

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

District #1 Fall Meeting

MEETING MINUTES



ORDER OF BUSINESS	8/8/16	7	Hayward Vets. Ctr.
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Joe Weiss at 7
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b. Roll Call

ATTENDEES	Dave Oginski/LE, Craig Roberts/Fish, Laine Stowel/Wildlife & all other delegates
EXCUSED	Tom/Iron, Frank/Sawyer, Bud, Sandra, & Carl/Bayfield, Thomas/Douglas
UNEXCUSED	Todd/Price Jeff & Mike/Iron
GUESTS	0

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	na

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	passed

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	na

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. DNR, FISH, LE, & WILDLIFE

CRAIG, DAVE, & LAINE

DISCUSSION	<p>Fish; Trout and sturgeon sampling with walleye assessment this Fall. New fish virus in Northeast Wisconsin. Joe: No scientist left to focus on specific issues! All fish people are busy with less people, no money, and old equipment. Our DNR has a huge PR problem with their customer services. You have to drive in to the office some 40 miles away to get anyone if you are lucky. What happened to private hatchery money from the state? Doug K.: We are told by Kathy Stepp that we have to do less with less! We need to be proactive on this and other issues!</p> <p>Wildlife, Elk pen at Flambeau River Forest and getting ready for 2017 50+ elk from Kentucky. This elk program is fully funded from non-DNR funds. We will mix herd for better genetics in future. No Wolf predation at Flambeau River Forest for the first two years to date. Weather has controlled the herd with predators and collisions as a additional control. Clam lake herd is 29/new range, 20/Moose Lake, 20/Butternut, 120/Clam Lake. Snapshot is here in Sawyer County and the Elk range in Clam Lake. Rick; Snapshot is way to "ground truth", deer numbers as the DNR and the Public Numbers are not the same. Deer numbers are higher and predict an increase in the buck kill. Al; Is the Dept. looking at drones for monitoring?</p>
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	LE; Budget is the same, no increase, more stations opening in the North New unit to cover larger cases over the whole state, 7 reassigned.	
ACTION	na	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
none	na	

B. ALIGNMENT

LE

DISCUSSION	Re-Re Alignment is on going. It will take some time to finish.	
ACTION	na	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
na	na	

C. WCC UPDATES

JOE

DISCUSSION	Joe; look at WCC website for communications. Youth delegates, new grant will help sustain. We should look at sponsoring a youth. Advisory assignments are all ok. E-mail or hard copy notifications, communications agreed to have hard copy. Advisory evals. on line to provide impute no committees. Delegate reimbursement on website. Unexcused is off committees and you must notify with excuse.	
ACTION	na	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
na	na	

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>We want hard copies of Journal. Lee should look into putting videos on our website. AI; We need to stop. Stop shooting preserves. Our 32 towns passed resolution to stop shooting preserves. 84% of state support very strong CWD controls on shooting preserves. Bio-security plan is being developed. Operators must have insurance to cover de-population and catch escapees. International Symposium with Cornell University/ CWD and humans have exposure issues with the jump to humans is possible. Dave; Dave M Learn to hunt, Bear, expectations were to high with a demand for a 450# to be shot or nothing. This is not the intent. Grandpa wanted to dictate what the youth should expect. We need more oversight on hunts and youth/families. It is a learn to hunt, not a trophy hunt. Gary ; Forest service roads in the north are not passable and dangerous. All activities may be affected up to a year in some areas. Tom; Eurasian Water Milfoil is in and coming to area lakes. Bruce; Resolutions requiring legislative action, we have little or no tracking of outcomes and communication back to us to our public. Rick; Congress need to advocate/Lobby legislature and develop a process in each WCC district. Dave; Need to educate the angler about catch and release in Lake Superior with such great depth other methods are used.</p>	
ACTION	na	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	9:45
SUBMITTED BY	Rick Olson
DATE	8/21/2016