

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Rules & Resolutions Committee

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	December 7, 2013	9 am	Mead visitors center
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chairman Larry Bonde at 9 am
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Larry Bonde, Ken Anderson, Mike Gullickson, Frank Reith, Greg Wysocki, Dick Baudhuin, Jim Burmeister, Mike Dreischmeier, Jayne Meyer, Mark Krmptich and Dick Koerner who finally found us at 11:23 am.
EXCUSED	Ray Smith, Ted Engalien
UNEXCUSED	Steve Washkuhn
GUESTS	Tom Van Haren, Matt O'Brien, Chandra Harvey – DNR staff; Allan Pribnow, resolution author

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	Motion by Meyer, second by Dreischmeier to approve the agenda as publically posted, motion carried, all voting aye.

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Statement read, no discussion.
ACTION	Motion by Meyer, seconded by Reith to approve the mission statement as presented; motion carried, all voting aye.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	NA
ACTION	NA

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

CITIZEN RESOLUTION 040213

ALLAN PRIBNOW

DISCUSSION	<p>Pribnow, the author, expressed concern over lack of lead recovery from shooting ranges indicating he felt lead recovery should be mandatory. He gave examples of geese deaths at Lk Geneva and indoor ranges getting heavy OSHA fines. California has banned lead bullets.</p> <p>Motion discussion. Two issues and two options were discussed; an ad hoc Congress committee or a new Study Committee? Should Environmental handle this. How do we get all ranges, private and public, under the same umbrella to keep them open?</p>
ACTION	Motion by Meyer, seconded by Reith to accept the resolution. More discussion followed. A friendly amendment was added to favor an ad hoc shooting range committee be created to deal with this topic. Motion carried, all voting aye.

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

A. CODE OF PROCEDURE CHANGES

DISCUSSION	<p>Page 17, tab 4 Changes have already been made in committee delegate selection but do we want to write specific detailed protocol in the COP? The Ex Committee identifies positions available for assignment and Ex Council would work with their delegates to create a list of committee assignments. The Ex Committee checks for excused or unexcused absences but that could be done by Ex Councilors. More discussion after the first motion.</p>
ACTION	<p>Motion by Meyer under Sec 5 A Ex. Committee will provide each district with the number of delegates for each committee to be decided at spring meetings in March, second by Burmeister, motion carried, all voting aye.</p> <p>Motion by Meyer, second by Krmpotich District Councilors will work with delegates at the spring (March) meetings to choose the assignments, taking the information to Ex Council to be finalized after the May convention; motion carried, all voting aye.</p>

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Ex. Committee, District Councilors	March district meetings

**CONGRESS OUTREACH & COMMUNICATIONS
COORDINATOR - HISTORIAN**

BONDE

DISCUSSION	<p>New title: Outreach & Communications Coordinator Will increase participation, transparency, and disseminating power, allowing delegates to have more input . . . have the committee do the work rather than a chairperson who may have their own agenda and disregard the committee's view. The Coordinator could be the chair, but not necessarily. 1a. By consensus, remove the word "Chair" and just be a member of the outreach group. f. Clarification; consensus to use attend other committee meetings. Coordinator e. eliminate "or in place of" . . . attend other committee meetings.</p> <p>Historian This is a large workload. Use SharePoint? Keeping up to date year to year is a large problem, Kari can assist. We lack information along the way what happens to local resolutions, there are holes in the process, and takes a lot of work to track legislation and/or administrative rules affecting Congress matters. Lee-Zimmermann – I usually do this but I need someone to work with me on this. Meyer – Need someone to simply answer questions from delegates. Wysocki – expressed fear data gets lost. Bonde - Delegates feel they don't know what's going on.</p> <p>Need a point of contact for delegates in answering Congress actions from the past. Need a report each year on what happened to resolutions from last year. How can we manage records and how do we get Congress people to help?</p> <p>Have the Historian be the contact for people, delegates, and others to contact with questions on resolutions. Need a permanent data base on resolutions, on delegates, on length of service. How many times has this topic, resolution, been asked in the past, when, and what were the results? Need a position description on what this person should do.</p> <p>Discussion on page 23, 5 b . . . What is an excused absence? Would change #7 page 7 of COP would allow the chair of the committee to determine if the excuse was reasonable or not reasonable and needs to be documented. Notification can be first to the committee chair, then vice-chair, then secretary. Section XIII pg 16 Removal from Congress covers most other meetings.</p> <p>Testifying: Make it clear Congress can go to legislators alone and testify there is a specific position taken by the Congress. May provide input, advocate, or inform legislators on behalf of the Congress and what the Congress position is if an official position has been taken. This is on both legislation and proposed administrative rules.</p> <p>Spring hearing process: Nominations for election of delegates can be made by an individual for</p>
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	<p>themselves, by a non-resident of the county for a county resident, or by a county resident for a county resident. Consensus is to leave it as is.</p> <p>Counting and retention of ballots: Ballots must be retained by a warden for 30 days. A new form will be given to county chairs for documenting elections. The election is a county procedure, Dept. staff may assist in ballot counting but it is preferable only county delegates count ballots in any contested election and never the county delegate in the contested election.</p> <p>Handouts, displays, material: There should be no handouts, displays, or any material from outside groups or organizations at the spring meeting locations; only material of the Congress or DNR for information purposes as it applies to the hearing. Reason: Could be interpreted as coming from the Congress or DNR when it is not. Any material or displays not part of the official hearing process must be outside the building. Literature not from the Congress or DNR cannot be distributed or displayed in the facility.</p> <p>Youth Conservation Congress members may assist in registration.</p> <p>Protocol for developing questions from resolutions: The issue is if the resolution is not clear and the author is not present, can the committee add or delete items or is it safer the vote it down and ask the author for a more clarifying resolution? Secondly, with resolutions that contain obvious misinformation, how are they handled?</p>
ACTION	<p>Motion by Meyer, second by Burmeister to approve Outreach & Communications Coordinator as discussed; motion carried, all voting aye. By consensus, cross off a, b, c A person to work with Lee-Zimmermann to see what records can be seen and how can we see them. d. ok</p> <p>Motion by Meyer, second by Baudhuin to work with Dept. staff, serve as a point of contact on historical WCC information, assist in research of past WCC records, along with f. and g.; motion carried, all voting aye.</p> <p>Last part of #8 add to #7 page 7 starting with "Should you be" Add to #7 that minutes need to be checked for attendance and that an accurate record of attendance is made.</p> <p>Motion by Krmpotich second by Reith to accept the changes as discussed; motion carried, all voting aye. Motion by Baudhuin second by Reith to table redistricting; motion carried, all voting aye. Motion by Meyer, second by Burmeister that Congress may advocate or inform legislators on legislation or administrative rules if an official Congress position has been created on the subject issue; motion carried, all voting aye.</p> <p>Consensus: leave nominating county delegates as is.</p> <p>Motion by Baudhuin, second by Gullickson that any person attending the Spring hearing shall be eligible to vocally express their views on such matters as recognized and that any literature not issued by DNR of the Conservation Congress may not be distributed or displayed in the building in which the hearing is held; motion carried, all voting aye.</p> <p>Motion by Wysocki second by Baudhuin to allow non-DNR and non-Congress persons to assist at registration if approved by the county chairperson; motion lost, all voting no. Motion by Anderson to eliminate registration and limit it to setup; motion dies for lack of a second.</p> <p>Motion by Baudhuin second by Reith that study committee's may develop questions different from the original resolution as long as the intent of the original resolution is not significantly altered and the committee chairperson shall consult with the resolution writer to see if it has not altered the intent of the original resolution; motion carried, all voting aye.</p>
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Issue of land trusts who received Stewardship funds on certain properties putting up signs that all dogs must be on a lease. This negates hunting activity with those that use dogs. Poster is being copied and
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	<p>presented to the Nat. Resources Board.</p> <p>Transfer of licenses procedure needs to be explained to license vendors.</p> <p>Congress has been hijacked twice with legislators bypassing our process and DNR has intentionally derailed Congress using the term "stakeholders" thereby giving other groups the same status as the Conservation Congress.</p> <p>Pay attention to PETA who will be going after fish live wells as cruel in an effort to stop certain fishing tournaments,</p> <p>Statement on natural resource conviction of fish, game, and/or trapping regulations and delegate eligibility.</p>
ACTION	None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	1:55 pm
SUBMITTED BY	Ken Anderson
DATE	December 9, 2013