

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress

## Migratory Committee

### Meeting Minutes



<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	<b>12/06/2013</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Holiday Inn &amp; Convention Center, Stevens Point</b>
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## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

### A. CALL TO ORDER

<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY</b>	Chairman Al Shook at 7:00pm
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### B. ROLL CALL

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Malin, Alvin, Norling, Reidner, Koeing, Lane, Harrison, Suchla, Morgan, T. Hennlich, Cook, Gettelman, Koerner, Fisher, Edelblute, Swenson, Scott, Rainey, Earnesr, Shook, J. Hennlich, Logan Hennlich (JRCC), Kent Van Horn-WDNR, Todd Schaller-WDNR, Taylor( New assistant for Kent)
<b>EXCUSED</b>	Heidel, Deuchert
<b>UNEXCUSED</b>	None
<b>GUESTS</b>	Rob Bohmann, Adam Lindsey, Matt Patterson(author resolution 370113)

### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	NONE
<b>ACTION</b>	M/S Harrison/ Gettelman to accept, passed voice vote

### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mission statement read by Chair. Shook
<b>ACTION</b>	M/S- Edelblute/Koenig to accept, passed voice vote

### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	None
<b>ACTION</b>	None

## II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

### A. RESOLUTION 370113 – MALLARD HEN BAG LIMIT

**SHOOK**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Kent Van Horn provided the committee with background information on mallard breeding and harvest in WI. And reasoning for 1 hen bag in WI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Matt Patterson-author, 1 or 2 hen bag limit shouldn't affect WI. Breeding hen mallards.</li> <li>+ Morgan- wanted to know the difference in hen/drake harvest when there is a 2 hen limit? Kent responded research is being conducted on this.</li> <li>+ Fisher- What happens if approved?</li> <li>+Suchla- Where do WI mallards migrate to?</li> <li>+ Gettelman- personal survey 6:1 favor 1 hen bag limit.</li> <li>+ Reindner- found 7 dead hens opening day in rice.</li> <li>+ Lane- What is the stae of harvest breakdown of other 20% of WI mallards?</li> <li>+ Harrison- pass resolution and see what the spring hearing results are.</li> <li>+ Rainey- are same number of hens and drakes banded? Van Horn- taken into account when band</li> </ul>
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	recovery is analysed. +Malin- what is anticipated loss of CRP? + Morgan- doesn't think public will accept. + Lane- Marathon County 68 for 22 against. + Edelblute- parking lot survey, vast majority favor 1 hen.
<b>ACTION</b>	M/S – J. Hennlich/ Harrison to advance, hand vote 12 yes – 8 no, motion passed, Chair. Shook to write question
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Shook	12/21/13

**B. RESOLUTION 490113 – NORTHERN ZONE SEASON DATES**

**SHOOK**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	+ Reidner- can't hunt northern WI that late + Harrison- with 60 day season the northern zone is usually froze before end of season. + J. Hennlich- good field shooting late in central part of state which is in northern zone. + Van Horn- survey results 60% don't want split in northern zone. + Lane- how did split occur in 2012?
<b>ACTION</b>	M/S- J. Hennlich/Fisher to reject, passed voice vote, resolution failed, Chair. Shook to notify author
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Shook	12/31/13

**C. RESOLUTION 060413- BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD STATUS**

**SHOOK**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	+ Van Horn- trapping of brown-headed cowbirds takes place when they are infringing on endangered species. + Koerner- Federal Law should contact NRCS + Shook read e-mail from author.
<b>ACTION</b>	M/S – Gettelman/Koerner to reject, passed voice vote 1 nay vote, Chair Shook to notify author
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Shook	12/31/13

**D. INFORMATIONAL- FLYWAY DISCUSSIONS OF A POSSIBLE EARLY TEAL SEASON FOR WI.**

**VAN HORN**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	+ Kent had a discussion with the committee about the possibility of an early teal season for WI, wanted committee input for his discussions with Flyway council. + Van Horn- wanted feedback on new open water hunting lakes- not an issue- Gettelman, many hunters took advantage of the opportunity and had good results, no complaints. J. Hennlich, some were not happy with the lakes that excluded. + Van Horn- early goose harvest est. 19,000, ext. zone 31,000 on 11/15, changes coming to Horicon zone for 2014 season, WDNR planting sunflower fields for dove hunting. + Van Horn- asked for feedback on season- North Zone- BWT-mallard- woodduck- season dates good, good to excellent hunting. Mississippi River Zone- Odd year, not many teal opening weekend, 2 <sup>nd</sup> opener had excellent hunting, crowding complaints, overall good season, dates OK South Zone- opener BWT-woodduck-mallard-GWT, good habita, hunting pressure about average +Schaller- Shooting accidents, Dodge & Juneau counties, 1 fatal boating accident.
<b>ACTION</b>	None needed
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
none	none

### III. MEMBERS MATTERS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	+T. Hennlich- change opening day shooting time to ½ before sunrise like the rest of the season. + Logan Hennlich- change opening day shooting time to ½ before sunrise like the rest of the season. + J. Hennlich- change opening day shooting time to ½ before sunrise like the rest of the season, has issues with how and why some lakes that were on the list for open water hunting were not on the final list, wants online goose registration, issues with punch cards, why do we need plugs for waterfowl hunting, look into zone changes, updates on crane and swan seasons, questions on dove season length and possible splits. + Morgan- change opening day shooting time to ½ before sunrise like the rest of the season. + Reidner- shooting time for opening day? + Harrison- change opening day shooting time to ½ before sunrise like the rest of the season, had good goose hunting this year. + Gettelman- would like an Oct. 1 opening day. + Koenig- would like an Oct. 1 opening day. + Lane- would like an Oct. 1 opening day. + Fisher- change opening day shooting time to ½ before sunrise like the rest of the season.
<b>ACTION</b>	M/S – Edelblute/Koerner to adjourn

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>10:15</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Todd Cook</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>12/27/13</b>