

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Executive Committee

(conference call)

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	10/19/2015	12:30 PM	Conference Call
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chairman Bohmann at 12:30 PM
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ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Robert Bohmann, Larry Bonde, Dale Maas, Lee Fahrney, Joe Weiss and Kari Lee Zimmermann
EXCUSED	
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	The Natural Resources Board will be going out for hearing on item II. (A) and not approval so no action at this time is needed.
ACTION	Motion by Fahrney, 2 nd by Weiss to remove from agenda, motion carries

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. WCC OUTREACH VIDEO OPTION

ZIMMERMANN

DISCUSSION	Kari said that the quality of the sound was not acceptable to which both Larry and Lee agreed. We need to go to the outside and get a short more professional quality video done. This would allow us to publish to our web site and YOU TUBE to attract more people to the congress. We will do a review of the final draft of the script prior to production. This could come out of the congress budget with the time line for late November of this year and be presented to the Executive Council in January. The cost to be approximately \$3,000. Consensus was to move forward on this.	
ACTION	N/A	
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

B. YOUTH CONSERVATION CONGRESS UPDATE

BOHMANN

DISCUSSION	Meet with Kari Lee Zimmerman, Tim Andryk, Sonja Olson, Kurt Thiede, Preston Cole. They proposed making a proposal to look at older group. 9 th , 10 th , 11 th and 12 graders and older. Want to make video and a catalog of volunteer activities for YCC delegates. This would be a list of opportunities for them to go out into the field with department staff. Some of the things mentioned were duck and goose banding, warden ride a longs, tagging fish and shocking surveys, controlled habitat burns, tree surveys and others. Dale questioned that the discussion last month was that the proposed mentors were concerned about liability. Larry stated that Tim reviewed the process and said that there were no liability issues. The participant's parent or guardian signs a waver to hold the mentor exempt. This does not mean that if
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	<p>something did happen that there is always the possibility for a law suit.</p> <p>Dale suggested making contact with current YCC delegates after we have this set up to keep them informed so they don't feel left out. Rob suggested that mentors kept a calendar and make a brief report on each YCC delegate's activity.</p> <p>Rob will need to contact Dave Tupa the YCC chair to check on ability of involvement to expand the program and this would be the sole responsibility in congress.</p> <p>The attendees at the meeting suggested that the information on the web page be taken down until we have a process in place.</p>	
ACTION	No formal action taken other than internal.	
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Various	On going

C. MENTORED HUNT YOUTH BILL

MAAS

DISCUSSION	<p>Legislators are going to be holding a hearing on a new mentored youth hunt bill. The current proposed legislation would have no minimum age requirement and also allow the mentor and youth to carry a weapon. Dale wondered if the congress had a position. Larry said that when we got the current bill passed we were OK and had a position at 8 years old for a minimum. Rob said that we need to have more input before we can say we have a position on this proposal. Dale mentioned that we have a bill pending to address a problem with first time shooters being allowed to shoot a doe in a no doe quota area. This along with the possibility of someone in their party to fill it under the group bagging option. Is this not the same thing? Rob said we need more direction and he is not sure what the time line might be on this. Larry said that 26 other states have it and have had no problems. We don't have a position on this and should not be even wasting time talking about this. Dale disagreed that we should not discuss this. Rob suggested that we may need to put this on the spring hearing questionnaire if the sponsoring legislator is willing to hold off but this could cause some other problems with negative results.</p>	
ACTION	No action taken	
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

D. ADMINISTRATIVE HOUSEKEEPING

DISCUSSION	<p>Kari asked for status on the Marinette issue? Rob said that two of the guys didn't have an issue with it and he was waiting for a response from the vice chair, if he agrees then he will become chair till next election and they would hold off on an election for new vice chair until then also. Rob will make contact again and let Kari know.</p> <p>Kari reported that the following committees have not scheduled meetings yet: 10 Year Fish and Wildlife and Shooting Range. The following are scheduled but have not met: CDAC Oversight, Bear, Wolf and Rules and Regulations. Those that haven't scheduled need some additional contact if we want any input for the January council meeting.</p> <p>The contract modifications have come in for the conventions, 2016- Manitowoc, 2017-Oshkosh, 2018-Eau Claire, and 2019-Appleton. The first three have confirmed we can have our own hospitality room. Oshkosh and Appleton have a sever cancelation clause, basically we would be liable for up to 100% of the costs depending if and when we would cancel.</p> <p>Rob asked that the notices be sent out early for award nominations, this is for citizens, delegates and staff. This will give more time to have people submit their nominations and get a bigger pool of individuals.</p>	
ACTION	Information only	
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Joe has been getting good response on his request for resolution results and thanked all that helped. Lee requests that delegates submit to either him or Kari any pictures they might have of committee meetings, hunting, fishing, trapping endeavors for the next Conservation Chronicle. Also if anyone would like to write an article he would appreciate that too. He would like any submissions be in by January 1st for the March publication.</p> <p>Dale asked Kari if she thought that the resolution conversion to question process was going. She thought they were pretty decent and since the change to allow her to do some selective editing along with a few follow up contacts to committee Chairs and Secretary's was going to help the process move along.</p> <p>Dale also mentioned a resolution that was rejected last year by the Executive Council, the author resubmitted it with the changes asked for. When it went through the committee it came out the same as the original (he was not able to attend but did communicate his thoughts to the committee). "I'm not saying the Executive Councils action was right or wrong but what I am concerned about is after questioning the committee's action he was told that the DNR Liaison was in favor the original version." Dale also questioned the status of the requested catch and release (hook and line) sturgeon season letter that was circulated around. Joe reported that the one resolution that warm water had for a once in a lifetime harvest opportunity was rejected and didn't think this was related. Kari said that the author was notified and will be assisted in writing a resolution for the 2016 hearings. It was noted that the liaison to warm water was not in favor of the proposed season.</p> <p>Dale also asked for clarification of authority of the Strategic Planning Committee. Rob stated their sole duty is to monitor our progress in implementing the plan and give the Council and Executive Committee suggestions on areas that may need to be added or changed.</p> <p>Larry suggested that any committee that was not sending in their results to Kari and Joe should be reviewed for new leadership in order to get compliance.</p>
ACTION	N/A

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion by Maas, 2nd by Bonde to adjourn @ 1:25 pm, motion carries
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	10/19/2015