

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Executive Committee Conference Call

MEETING MINUTES

16 FEB 15

ORDER OF BUSINESS

02/16/15

12:30:00 PM

Conference call

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Bohmann at 12:31

B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES Bohmann, Bonde, Weiss, Meyer, Lee-Zimmermann

EXCUSED

UNEXCUSED Suchla – checks in just prior to adjournment (family emergency).

GUESTS

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

BOHMANN

DISCUSSION Bohmann- there will be no disciplinary action during the closed session. Update only Meyer- request to review minutes by executive committee before approval
Bohmann- will take that up under member matters

ACTION N/A

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION N/A

ACTION N/A

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION N/A

ACTION N/A

I. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. NR BOARD ORDER WM 11-13; PROPOSED RULES AFFECTING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2012 DTR

BOHMANN

DISCUSSION Bohmann- reviewed proposed season structure and dates off of green sheet.
Bonde- makes motion to oppose any references to 2/3 vote as it limits counties ability to manage their

	<p>respective herds. Motion seconded by Meyer. Motion carries. Lee-Zimmermann- are we in favor of the rest of the package? Bonde- people had problems with the survey put out by the Department. Bohmann- references green sheet to discuss season framework issues. Committee- discuss at length. Not up to speed yet due to the fact that this info just came out. Discussed first part under "rule summary". Item 1. opposed references to 2/3's. 2.-4. support. 5. opposed reference to 2/3's. 6.-9. support. Item 9. Motion to oppose by Meyer, second by Bonde. Motion carries. Item 10.-13. support. Bohmann- propose conference call to discuss this further on Thursday 19 Feb.</p>
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

**B. WHITETAIL DEER
POPULATION OBJECTIVES FOR
EACH DEER MGMT UNIT.
PROPOSED 2015-2017 BUDGET**

BOHMANN

DISCUSSION	<p>Bonde- motion to support CDAC recommendations for population objectives. Second by Weiss. Motion carries Bohmann- discussed budget proposals. Review of letter sent out by Rob to delegates, legislatures, media etc. Next move is to get the word out. Meyer- will put it on face book page. Reach out to sports groups and delegates. Lee-Zimmermann- will send out letter to all delegates encouraging all to get the word out locally. Bohmann- will forward letter to other groups. Asks Meyer to work on press release Meyer- resolutions are on the way for the spring hearings. Another avenue for people to weigh in Bohmann- will be looking for people to present a resolution he will author in all counties at the spring hearings. Weiss- what's the time line for budget action? Bohmann- June Meyer- will post on face book. Also will come up with a press release. Need up to date addresses for sporting groups throughout the state. What will be our position on the proposed elimination of science and research positions by the budget? Bohmann- no position yet. Meyer- we must consider the impacts of getting rid of scientists, naturalists etc. need to develop a position. Lee-Zimmermann- reads info on \$12.00 antlerless tags and their use from the DTR and the green sheet. Bohmann- opposes one item that was "slipped in" this past week and was not vetted by the public hearing process. That item is this: "in units where the Dept. has not established a quota allowing the harvest of antlerless deer the Dept. may establish, by an order of the Secretary, that antlerless tags issued to junior deer license holders are not valid". We need to address this. What it does will basically make the youth tag invalid in counties that are buck only. That's the intent of it which I don't agree with. Youth tags were abused this year by adults that took advantage of the system. Shame on them! Internet was to give youth an opportunity. We need to address group bagging currently allowed by state law during the 9 day gun season which I think is wrong. We can look at making the youth tag weapon specific or just issue one tag only per youth, whether it be for gun or archery. Kasmeirski did not vette this issue that he inserted in the language through the public hearing process. Bonde- makes a motion for the NRB to table this issue for now. Second by Meyer. Motion carries.</p>
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**C. WCC ADMIN
HOUSEKEEPING. CLOSED
SESSION.**

ZIMMERMAN

DISCUSSION	Lee-Zimmermann- spring hearing booklets will be back this week. Sent out ASAP. District 1 and 10
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have their meetings at the end of Feb. They are twice as thick this year. Trying to cut down on mailing to save money. Not giving them out randomly. Encourage people to review on-line prior to the spring hearings. Discourage mass mailings to groups and individuals prior to the spring hearings. Bohmann- must leave meeting in five minutes. Asks Meyer to bring up her issues on Thursday.

Closed session: no minutes required.

ACTION

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE

I. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION

Bohmann- checks out.
Meyer- minutes from last executive council meeting state that Laurie Groskopf was removed from the wolf committee. Is that true?
Bohmann- no. what I said was "she will not be allowed to sit on that next year".
Weiss- my recollection of the conversation was that Rob stated that Laurie will be removed from the wolf committee.
Bonde- we should bring this up on Thursday when Rob is here.
Meyer- brings up the point that the minutes should be reviewed by the entire executive committee before being published. Address a change to the COP addressing this.
Zimmerman- will add to the Rules and Resolutions committee agenda to address the distribution of minutes.
Weiss- COP does not address many issues including the duties of the WCC Secretary as to what meetings are required to be covered with minutes by the WCC Secretary.
Bonde- we need to look at this during Rules and Resolutions. Kari will add these issues to the agenda. Next meeting on April 27nd at the Portage County library in Steven's Point.
Meyer- requests that Rob contact Laurie about her membership on the Wolf Committee.
Weiss- concern over the roles of the executive committee. Refers to COP addressing duties of the executive committee. Roles in forming official WCC positions, appointing committee memberships and committee officers etc.
Meyer- refers to our absence in making decisions concerning committee membership and selection of chairs etc. press releases about the McKenzie Center etc.
Bonde- should bring this up on Thursday when Rob is present.
Meyer- these issues were discussed at the Strategic Planning meetings. Make sure more opinions are represented.
Lee-Zimmermann- Thursday agenda will include item "A" from today and Members Matters.
Motion to adjourn by Meyer. Second by Weiss. Al Suchla checks in and states he had a family situation and missed the meeting. He is informed about Thursday's meeting. Motion to adjourn carries

ACTION

II. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED

01:53:00 PM

SUBMITTED BY

Joe Weiss- Secretary WCC

DATE

02/18/15