

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

DEER & ELK STUDY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	August 10, 2013	9:00 a.m.	Plaza Hotel Wausau, WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Co Chairman, Al Phelan at 9:00 a.m.
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Jerry Merryfield, Alan Horvath, Al Gerber, Jay Koenig, James Morning, Roger Sabota, Mike Riggle, Arold Ninneman, Jerry Aulik, Joe Helwig, William Yingst, Allen Jacobson, Stan Brownell, Marlin Laidlaw, Larry Gohlke, Doug Seidl, Wright Allen, Larry Bonde, David Pagel, Larry Hazen, Joe Caputo, Tony Grabski, Al Phelan, Charlie Brown, Martin Haas, David Poff, Kevin Wallenfang – WDNR, Dave Zebro – WDNR, Tim Marion – WDNR, Andy Nortman – WDNR.
EXCUSED	Terry Roehrig, Tony Janecek, Mark Noll, Kevin Mickelberg - WDNR
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Senator Terry Moulton

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Approved as is

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Motion to approve and second as is

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	Senator Terry Moulton – discussion of crossbow bill
ACTION	None taken – was not on agenda

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. RESOLUTIONS

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	030213, 490513. Antler point restriction (author present). Motion by Marlin Laidlaw to advance, second by Bill Yingst. Voice vote – PASSED
	590113. CWD designation (author present). Motion by Joe Caputo to reject, second by Larry Bonde. Voice vote – PASSED
	530113. Holiday hunt muzzleloader. Motion by Charlie Brown to reject, second by Wright Allen. Voice vote – PASSED
	450113. Archery license bonus tag (author present). Motion by Larry Hazen to advance, second by

	<p>Doug Seidl. Voice vote – PASSED</p> <p>680113. Improve deer registration (author present). Motion by Larry Bonde to advance, second by Roger Sabota. Voice vote – PASSED</p> <p>060213. Public display – Big Game. Motion by Bill Yingst to advance, second by Al Jacobson. Voice vote – PASSED</p> <p>030113. CWD restrictions. Motion by Marlin Laidlaw to advance, second by Wright Allen. Show of hands: 13 opposed, 9 in favor. Motion FAILED.</p> <p>100213. DMU 58 (author present). Motion by Jerry Merryfield to reject, second by Larry Goelke. Voice vote – PASSED</p> <p>570213. White deer (author present). Motion by Marlin Laidlaw to advance, second by Joe Caputo. Motion amended to remove #2 and #3. Amended motion - Extend protection for white and albino deer to CWD zones. Amended motion approved by author. Voice vote – PASSED</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. DEPARTMENT INFORMATION ITEMS

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>2013 Deer Season - PRESENTER: Kevin Wallenfang - WDNR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - review unit map - reduce quotas in Northern units - use public comments to help set goals - added opportunities, expand hunting areas
	<p>Deer Research Project – PRESENTER: Andy Nortman – WDNR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - project started in 2010 - aided by UW – Stevens Point - 1000 deer captured - research of predation - late winter 2013 - thank you to all volunteer help
	<p>Deer Health CWD – PRESENTER: Tim Marion – WDNR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - focus on new CWD outbreaks - 2012 Waukesha Co., Juneau Co., and Adams Co. - 2013 Dodge Co. continued testing, adding Vernon, Grant and Crawford Counties
	<p>Deer Trustee Report – PRESENTER: Kevin Wallenfang – WDNR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - report available on website - in process of developing rules for DNR Board to review - Locations for public meetings determined - MOTION by Larry Bonde, second by Joe Caputo: “to include all county level information and use county boundaries for deer management with trustee report”. Voice voted – PASSED
	<p>Elk Update – PRESENTER: Kevin Wallenfang – WDNR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - estimate herd population of 185 - more female calf recruitment, Spring 2013 - bear predation down on calves - working on reintroduction of elk in Clam Lake herd and start elk herd in Black River Falls area
	<p>Law Enforcement – PRESENTER: Dave Zebro – WDNR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - information on new warden hiring - new recruits on site by January – February 2014 - started reviewing candidates for next class - need to change requirements for orphan animals - ALIS system to get new look

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C. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Larry Hazen – get involved with youth Mike Riggle – concerns of wolf population estimates for accuracy Joe Caputo – need for support of law enforcement over “giggles” issue
ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	3:45 p.m. by motion of Jerry Merryfield, second by Joe Caputo
SUBMITTED BY	Stan Brownell
DATE	August 22, 2013