



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 District 7 Fall Meeting
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes

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ORDER OF BUSINESS	08/08/2017	7:00pm	Critters, Winneconne, WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Dale Maas at	7:00pm
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Roll call was taken and all delegates from the counties representing District 7 were present except those listed as excused or unexcused. WDNR staff that were present include: Rachael Brookins, Jean Ronback Bartel, Ellen Barth, Kendall Kamke, Travis Motl, Chris Shea, and William Hankee Note: New delegates were asked to stand up and introduce themselves and tell us a little about themselves.
EXCUSED	Harry Bowey, Jr., Meade Grim (Green Lake), John Piechowski (Waushara)
UNEXCUSED	Nancy Katzbeck (Marquette), Genie Metoyer, Eric Booker (Waushara)
GUESTS	Jean Hedtke (Waupaca)

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	None

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	None

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. WDNR Informational Departmental Updates

Chris Shea

DISCUSSION	Conservation Warden Chris Shea presented an update on staffing levels and also reviewed changes in hunting rules and regulations. Shooting hours changed from actual hunting times. Discussion on lateral transfers of wardens. Discussion on forestry and parks responsibility for wardens. Questions were asked by delegates on AB411. Information was presented to clarify rules on baiting and feeding in selected counties. Information on new warden assignments was presented.	
ACTION	No action was taken - informational only	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. WDNR Informational Departmental Updates

Kendall Kamke

DISCUSSION	Kendall presented an update on staffing levels and fisheries rule changes. Over the last 1-1/2 years Fisheries has filled 26 positions and is working on filling remaining vacancies. Information was presented on AB160 (Aquaculture Bill) and explained the key parts of the Bill. Fisheries has begun the process of updating the Lake Superior Fish Management Plan. Fisheries Bureau is working with stakeholders on Lake Michigan stocking strategies for 2018. Winnebago System Updates include: Spring fyke netting results, spring tagging and assessments, exploring possible rule changes for walleye, sturgeon transfers above Balsam Row Dam and fish observed spawning below Keshena Falls, Trawling surveys indicate an average year class of walleye and trout perch, Clubs donated enough funds to purchase an additional 31 acoustic tags to track movement of musky, continued survey work on Terrell Island, Poygan break wall pilot phase was installed. Updated walleye management plan nearing completion. Shawano
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	County information presented included: Comprehensive fish survey of the Cloverleaf Chain of Lakes to assess largemouth bass and panfish populations. The survey on Long Lake will be used to evaluate the "fish sticks" habitat project. Trout surveys have been or will be conducted on Beaver Creek, Comet Creek, Gold Creek, Mill Creek, and the north branch of the Embarrass River and west branch of Shioc River. Walleyes for Tomorrow had another successful running of their walleye wagon hatchery on Shawano Lake.	
ACTION	No action taken - Informational only	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. WDNR Informational Departmental Updates

Ellen Barth and Rachael Brookins

DISCUSSION	Ellen presented a Wildlife Management Report and provided a report on their Workload Summary Analysis to include: Barrens Management, Deer Management, Forest Management, Grasslands Management, Wetlands Management, and Wildlife populations surveys. Lost 8 positions to other functions. Waiting for budget to be signed before finalizing activities and workloads. Deer management meeting schedule was presented (dates and locations) for CDAC meetings. Operation deer watch was presented by Larry Gollke (Marquette County Delegate). Rachael indicated that there are still open positions on some Deer Advisory Councils. Obtained data on deer from taxidermist and meat processors. There was also discussion on managing DMU's and DMU boundaries.	
ACTION	No action taken - Informational only	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

D. Communications Items

Dale Maas

DISCUSSION	Dale read or distributed the following: Letter from Chair Bonde thanking us for donations and money raised on the bucket raffles, Letter on Fee Proposals, Letter on AB411, and Letter on CWD and AB61/SB68.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

E. Guidance for Committee Meetings

Dale Maas

DISCUSSION	Dale provided information and led discussion on responsibilities for delegates that are on WCC Advisory Committees. Information regarding proper protocols, roles of DNR liasons, handling resolutions, and interaction with the public were discussed. There was discussion on changing the wording of resolutions if the person submitting the resolutions is present at the advisory committee meeting and agreed to the changes. Discussion included: does this make it different than the county voted on? - does it change the intent? - is the intent clearly stated? - etc.	
ACTION	No action taken - Informational only	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

F. Advisory Committee Assignments

Dale Maas

DISCUSSION	Discussed and clarified advisory committee assignments for all those serving on committees and those that would like to be assigned to available openings. Bob Haase mentioned that the Outreach and Public Relations Committee was looking into working with or possibly being combined with the Technology Committee. He also asked for a show of hands on preferred communication methods preferred by delegates. The importance of not acting on items not on the agenda was brought out by Mike Pfankuch. Committees cannot act on any items not listed on the agenda. Importance of reviewing and adding agenda items by the necessary timeline for the posted agenda. Dale Maas talked about Advisory Committee evaluation forms and urged members to make sure they filled out the forms. Dale also talked about the delegate reimbursement process and passed around printed information on the process. Reminded delegates that no reimbursements would be made until the minutes of the meeting were properly submitted. There was also discussion on unexcused absences and the importance of getting excused from the chair if not able to make it to predetermine if a quorum would likely be present. Dale provided information on possible scheduling changes for the	
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	annual meeting and explained the rationale behind the proposals. A vote was taken and a strong majority of the delegates present wanted it to remain as is. There was also discussion on the Youth Oversight Committee at the annual meeting and there was support to provide activities such as those that were provide at the last annual meeting. There was also a suggestion that the youth delegates age bracket be extended to 21 instead of 18.	
ACTION	No action taken - Informational only	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	The following items were brought up during Members Matters: Mike Arrowood would like to see the Mayor's welcome, and some of the other representatives eliminated or shortened so there would be more time for in depth discussions of important items at the annual meeting. He wanted more more time for discussions on resolutions and less boiler plate at District Meetings. Maybe some some information items could be printed and distributed to delegates ahead of time and delegates could ask questions if they had any rather than having verbal presentations. There was also discussion on presenting all the awards or recognitions at the dinner rather than during the daytime proceedings. Dale Maas presented information on AB427 on gun safety in the schools. Dick Kerner was present at the meeting and was recognized for his 51 years of service on the WCC. He came to say goodbye to the delegates (friends) that were present. Money left over from that collected for Pizza will be carried over to the next meeting (Spring) at the Fin N Feather. Need to have WDNR departmental representatives present at hearings, committee meetings, etc. and they should be able to speak based on their education and experience (give their opinions). Committee leadership should get their resolutions to the leadership council as soon as possible for all resolutions. What is the status of on-line voting? We were wrong on not being able to discuss at the annual meeting.
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm Spring meeting scheduled for March 6, 2018
SUBMITTED BY	Robert Haase, Co-Chair District 7
DATE	08/22/2017