

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Outdoor Heritage and Education

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	Sept 12-2015	9:30 am	Schmeeckle Reserve Center
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chair David Tupa at 9:30 am
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Art Malin, Brian Melichar, Reed Kabelowski, Russel Hitz, Kevin Smaby, Richard Wayne, Frank Reith, Scott Bestul, Douglas Nelson, David Tupa, Pete Mueller, Tashina Peplinski, Kathleen Tober, Scott Gunderson, DNR; Keith Warnke, Theresa Stabo, Liz Herzmann
EXCUSED	Donald Dukerschein, Walter Cox, Todd Cook, John Cler, Von Leibzeit
UNEXCUSED	Chris Jepson
GUESTS	Chairman Rob Bohmann Youth CC Garrett Zinecker, Kyle Boucher Winn Co., Carl Landsness author 130915

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Moved resolution 130915 from 3 rd to 1 st as author was in attendance- action approved

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Statement was read and approved

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. RESOLUTION 130915

CARL LANDSNESS

DISCUSSION	Resolution was read by presenter, questions were asked of presenter and was discussed on how to narrow down, and focus to a specific question that could be forwarded. Motion to advance by Reith, 2 nd by Peplinski – Motion Failed. With input from author motion was amended to read: The Problem: Many WI citizens are uninformed or misinformed about the policies, practices, and priorities for WI natural resources. Would you support that the WI Conservation Congress work with the DNR to explore new ways to raise public awareness, consciousness, stewardship, and reverence for WI natural resources, mutually beneficial to all people.	
ACTION	Motion by Smaby, 2nd by Reith to forward as amended - motion passes	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. RESOLUTION 140215 LEARN TO HUNT PARTICIPATION

DISCUSSION	Chair read resolution Smaby motion to forward, 2 nd by Tober Motion fails. Discussion on resolution was that this resolution was good, but didn't go far enough to "fix" the problem so the committee will use idea and draft a question to forward. Learn- to- Hunt participation: Current regulations limit participation in Learn-to-Hunt events to no more than 1 species-specific event. Learn-to -Hunt was put into place as a tool for new hunter training and for recruitment. Research has indicated that participation in more than 1 event may be needed to educate and retain new hunters. Do you support allowing individuals to participate in 2 Learn-to-hunt events per species under current mentoring regulations?	
ACTION	Motion to forward amended question by Smaby 2 nd by Tober	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
	Secretary will send letter and contact author on why rejected, but will use his idea to draft an expanded version.	

C. 130515 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STAMP AND COMMITTEE

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Resolution was read by chair, Motion to advance by Reith 2nd by Smaby -motion fails Discussion is that resolution asks for 2 items in 1 resolution. Committee will draft question on the main part of resolution, Question to read as follows: Wildlife Conservation Stamp. A Wisconsin Wildlife stamp would provide a revenue source for Wisconsin public lands, preserving habitat and wildlife, while giving non-extractive users a funding tool for species and habitat projects that are sometimes passed over in favor of game animal priorities. It would be a separate, but parallel addition to the DNR budgets. Would you support that the WI DNR create a Wildlife Conservation Stamp?	
ACTION	Motion to advance amended question by Nelson 2 nd by Wayne. - Motion passes	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
	Secretary will draft letter to 130515	

D. 040215 WHITETAIL DEER EDUCATION

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Chair read resolution, Discussion, It was pointed out by DNR staff that they had a publication called Wisconsin Deer Hunting Program that covers deer biology that can be read online and available to hunter ed classes. This information will be passed onto author by Secretary	
ACTION	Motion by Smaby to forward, 2 nd by Peplinski Motion fails	

E. DNR REPORTS;

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Theresa Stabo; Gave updates on the fisheries education programs: "Fishing for Dinner"- Fishing in the Neighborhood – Tackle Loaner Program –and "Wisconsin Envirothon" Liz Herzmann Gave presentation on "New" Horicon Marsh Visitor Center, Keith Warnke Reported on a in the schools Learn to Hunt program, Sporting Heritage Council ideas, A new Mentoring brochure is published, Mentors are needed statewide!	
ACTION		

F. YCC UPDATES;

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Rob Bohmann spoke to the committee about progress with YCC and gave a report that work continues to be done to address the concerns of mentors about liability. During the fall district meetings, counselors were asked to identify one WCC delegate from each county to serve as a mentor and those mentors were asked to identify at least one youth from their county. There should be a minimum of 72 mentors and 72 YCC delegates now identified. A list of WCC delegate mentors is being generated.	
ACTION		

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Scott Bestul brought forth proposal on change to limited draw procedure. The problem; On limited draw tags in WI there gets to be a long waiting period to be able to draw a tag, and participate in some activities. For some tags you may apply 6 to 9 years before you are able to draw a tag. If the DNR would issue more tags for these species and still protect the resource by shutting down the season	
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	<p>when the quota is met (as in sturgeon spearing) more people would have the chance to participate in these sports. Even if you were unable to fill your tag, there would be a shorter time before you draw again.</p> <p>Scott will draft a resolution to ask the public to support the WI DNR to issue more tags on limited draw licenses and protect the resource by shutting the season down when quota is met?</p>
ACTION	None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	[2:00pm]
SUBMITTED BY	Scott Bestul
DATE	Sept 14th 2015