

Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 Shooting Range Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes



CONGRESS

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ORDER OF BUSINESS	11/03/2018	0930	Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center, Milladore
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1. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Harold Drake at	0932 P.M.
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Allan Pribnow, Ken Anderson, Dennis VandanBloomen, Alan Urness, Ronald Church, Harold Drake, Steve Ninneman, Michael Murphy, Charlie Brown, Scott Gunderson
EXCUSED	Richard Stream, Jim Young, Bill Lorenz
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Colleen Locke, Michael Schmidt (DNR), Ashley Van Egtern, (DNR), Emily Iehl (DNR), Keith Warnke (DNR)

c. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	There was no committee request to amend.
ACTION	MB: Ronald Church SB: Al Pribnow to approve agenda. Agenda Approved on a voice vote

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Mission statement was read by Harold Drake
ACTION	Ad Hoc committee mission statement is assigned.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	No one from the public present.

11. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Citizen Resolution: Experimental Trap Shooting ranges (040118) by Allan Pribnow

DISCUSSION	Some high schools do not have a local range available making it difficult to field a team. On an experimental basis, build a few (4) trap ranges near high schools with a 4-year lease for High School trap shooting. Target throwers can be purchased for about \$3,800 from Mayville Engineering Company. Keith Warnke comment: Landowner would be responsible for lead removal/clean-up and impact on water sources. Landowner should have some kind of financing/fund set aside for lead reclamation/restoration. Requiring steel shot would avoid the lead issues for a short-term start-up range. Township approvals would be a key to permission to establish and shoot. School board approval, getting a school employee as a club advisor may be a challenge. It would be easier to use an established club range for the shooting sports program than building and establishing a range from scratch. Liability may be an issue if the team is not a member of the club. Does the school insurance program cover the students? ATA has an insurance program.	
ACTION	MB: Ken Anderson SB: Steve Ninneman to advance the resolution. Unanimous approval.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE: Chair H. Drake to formulate resolution question for Leadership Council approval		DEADLINE: 30 November 2018

B. Review of updated statewide range listing

DISCUSSION	<p>The updated list of ranges was made available to the committee members. It was noted that not all Districts or counties responded to the request for updates at this year's spring district meetings. Exact information was not available on who did or did not report changes.</p> <p>It was suggested that the list will need to be updated annually due to continual changes taking place at ranges. Keith Warnke stated that the list will be put on the state range file as a P.D.F. so that the public can review it. Any committee members with knowledge of changes were asked to communicate them to him today.</p>	
ACTION	<p>Motion by Mike Murphy to request annual updates at the state convention. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron church. Motion carried</p>	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	Harold Drake	DEADLIN
	Will bring up at January D.L.C. meeting	

C. Review results of online WCC delegate range survey

DISCUSSION	<p>The results of the survey were reviewed thru the use of a power point presentation. Only 105 of the 360 delegates responded to the survey. Would like to have seen a greater number of the delegates respond to the survey to get a more comprehensive view. About 20 Delegates were reported to not have internet access.</p> <p>Items of concern based on delegate responses: Lead Management                  A copy of the lead management link was sent to all WCC delegates in 2016. The actual booklet is over 100 pages. There is a need to Resend this information every year as we have some turnover among delegates. Could this be sent to each of the clubs listed on the Range survey? This should be a "best management" practices for clubs and ranges. EPA rules require a range clean up. Most clubs make money off the cleanup/reclamation.                  Range use preference:                  One hundred percent of the respondents reported some percentage of usage at private clubs. Some did not use of public ranges. Because of how the question was asked, no percentage split between the range types could be determined from the results.  <b>Awareness of State Range Grant Program:</b> Sixty percent of the respondents indicated that they were not aware of the grant program. A.D.A. compliance and public access of 100 hours minimum is required for recipients of these DNR range improvement grants.</p> <p>Conservation Congress Chronicle could use articles about range issues. Next issue deadline will be Spring 2019.</p>	
ACTION	<p>MB: Mike Murphy to have the Range Survey questionnaire available for delegates at the Spring WCC Convention SB: Charlie Brown. Motion approved                  MB: Mike Murphy SB: Scott Gunderson to make Lead Reclamation information a Spring District Meetings agenda item. Motion carried</p>	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
	Chairman Drake to forward the committee requests to the District Leadership Council at the January meeting Harold Drake and Dennis VB will get an article in the Conservation Congress Chronicle for the Spring 2019 deadline.	30 November 2018

D. WDNR range grant program (update on 2019-2020 grant cycle) Keith Warnke

DISCUSSION	<p>Keith Warnke reported that September 15, 2018 was the application deadline for this grant cycle. Seventeen (17) requests for funding were received. A grant review meeting took place on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The total recommended funding level of \$350,000 was forwarded to the DNR Secretary for approval. Important considerations were ADA compliance, public access and proximity to population centers</p>	
ACTION	<p>Information only item</p>	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

E. Update on Leasing Private Range time for public access Emily Ichl

DISCUSSION	Emily handed out R3Team draft FY2018 Annual Report and highlighted various points of discussion. Keith Warnke reported that the leasing public range time program is being phased out.	
ACTION	Information item.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

F. Statewide Shooting Competition— Allan Pribnow

DISCUSSION	Resolution from 2014 for a statewide rimfire competition. What needs to be done to implement? Are there other states that do this? Which organization runs these events? Usually 4H and NRA run these programs in other states. Review of the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Guide to Rimfire Sporter Shooting. Question: Could the DNR establish and run a program as part of the R3 program? Scott Gunderson suggested that having a full-time shooting sports coordinator position would be a good first step. (This position currently is an LTE position). Can this be a Spring Hearing Question? The best approach would be to introduce a resolution at the spring hearings. Perhaps formulated by the committee Chair and Secretary.	
ACTION	Keep on the agenda for 2019 Range Committee. MB: S. Ninneman to draft a question for the spring hearings requesting the creation of a full-time shooting sports coordinator position. SB: Murphy. Roll call vote requested: Pribnow (Yes), Anderson (No), Vanden Bloomen (Yes), Urness (Yes), Church (No), Ninneman (Yes), Murphy (Yes), Brown (Yes), Gunderson (Yes).	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE 11/30/18
Committee		

G. Possible WCC Youth Delegate shooting match at the 2019 State WCC Convention

DISCUSSION	Thursday evening seems open but would depend on the local club availability. The Hortonville club in Outagamie County would be available. Would need to coordinate with Y.C.C. oversight committee and D.L.C.	
ACTION	Work with D.L.C. and Y.C.C. to set up a Thursday evening shooting event for YCC delegates and Congress members.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Harold Drake Investigate possibility's		

H. Any current range issues under review

Keith Warnke

DISCUSSION	Keith Warnke updated the committee on current range issues. He also stated that there is currently a push being made to establish a public Shooting Range in Rock County. Various Locations are under consideration.	
ACTION	Information only	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

I. Funding Sources for Range Safety Officers

DISCUSSION	Keith Warnke advised that expense for range officers is grant eligible under the private range grant program. Results from the Delegate survey showed less than 30% of the respondents thought range safety officers were important. 47% had no preference and 23% not important. It was requested that it show in the meeting minutes that the Range committee encourages	
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	ranges to have certified Range Safety officers. It was also reported that the D.N.R. paid for hunter education instructors to attend R.S.O. training. The committee would also recommend that the D.N.R. continue to funding the R.S.O. training program.	
ACTION	Reflect the committee position in the minutes	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

J. Establish a public run sporting clay range

DISCUSSION	Not economically feasible for building, maintain and operating. WI spends little on public ranges compared to other states. Should Pittman-Robinson funds be used to establish a public range. Strategically located facility could be a financially viable operation. Would take a change of attitude.	
ACTION	No action taken. Keep as an agenda item for 2019 meeting.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

K. Promoting High School Trap Shooting

DISCUSSION	Shooting facilities and time for High school shooters is a challenge. We need to encourage clubs to open their ranges for young shooters. Having a “home” range for a high school is very important. It was suggested that writing an article for the conservation chronicle on high school shooting sports might help get the word out. Also, another briefing at the state convention.	
ACTION	Write a Congress Chronicle article informing the delegates about the various high school shooting programs. Have a 10-minute briefing at the May Congress convention.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
	Harold Drake will ask DLC about a presentation at the convention.	

L. Lead Exchange Program

DISCUSSION	This was included as an agenda item from the W.C.C. delegate survey. The Chair asked if there was anything the committee could do to foster this idea? There was no discussion	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

M. Alcohol consumption at Vilas County State Range

	Ken Anderson—Bolder Junction range, on DNR property has alcoholic beverages being consumed. They have a Class B beer license. Has concerns about alcohol consumption at any ranges on state property. Wondered why there was no public comment period before lease renewal. Keith Warnke advised that a 30-year renewal was completed in 2016 and there probably was not anything that could be done about it at this point. There was a proposal to prohibit alcohol at state owned ranges but, it was withdrawn due to lack of support.	
ACTION	No action to be taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

N Hunter Education/Safety Education

DISCUSSION	Have a shooting education instructional block separate form the hunter safety? Need for hands-on versus online? There is an internet field day for students. DNR paid for Hunter Education instructors to attend RSO training. The committee encourages ranges to have certified RSO's. We also recommend that the DNR continue its funding of the RSO program for Hunter Education Instructors.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

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O. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Harold Drake AB427 Firearm education course in schools. He would like to see the Conservation Congress support this type of legislation if it is reintroduced.
ACTION	

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Scott Gunderson and Ronald Church motioned to adjourn at 1325
SUBMITTED BY	Dennis R. Vanden Bloomen
DATE	11/03/2018