

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Deer & Elk Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	8/13/2016	9:30 am	Grand Lodge Waterpark Resort, 805 Creske Av. Rothschild, Wis
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Rob Bohmann at 9:30 a.m.
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Alan Horvath, Richard Olson, James Morning, Jay Koenig, Roger Sabota, Mike Riggle, Dale Ebert, Howard Jackson, Kieran Kramer, William Yingst, Joe Helwig, Marlin Laidlaw, Stan Brownell, Allen Jacobson, Wright Allen, Douglas Seidl, Larry Gohlke, Andy Geiger, Anthony Grabski, Bradley Hasheider, Thomas Schwefel, Charlie Brown, Martin Haas, Robert Bohmann, Kevin Wallenfang, Dan Storm, Kevin Mickelberg, Brad Hutnik.
EXCUSED	Mark Noll, Joe Helwig, Michael Burkart, Paul Annear, Douglas Williams, Dave Zebro DNR Liaison
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Rob Bohmann - Leave agenda as is except move resolutions up for the ones that the authors are here so they do not have to wait.
ACTION	Motion to Approve by Bill Yingst, 2 nd by Rick Olson, Motion Carried

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Al Horvath read mission statement
ACTION	Motion to Approve by Mike Riggle, 2 nd by Al Jacobson, Motion Carried

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	Mike Brust expressed concern of the excessive kill of bucks before the gun season by cross bow hunters. Rob Bohmann read letter from Al Lobner (letter attached)
ACTION	None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. CITIZEN RESOLUTIONS

ROB BOHMANN

DISCUSSION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution 140116 (Equal Opportunity for All Wisconsin Deer Hunters), Have cross bow season from Sept. 15- Oct 15. Rob read resolution and Lloyd Lechner read his personal letter. Discussion followed for clarification. Comments were that 2 years in for crossbow is not conclusive on success rate. Need to see where it levels off at. Not much success rate different from Vertical Bow. Did not really increase total number of hunters. Partly because a lot of vertical bow hunters also bought a crossbow upgrade. Note was made that a lot of women came in to stores to buy crossbow because they could not pull back a vertical bow; Al Jacobson made motion to Reject, 2nd by Doug Seidl. Motion Carried. Resolution 720216 (Move Boundry Between Farmland & Forest, Wood County) Rob read
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resolution & Scott spoke about his resolution and why. Discussion was that CDAC committees will be able to do this so should wait. It is upcoming already and does not need to be on the state ballot. It will be decided per county at the CDAC meetings. **Tony Grabski made motion to reject, 2nd by Tom Schwefel, Motion carried.**

3. **Resolution 190216** (Prevent Harvest of Spike Bucks in Counties Designated with "Increase" Population Objective), Rob read resolution and Lee explained his reason for the resolution and why. Mainly for population increase. Lee handed out a 14 page handout, discussion was why only protect approx. 50% of the bucks, because the other 50 percent may have more points on their antlers the first year and get shot anyway. Lee said that this is a simple way to distinguish between what could be shot and not by leaving it as spikes. Was brought up that many of the counties affected already have no doe harvest and this would take half the bucks out also and may lead to hunter dissatisfaction and not hunting. **Motion to reject by Charlie Brown, 2nd by Tom Schwefel. Motion carried.**
4. **Resolution 680116** (Addressing Deer Harvest by Weapon), Resolution by Ron Kulas. Rob read resolution (letter attached). Basis was a shorter cross bow season. Rob read letter from Ron explaining his position. Discussion was same as resolution 140116 above. **Motion to accept made by Wright Alan, 2nd by Marlin Laid Law. Motion failed. Moved to reject by Andy Geiger, 2nd by Bill Yingst. Motion carried.**
5. **Resolution 500116** (Adjust Crossbow Season to Run Saturday Nearest Sept 15 – Sunday Nearest Oct 15), Resolution by Michael Fuge. Rob read resolution. Discussion was that it is the same as resolution 140116 and 680116. **Motion to reject by Al Jacobson, 2nd by Jay Koenig.**
6. **Resolution 090516** (Equal Opportunity for All Wisconsin Deer Hunters) Resolution is same as 140116 above. Same discussion was pointed to earlier res. **Motion to reject by Jay Koenig, 2nd by Rick Olson. Motion carried.**
7. **Resolution 150116** (Allow Earn-A-Buck as a Herd Management Tool) Resolution by Dick Boudhuin. Rob read the resolution. Dick explained why earn-a-buck needs to be put in as a tool because it works when needed to reduce the herd. Dick said it needs to be passed so legislature picks it up. Discussion was that possible put it with other tools and how it works with electronic registration and its difficulty. Legislatures took action to stop it because of the public outcry before. CDAC could allow county by county & not statewide. Could be looked at as forcing the hunt in a negative way. Maybe allow 1st buck then earn-a-buck concept. Address landowners and educate doe harvest. **Motion to approve the concept of earn-a-buck by Larry Gohlke, 2nd by Bill Yingst. Then Mike Riggle made a friendly amendment – If we do put tools out for CDAC harvest controls. Not to duplicate as stand alone, but be put with other tools. Motion carried**
8. **Resolution 690516** (Allow Earn-A-Buck as a Herd Management Tool for CDAC's) Resoluton read by Rob. **Motion was made by Tony Grabski to combine with resolution 150116. 2nd by Jay Koenig. Motion carried.**
9. **Resolution 060116 & 470316** (Allow Earn-A-Buck Type Season as Tool for CDAC's on County by County Basis) **Motion to approve by Bill Yingst, 2nd by Rick Olson. Bill and Rick opted to withdraw motion. New motion to reject by Andy Geiger, 2nd by Doug Seidl. Andy Geiger added a friendly amendment to put with 150116. Motion carried.**
10. **Resolution 110316** (Eliminate Public/Private & Units Specific Tags) Resolution by Jeff Morrissette. Resolution read by Rob. Discussion was The Department said 2 years is not enough data to go on and needs more time. Need to have public and private because public lands tend to get overused and shot out. **Motion to reject by Marlin Laidlaw, 2nd by James Morning. Motion carried.**
11. **Resolution 420116** (No Feeding or Baiting of Deer in Monroe County) Resolution by Maurice Amundson. Resolution read by Rob. Discussion was if this was put out by one county only it may need to strike out a lot of wording in the current rule to make it county specific as the rule is for the whole state now. This would be a big task to get done. **Motion to pass by Stan Brownell, 2nd by Jay Koenig was close so took a hand vote. 8 pass, 12 fail. Motion failed. Motion to reject by Mike Riggle, 2nd by Andy Geiger, Motion carried.**
12. Resolution 550216 (Sale of Antlerless Permits), Resolution by Daniel Vacho. Resolution read by Rob. Al Horvath talked about a phone conversation he had with the author and said sale should be when working people can access sale of tags. Having them sold at 10am on first come first served basis is not fair to the day shift workers that cannot access a phone or computer when at work. Discussion was said to have a random drawing would be most fair. Also, maybe sell half in the morning at 10am and the other half in the evening. The department said that a proposal was to have a random drawing previous but was voted down at that time. **Motion to advance by Jay Koenig. 2nd by Doug Seidl. Motion carried**

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B. DEPARTMENT INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND UPDATES

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>1. 2016 deer season preview by Kevin Wallenfang. Harvest is creeping up. Happy with electronic registration. Went over new regulations that take effect this year.</p> <p>2. CWD update by Mike Riggle. WCC's proposed biosecurity plan for free ranging white tail deer. CWD is here and we need to realize we need to look forward. Understand risks to deer farms and wild deer we must to best practices to slow or stop the spread of CWD. Single fence versus double fence and when either should be used to prevent nose to nose contact. Baiting & feeding pros and cons. Proper procedures for disposal of deer carcass, cleaning atv and equipment before moving to another property, or state. May pressure wash dirt off.</p> <p>3. Research update: mortality study being rolled out in Iowa and Grant Counties in September. Capture and satellite collar 300 deer for 4 years in a row and monitor for movement, predation, effects of CWD. Also collar coyotes and bobcats to see predator reactions. 5-year study.</p> <p>4-7. CDAC Forestry Metrics on how deer browse can be quantified for future regeneration.</p> <p>Elk and Moose update: 39 elk release in Jackson Co. this year with no mortality. 11 new born calves released that were born in pen. 73 total elk released in Jackson Co. in 2 years. Current population is in the mid 60's there. Clam Lake herd population approx. 165. Moose= Been talk of a group putting moose on the endangered list in Wisconsin. The Departments position is moose are accidental and are of the Eastern species. Not west like the group says. Wis. Never has had a season. So putting them on the endangered species list is a moot point and does the moose absolutely no good. Department is getting trail cam pics of moose from the public and even some with new born calves.</p> <p>Nov.1 the tribe night hunting for deer will open again. Last year the tribes harvest for night hunting was reported to be only 1 deer.</p> <p>8. Law Enforcement update: COPS = concern of police survivors. The Wis. Wardens put on a great session for survivors of police killings to let the families have a chance to experience all type of the outdoors such as hunting, fishing, shooting, hiking, canoeing, archery, etc. Please thank a law enforcement officer if you see them for their service in this difficult time. Want to hire 12 new Wardens this year. Also the Wardens have put together an investigation team to help in larger investigations.</p>	
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C. RULE SIMPLIFICATION IDEAS

ROB BOHMANN

DISCUSSION	Rob asked for any suggestions for rule simplification	
ACTION	None	
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D. SEASON STRUCTURE CHANGES FOR APOSTLE ISLAND NATIONAL LAKESHORE

DISCUSSION	Kevin Wallenfang - Apostle Islands have been a muzzle loader season for deer for years. But now with act 50 is has closed the season. The only way to stabilize the population now is by nuisance tags. But that is not a long term solution and we need to get the muzzle loader hunt back. Rule simplification- nothing brought forward	
ACTION	Charlie Brown made a motion to support bringing back (re-establish) muzzle loader season for deer on the Apostle Islands. 2 nd by Thomas Schwefel. Motion Carried	
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Not much was brought up as the day was long already. Was brought up that the buck and bear club magazine is now on shelves for sale. Good location for the meeting as it is central and nice facility. To help with bio security of spreading CWD and invasive plant movement. There should be a piece of	
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	paper or sticker in with atv registrations that explain the need to wash your atv's before moving them to another property, county, or state to help stop the spread of CWD and invasive plant by removing prion laced soil or seed laced soil on the atv's or other equipment large or small.
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	4:40 pm, Motion to Adjourn by Larry Gohlke. 2nd by Hay Koenig to adjourn. Motion Carried
SUBMITTED BY	Bradley Hasheider
DATE	8/14/2016