the WCC logistics and functions, maybe on Saturday morning we could do something similar having the Ex. Com. and/or Kari meet with all present committee Chr.,

V. Chrs and Secretaries clarifying the duties of each position, Roberts Rules of Order, and the WCC Code of Procedures, (No breakfast would be paid for by the WCC)
Kari said she would try to put together an agenda, provide all information needed and give the presentation to all those that need to attend or would like to attend.

We discussed who would be invited, and/or provide a small talk at the convention. Those invited are; Cathy Stepp DNR Sec., Gov. Walker, Chr. of NRB, all other NRB members, local DNR regional Director, and the Mayor of Wausau.

Kari stated she thought there needed to be more time allotted in the agenda for the election process for both the Ex. Council and the Ex. Committee elections this year, usually there is only 5 minutes allotted for each election.

Bohmann asked about the Treasurer position. After some discussion we were not sure if the Ex. Council had acted on that COP change at it's Jan. meeting.

Kirchmeyer stated he would check his notes and recordings to find out what had been discussed and or decided if anything on the Treasure position at the Jan. Ex. Council meeting. He also stated he thought the COP change should be voted on before any elections were held because it may initiate more interest to run for the Ex. Council.

Keith Warnke would like to make a presentation on Learn to Hunts, youth recruitment and retention

Mike Riggle and Chris Jaques could maybe give a presentation on the deer study project.

Future Trappers of Wisconsin have asked to have a booth at the annual meeting.(Youth organization of the WTA)

Discussed the gun board; Who is buying and registering the guns. Dale Mass will be purchasing the guns and Rob Bohmann will be registering them.

Agenda item 2c WCC endorsement of NRB candidate; Bohmann MADE A MOTION 2nd by Kirchmeyer to endorse Steve Oestricher as a potential candidate for the NRB.
MOTION CARRIED

Agenda item 2d AB-8 This bill allows the Governor to approve or disapprove any rule changes proposed by the WCC or the DNR. This would make any proposal coming from the WCC if approved by the Governor take 3-4 years instead of 2-3 years. Chr. Harvey stated that the WCC has quickened our process of the past few years because we were getting to many complaints from the public, he also stated that in all reality the WCC process takes less time to enact a rule change then going through the legislative process. Kari thinks the WCC will have to become more versatile in the ways it conducts business if they want to maintain being a major player in managing the natural resources of the state. Maybe the spring hearings will need to go towards more of a open house concept in the future. A MOTION was made by Bohmann 2nd by Kirchmeyer for the Ex.

Committee of the WCC to go on record and take a position of being opposed to Special Session AB-8 MOTION CARRIED

Agenda Item 2e Federal Budget This was just a discussion item. No positions were taken.

Agenda Item 2f Deer/Turkey Expo; Kari has the banner made and questioned if we needed to also purchase some table skirts for the Wall of Fame booth tables. A MOTION was made by Kirchmeyer 2nd by Bohmann to purchase 2 table skirts for the Wall of Fame booth tables. MOTION CARRIED.

Mike Riggle volunteered to present a slide show at the Madison expo on the deer research project.

A MOTION was made by Kirchmeyer 2nd by Bohmann to purchase 4 chairs for the Wall of Fame booth. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda Item 2g AB-35 Fish tournament Culling. Chr. Harvey suggested we look into whether the WCC has already taken a position on this issue. He thought that there already had been a question on the spring hearings which would already give us a position on culling of bass during a fishing tournament.

Member Matters Kirchmeyer stated he had contacted delegates from his district and urged those not up for election to fill out their PDQ's as soon as possible so Kari would not have such a big work load after the spring hearings.

Kari; Has yearly pins ordered

Bohmann; Okay

Chr. Harvey; Will be appointing the Crop Damage Ad-Hoc com.

A MOTION was made by Kirchmeyer 2nd by Bohmann to adjourn AT 9:33 pm..
MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted By ;
Richard Kirchmeyer WCC Sec.