

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress

## Executive Council

### MEETING MINUTES

27 MAY 14



#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

05/27/14

10:00 am.

Tundra Lodge- Green Bay Wis.

#### I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

##### A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Rob Bohmann at 10:00 am.

##### B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Weiss, Olson, Brown, Larson, Weiloch, Anderson, Ellingson, Aschenbrenner, Smaby, Brownell, Sedelbauer, Maas, Splitt, Bonde, Roehrig, Rogers, Fahrney, Risley, Meyer, Shook, Bohmann, Hennlich, Janowski, Zimmermann
EXCUSED	Suchla
UNEXCUSED	N/A
GUESTS	Andrea Lombard (resolution author)

##### C. AGENDA

###### APPROVAL/REPAIR

**BOHMANN**

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	Motion to approve – Shook, second by Maas, motion carries

##### D. CHAIR'S UPDATE

**BOHMANN**

DISCUSSION	<p>Bohmann: overall, convention ran smoothly. Problem with hospitality room. Venue status for next year unknown. Looking elsewhere. Some complaints about food service. Food offerings at state rate unacceptable. What to do? (charge more for banquet, \$25 - \$30, or allow delegates to be on their own for breakfast and lunch). Will discuss later.</p> <p>Bucket raffle - \$3900. Gun board - \$2100. next years donation to youth expo will be \$2100. sent check this year for \$2000 (\$1000 for expo, \$1000 for travel grants). Read 1 of 3 letters of appreciation from Cuba City school district that received money from us (\$200 each). Looking for bigger role next year, however it will conflict with next years convention (14 – 15 May).</p> <p>Q: Maas: concern over cost and quality of meals. Consider paying for our own breakfast and lunch.</p> <p>A: Bohmann: would have to extend lunch hour (1 ½).</p> <p>C: Hennlich: most venues have eating facilities nearby</p> <p>A: Bohmann: depends on the venue</p> <p>C: Shook: Chula Vista was the best for the last 5 – 10 years. Is that been considered?</p> <p>A: Bohmann: their past worked well. New management now. Same offering not available. We're required to put venue out for bids. Go with cheapest. Will look elsewhere for sure.</p> <p>Commend District 2 for their work this year with donations (\$1500).</p> <p>C: Shook: most complaints heard were hospitality situation and "split" hotel arrangement..</p> <p>C: Brownell: would be disruptive having people coming back from lunch. Probably would have quorum though.</p> <p>C:Anderson: prefer venue in central part of state.</p> <p>C: Bonde: restaurants could be overwhelmed with 300 plus delegates at once.</p> <p>C: Smaby: continental breakfasts at most venues are adequate.</p>
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A: Bohmann : next year Stony Creek will not offer a continental breakfast.  
 C: Splitt: in past went to different venue for awards etc.  
 A: Bohmann: Paper Valley Inn in Appleton interested. Will look at that as well.  
 C: Bonde: some venues allow catering, some not.  
 A: Bohmann: discussed Stony Creek turning the room over and allow us to hire catering.  
 C: Zimmermann: trouble is finding a place with two large rooms (one for general session, one for eating).  
 C: Brown : pork chops unacceptable this year  
 C: Anderson : what about buffet vs. Sit down?  
 A: Bohmann : discussion about past conventions where buffet's were offered. Several choices offered.  
 C:Olson: must know what we're getting for our money.

C: Maas: must be other places with more reasonable rates for the money.  
 Q: Bohmann: what should we do? Go with charging more, or going on our own? I wouldn't go above \$30 for the meal.  
 C: Maas: we have banquets where we serve for under \$16.  
 C: Bohmann: idea is to find central location.  
 C: Weiloach: caterers vary widely.  
 C: Bohmann: would like to stay with Stony Creek if they agree to flip the room. Are we good with skipping breakfast and lunch and charging more for the banquet?  
 C: Anderson: prefer eliminating breakfast and lunch and charge more for banquet.  
 C: Maas: handy to know that Holiday Inn had a continental breakfast.  
 C: Larson: how would new delegate breakfast be affected?  
 A: Bohmann: probably would continue with that. Would have to work out something.

**ACTION**

**E. WCC  
LIAISON REPORT**

**ZIMMERMANN**

**DISCUSSION** none for now.

**ACTION** N/A

**I. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. REVIEW OF STATEWIDE  
DELEGATION VOTES AND  
ATTENDANCE**

**WEISS, BOHMANN**

**DISCUSSION** DNR Questions (refer to 2014 convention book)  
 Q:1 – advanced  
 Q:2 – reject  
 Q:3 – advanced  
 Q:4 – advanced  
 Q:5 – advanced  
 Q:6 – reject  
 Q:7 – reject  
 Q:8 – reject  
 Q:9 – advanced  
 Q:10 – advanced  
 Q:11 – reject  
 Q:12 – reject  
 Q:13 – advanced  
 Q:14 – reject  
 Q:15 – reject  
 Q:16 – reject  
 Q:17 – advanced

Q:18 – reject  
Q:19 – advanced  
Q:20 – advanced  
Q:21 – advanced  
Q:22 – reject  
Q:23 – reject  
Q:24 – reject  
Q:25 – advanced  
Q:26 – reject  
Q:27 – advanced  
Q:28 – advanced  
Q:29 – advanced  
Q:30 – reject  
Q:31 – advanced  
Q:32 – advanced  
Q:33 – advanced  
Q:34 – advanced  
Q:35 – reject

WCC Advisory Questions (see 2014 convention book)

Q:36 – reject  
Q:37 – reject  
Q:38 – advanced  
Q:39 – advanced  
Q:40 – motion to reject failed by paddle vote. No other action taken.  
Q:41 – advanced  
Q:42 – advanced  
Q:43 – advanced  
Q:44 – advanced  
Q:45 – advanced  
Q:46 – advanced  
Q:47 – advanced  
Q:48 – reject  
Q:49 – advanced  
Q:50 – advanced  
Q:51 – advanced  
Q:52 – advanced  
Q:53 – reject  
Q:54 – advanced  
Q:55 – advanced  
Q:56 – advanced  
Q:57 – advanced  
Q:58 – advanced

discussion: none

SPRING HEARING ATTENDANCE- Bohmann

Reviewed handout. Stressed numbers in each county that were low. Goal for next year is to increase attendance statewide to 10,000. if every county increases by 40 people. We'd hit it. Looking for answers. Encourage delegates to attend local club meetings etc. to get folks involved. Spread the word about the WCC. Rob will personally buy a gun to raffle off to county delegates that increase attendance the most next year. Problem has been that the public thinks the DNR does what they want anyway, why should I attend?

Fahrney: important to get info on population in each county to compare apples to apples when looking at attendance numbers. Possibly give awards for attendance at state conventions etc. as incentive.

Bonde: population info is available.

?: discussion on on-line voting.

Bohmann: on-line voting will ultimately fail all our questions.

Smaby: how many licenses are sold in each county to give us idea of hook and bullet populations:

Olson: hot issues drive attendance. That's our product. County wide deer committee's will provide interest. In the future look at county fish committee's

Bohmann; our product starts at committee level. Personal agendas should be left at the door. Need

simplification. Executive council needs to do better job reference rejecting resolutions etc. meeting next month for chairs and secretaries will address this. In future, all committee's will have minutes published and questions written before any travel vouchers etc. are issued. 30 days to submit following committee meeting. Hold our committee leadership accountable.

Meyer: problem with tying voucher payment to the chairs actions.

Weiss: golden opportunity to put a new face on WCC with county deer advisory committee's and our role getting public involved. WCC can be effective. DNR stressing public involvement.

Bonde: encourage folks to bring a friend to hearings. Young people don't do meetings. Tap into social media, YCC members.

Spitt: controversial questions bring people out. Look at venue locations for Spring hearings. Ensure central locations.

Bohmann: if location's or accessibility an issue, get with all county chairs in our districts and poll them as to their county hearing locations. Do they need to change?

Brownell: build on this years deer info. Include next year.

Hennlich: Milwaukee county attendance sad considering population in county. Question as to who is responsible for coordinating venue. Would like a change to Greenfield High instead of West Allis Hale.

Zimmermann: hearing officers are responsible for scheduling venues. Work with them. Need notice to change venues (4 months in advance).

Risley: people keep bringing up Deer 2000. will take time for change.

Maas: venue change should be run by executive committee first for review.

Roehrig: social media important. Conservation Alliance big in Calumet County. Market WCC at those kind of meetings. Encourage Dept. staff to attend.

Bohmann: reads off attendance over the years. Shows increase.

Shook: people don't know what WCC is. Discussion on questions is missing at the hearings. Multi faceted issue. Would like to see numbers of people who are registered to vote in county vs how many come to spring hearings.

Anderson: include 15 minutes of WCC info in hunter's safety classes, trap leagues etc.

Weiss: are deer herd status meetings going to happen in conjunction with spring hearings next year?

Bohmann: working on it. CHARGE TO COUNCILORS: contact individual county chairs to discuss venue options. What works best.

Aschenbrenner: need to use social media. Kids don't do meetings.

Weiloch: carry brochures everywhere to distribute. Talk about WCC at local meetings etc.

Bohmann: let your delegates know that brochures and handouts are available. Encourage use.

Hennlich: youth trap teams are getting involved. Journal-Sentinel Sport Show, State Fair good options to spread the word.

Bohmann: problem is volunteers for those functions. Last year spent \$800. where's the return?

Maas: can DNR Safety Wardens promote WCC in their respective formats.

Bohmann: ask your safety instructors to promote

Bonde: booths and trade shows show the worst return. Face book goes to profiles that match. Target marketing is best. Dept. of Education doesn't talk to the Dept. of Natural Resources as far as content. Outreach committee should be focusing on marketing in schools.

Roehrig: reach out to safety instructors to talk about WCC.

Meyer: put a link "follow us on face-book" on info to clubs etc.

Bohmann: suggestions for tools to communicate? Get those to Larry, Kari or Rob.

Bonde: get links to WCC website out to clubs etc.

Bohmann: all present at start of convention. Saturday attendance in am. (4 counties missing). At the end, 184 delegates and 5 youth still present.

Maas: does COP address this?

Bohmann: convention is mandatory

Olson: if you're not able to attend, you should be dropped from WCC.

Bohmann: concerns over convention date.

Weiloch: we're elected so we're expected to be there.

Hennlich: need a definition of "reasonable excuse".

Anderson: suggest incentive for people to stay, awards at the end?

Meyer: people have "lives". Difficult to have absolute repercussions.

Weiss: affordability is a problem with some delegates, especially those whose counties don't re-imburse. Important issue is that the county is represented at all times, not necessarily the number of delegates present.

Brownell: do we want empty chairs filled with those who may have other interests?

Bonde: do we need a letter from the chair?

Bohmann: question regarding do we need 5 delegates per county?

Bonde: yes, Strategic Plan addressed that.

Aschenbrenner: in the past had 3 permanent and 2 alternate delegates.  
 Fahrney: whose responsible for "removing" people?  
 Bohmann: county chair or council.  
 Ellingson: it's about respect.  
 Bohmann: responsibilities lie with districts.  
 Shook: 3 regular delegates and 2 alternates not long ago. Discuss idea of 3 delegates and resultant election procedures. Have tried in the past to offer incentives to stay till Sat. didn't work. COIP doesn't address the "full" convention attendance. Reasonable excuse is vague necessarily.  
 Larson: move agenda items around to provide incentive.  
 Bonde: the 2 "alternate" delegate positions were deleted because they were doing everything anyway.  
 Risley: remembers getting everything done on Friday. Only had Sat. when needed.  
 Bohmann: will put this on Rules and Resolutions agenda to discuss.  
 Bonde: executive committee election is now on Sat. What next?  
 Fahrney: move election of executive council and committee to Sat. morning.  
 Aschenbrenner: do we need all the "fluff" on Friday?  
 Bonde: governors appearance is important along with Secretary updates etc. on Friday. Governor's appearance at convention gives us relevance.  
 Smaby: eliminating Sat. would be a mistake

STUDY COMMITTEE QUESTIONS REJECTED DISCUSSION- Bohmann  
 formats were a problem. Questions need to be asked. Nothing wrong with asking a question. We are advisory.  
 Discussion:  
 Shook: stress that the resolutions are the property of the WCC once they are accepted by the county chair and voted on at the hearings. We form the questions from the idea. If an idea passes, it belongs to the WCC. We're hear to gather info. If incorrect, it should be stopped.  
 Bonde: upcoming training in June will be beneficial to create a better product.  
 Rogers: as long as idea is there, clean up the format and put it out there.  
 Brownell: emphasis on author attending committee meetings to discuss resolutions. Things can be corrected on the spot.  
 Hennlich: don't let politics affect this  
 Weiss: encourage Chairs to contact authors prior to the meeting.  
 Risley: I've been doing that. Find out what their viewpoint is. Ask if it's ok to change wording a little if necessary.  
 Olson: didn't work with the Heritage Trail issue that went to Land Use. The idea is the important part. People don't want to go through the paperwork.

**B. SIMPLIFICATION REPORT  
 TO GOV. WALKER, COP  
 CHANGES, SCIENCE SERVICES  
 UPDATE**

**BOHMANN**

**DISCUSSION**

Governors Simplification Report – Zimmermann  
 Discussion:  
 Anderson: too wordy. Too redundant  
 Bohmann: charge was a joint effort between DNR and WCC.  
 Motion to approve the report by Bonde. Second by Maas. Motion carries  
 COP Changes – Bonde  
 (see handout reference VII.A.9, VII.B.7, VII.B.10, IX.C.4, XI.E.)  
 motion to approve by Meyer. Second by Anderson. Motion carries.  
 Adjourn for lunch at 11:36

	reconvene at 13:00.
<b>ACTION</b>	N/A
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**C. ASSIGNED**

**RESOLUTIONS- 570314, 200214**

**LOMBARD, BOHMANN**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Resolution 570314 – Lombard discussion: Lombard: not against what “we are for”. Lifetime member of NRA. Worried about Federal Government intrusion in a large area (Wisconsin River corridor, Fox River, Winnebago system). Aim of “Friends of the Fox” to create a “heritage” area. organize tourist areas, promote use by all.. once that happens, the Feds are in control. Able to close anything they want. Example: spotted owl in the west and effect on forest products industry. Request our legislators to get involved.</p> <p>motion to adopt by Maas. Second by Rogers. Discussion: Fahrney: what kind of response so far? A: not much happening. Meyer: how many acres now controlled along this area? A: don't know for sure. Meyer: you might consider expanding your legislative contacts. Weiss: is this situation similar to the Wild Rivers Act up north in areas like the Namekagon and Totagatic river? Olson: Andrea appeared with this resolution in front of our land use committee. The question regarding the proposed buffer zone was concerning. Land Use Committee tabled this issue pending further information. Why is it appearing here now? Maas: questions Mike Rogers as to what the locals say. Rogers: not enough people know about ti yet. Maas: how long has this been worked on? Lombard: 15 years. We've been aware of it for 3 years. Maas: questions clarification of buffer zone Olson: we had those questions in our committee Splitt: discuss private property rights and size of project Fahrney: urge a yes vote on this motion. Concern over government intervention in property rights. Tax base is reduced. Managing land is a problem. Resources to manage not available. Smaby: concern over govt. ownership intruding on private rights. Olson: prefers to table it. We don't have enough info yet. Rogers: if we do table it, it doesn't get out to the public. Bonde: people had a chance to express at the committee meeting Maas: we need to move forward due to the scope of project across the state.</p> <p>Motion to advance carries by voice vote.</p> <p>Resolution 200214 – Bohmann</p> <p>motion to advance by Anderson. Second by Weiloach. Discussion: Rogers: issue of federal and state waters. Big hoop to jump through. Olson: what's the difference between Captains license and not having one? Bohmann: lots! Ellingson: asks what is chance of lock being opened? Maas: invasive specie issue a concern is a factor.</p> <p>Motion to advance carries.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	N/A

## I. MEMBERS MATTERS

### DISCUSSION

Anderson: reference NRB actions on antler-less permits restrictions, didn't provide private landowner permits up north. Questions turkey tag reductions.

Weiloch: suggest fine for those at convention who are warned to quiet down!

Olson: when will agenda be available on upcoming training meeting? Also committee membership and officer postings.

Bohmann: it will be out soon.

Brown: as to training new delegates, could it include what committee's are available for delegates to join. Let them know at spring hearing when they are first elected. Make effort to get on your respective counties "other" committee's to spread the word on the WCC.

Larson: can we engage young adults with some kind of "straw poll" to get their point of view in lieu of them participating in "meetings"?

Fahrney: changes to COP I.e "study" to "advisory" a public relations issue.

Also, executive council/executive committee terms are confusing to some. Consider a name change to these.

Rogers: is June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting all day? "answer" - yes.

Meyer: concerns over Dane County delegates "running off the rails". Not taking position of WCC when in discussions outside congress. i.e. wolf discussion- when study committee member not taking WCC position affects opinion of affected delegate who is not taking that position. Inconsistent. Concern for openness and transparency.

Bohmann: you should have the right to "think out of the box" if you're representing the WCC on a DNR committee. Mike did not change the WCC position. He offered another option. The WCC position has always been 350.

Meyer: I look forward to my time here on the executive council,

Smaby: we need to advance resolutions at the Jan. meeting unless we have a really good reason not to. Also, YCC delegate was impressed with the WCC at our recent convention. Has already invited another youth to join. Are committee's finalized yet?

A: yes, committee's are, officers are not yet.

Shook: Andrea's presentation prefaced with a reminder that she is "one of us" is a problem for us, perception is important.

Rogers: she said she was intimidated at the Land Use Committee meeting.

Olson: how did this topic get re-introduced here?

Bohmann: we needed to move forward.

Risley: dog retrieval, trespass questions need to go to the legislators and farm bureau. How did the 350 wolf thing come up. My constituents don't want any wolves! Farmers concerns.

Splitt: what are the guidelines for the 2 resolutions today to come up here?

Bohmann: When Rules and Resolutions assigned these, they had too many. These 2 dealt with federal issues, not necessarily applicable to any one committee.

Splitt: include list of committee's to new delegates at spring hearings. Who comes to June meeting?

A: county chairs, deer advisory chairs and alternates, WCC committee chairs, vice chairs, secretaries.

Hennlich: look at term limits for committee membership

Janowski: concern with delegates ignoring county vote and voting their own agenda.

Bonde: with new info, you can vote differently

Roehrig: use Outreach Committee to get the word out about the WCC

Sedelbauer: increase in attendance due to deer issue and mining concerns

Brownell: encourage authors to attend committee meetings Land Conservation Committee in my county asks my opinion. Could lead to getting reimbursement if we get involved in these locally.

Weiss: requests feedback on minutes.

Bohmann: committee leadership meeting June 21<sup>st</sup>. In August – summit for leadership of clubs throughout the state at McKenzie Center. Update on things going on throughout the state. Call our county chairs to gain feedback on Spring Hearing locations, recommendations for improvement. Let delegates know about available brochures and pamphlets, also website info.

Zimmermann: keep in mind handicap access when selecting venues for spring hearings.

Moton to adjourn by Hennlich. Second by Brownell. Motion carries

### ACTION

N/A

## II. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING ADJOURNED	14:54 pm.
SUBMITTED BY	Joe Weiss – Secretary, WCC
DATE	05/29/14