

## WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS

### HUNTING WITH DOGS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

#### 1. Organizational Matters:

The annual meeting of the Conservation Congress Hunting With Dogs Committee was held on Friday August 19, 2011 at the Ramada Inn in Stevens Point, Wis.

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

#### B. Roll call and introductions.

All Committee members present: David Puhl, George Bartels, Richard Baudhuin, Doug Burrows, Kenneth Risley, Mike Gould, Lurie Groskoff, Mark Loka, Ervin "Rob" Peitersen, Chris Wegner, David Mabie, Brian Heins, Gene Knoll.

DNR Stall present: Pat Quaintance, DNR Liaison; Scott Loomans, DNR Liaison.

Others present: Joan Baudhuin, Kevin Marquette, Richard Kirchmeyer, Dennis Johnson, Corky Meyer.

#### C. Review of committee 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 matters assigned by the Executive Committee or Executive Council. The committee will also work jointly with other Conservation Congress Committees, the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Board.

All members agreed with the Mission Statement.

D. Public comments: No one appeared to address the committee.

#### 2. DNR Updates.

Scott Loomans discussed Special Use Zones on public land. Dogs must be on a leash or you must have a dog training permit. Act 21 is going to affect all rules that come out of committee. It will take much longer to approve changes or new ideas. Hound dog training enclosures need to renew their permits. Scott also thanked Corky Meyer for the dog training demonstration with DNR staff, held at Poynette. Scott had no information on the state-wide question 56-initiate study to define effects of dog training on nesting birds. No plans from the Dept to move forward on this.

Pat Quaintance updated us on the changes to bear hunting regulations.

#### 3. Discussion and action items:

A. Corkey Meyer talked about a survey taken after the dog training demonstration.

Predators management using dogs. A motion by Laurie Groskoff, seconded by Richard Baudhuin that hunting with dogs be included in the Sharp Tail Grouse

Management Plan to control predators and asked the Ex.Council to make that request. Motion passed.

Richard Baudhin motioned to submit question 58 with the change. Would you favor, support, or allow hunting bear with dogs in Zone C? Seconded by Kenneth Risley. Those voting in favor: George Bartels, Richard Baudhin, Doug Burrows, Kenneth Risley, Mike Gould, Laurie Groskoff, Mark Loka, Ervin "Rob" Peitersen, Chris Wegner, David Mabie. Those opposed: Brian Heins, Gene Knoll. Motion Passed.

Brian Heins motioned to ask the executive council to support the hunting with dogs committee to exempt hunting, training and trialing in all state forest. (NR.45) special use zones also that the leash law during hunting, training, and trialing of dogs not be upheld. Chris Wegner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A discussion on retrieving a dog from private land was held. We need to look at resolving this problem.

B. Laurie Groskoff discussed wolf predation. APHIS has no money to investigate predation. The state could contract out wolf investigations to a private party.

C. Resolutions to be discussed:

1. 100311 Zone C bear season two weeks earlier for bait hunters. No action taken.
2. 200611 increase fine for hounds running at large while bear hunting.  
Richard Baudhin moved to request council to reject if this resolution makes it to the Ex Council Dave Mabie seconded. Motion passed.
3. 370111 allow training of dogs only in zones that allow hunting with dogs.  
Gene Knoll made motion to oppose. Richard Baudhin seconded. Motion passed.

D. Governor's charge to congress for regulation simplification  
We are all for simplification.

4. Next meeting is August 17, 2012.
5. Adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

George Bartels,  
Secretary, Hunting With Dogs Committee