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Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 District 4, 2018 Fall Meeting  
 Meeting Minutes



**WCC Meeting Minutes**

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<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	08/08/2018	7pm	Gillette, WI
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by	Bob Ellingson at	7pm
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**B. ROLL CALL**

ATTENDEES	21
EXCUSED	5
UNEXCUSED	6
GUESTS	DNR personnel: Jean Romback-Bartels, Secretary's office; John Hoff, Wildlife; Tom Carlson, Wildlife; Mike Donofrio, Fisheries; Ben Trenl, Law Enforcement. No other guests.

**C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR**

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	none

**D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

DISCUSSION	Done
ACTION	none

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	none

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Law Enforcement**

Ben Trenl

DISCUSSION	New Alignment in Law Enforcement: Property, Parks and Recreation. Vehicle and Public safety stressed. R3 started last year. Is now a priority. New Recreation Safety warden set in place. Non accredited staff for ATV/UTV instructors. 17 wardens in class for 2018 for Shiocton, Kewanee, Lakewood, Calumet, Green Bay and Green Bay West. 27 vacancies in bureau. Park rangers will now become certified Law Enforcement officers again.	
ACTION	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**B. Fisheries**

Mike Donofrio

DISCUSSION	Stream and 15 lake surveys underway. Hired 10 technicians and posted for 3 more management positions. Have 7 new hatchery tech's. Developing a new trout and sturgeon plan that needs updating as it is old.	
ACTION	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**C. Wildlife**

John Hoff

DISCUSSION	9 new wildlife Biologist hired. Tech recruitment under way for 13 positions. New CDAC Study underway with each county. Deer samples to be collected this year from Shawano and Oconto Countys. Elk moved in state to new areas.	
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	No new Elk purchases until January 2019, when 50 will be obtained. Dropping current Goose Management Zone. Split season to be moved forward. Samples from Grouse to check for West Nile Virus to be collected from hunters this year. Working on Grouse Habitat. Wolf survey taken and appears that the packs are culling their own and there is a decrease in population because of this. Wolf may be at the top of their population. New Black Bear management plan being developed because current one is old and outdated.	
ACTION	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

D. Wildlife

Tom Carlson

DISCUSSION	Tom introduced as new biologist. Marinette county now under CWD rules. Looking at private land owners turning in head and spine for CWD tests.	
ACTION	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

E. Secretary's office

Jean Romback-Bartels

DISCUSSION	Amendments to Deer Farm were made at last NRB Meeting: 2 choices to protect contamination outside farm: Double fencing, or solid. Non-infected can go double or solid or electric. 72 hour deadline to get your deer kill to a meat processor if going across county lines. 72 hours starts if in deer camp up north, the day you leave was also discussed. This can be an issue if you live in the southern part of state and need to leave camp just to process. Talk of disposal of deer heads and spines in seperate containers or land fills.	
ACTION	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

F. Updates

Bob Ellingson and Ronn Krueger Sr.

DISCUSSION	Guidance for upcoming committee meetings. Expectations and roles were discussed along with protocols.	
ACTION	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

G. WCC Advisory committee assignments

Bob Ellingson and Ronn Krueger Sr.

DISCUSSION	Need to fill several vacancies on committees.	
ACTION	Assigned the following members to specific committees: No one to Outdoor Heritage and Education or to Outreach and Public Relations. Assigned Jim Young of Langlade County to Shooting Range Ad-Hoc Committee; Want to add Brian Heinz of Shawano County to Ag Damage Ad Hoc if we can. And Jim Engebretson to the Migratory Advisory Committee.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
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H. WCC advisory evaluation forms

Bob Ellingson and Ronn Krueger Sr.

DISCUSSION	Importance of completing the form with feedback and how we well the committee you serve on functioned.	
ACTION	follow up and fill out form	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Each member of a committee		after your committee meeting

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- I. Delegate reimbursement Bob Ellingson and Ronn Krueger Sr.
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| DISCUSSION            | Delegate reimbursement process |             |
| ACTION                | information to members         |             |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE |                                | DEADLINE    |
| All delegates         |                                | when needed |
- J. Unexcused Absences Bob Ellingson and Ronn Krueger Sr.
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| DISCUSSION            | Important to make your committee meetings. |          |
| ACTION                | none                                       |          |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE |  | DEADLINE |
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- K. Sexual Harassment Training Bob Ellingson
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| DISCUSSION            | none |          |
| ACTION                |      |          |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE |      | DEADLINE |
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- L. Potential increase in fees/program revenue Bob Ellingson and Ronn Krueger Sr.
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| DISCUSSION            | No agreement on fee increases. Members felt this should have been stand alone fee requests not grouped together. Did not agree with Bear fee increases. Motion made to reject fee increases as written by Tom Johnson, 2nd by James Engebretson. 13 ayes, 4 nays, motion carried. Dist. 4 rejects fee increases as written. |          |
| ACTION                |   |          |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE |   | DEADLINE |
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- M. Conservation Chronicle Bob Ellingson
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| DISCUSSION            | none |          |
| ACTION                |      |          |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE |      | DEADLINE |
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- N. Outreach presentations availability Bob Ellingson
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| DISCUSSION            | Reminder made that if you wish to make a presentation to a group or club, there is a PowerPoint available on the website and that there are also brochures that can be obtained from Kari or Michael Schmit. |          |
| ACTION                |  |          |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE |  | DEADLINE |
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- O. YCC Congres Bob Ellingson and Ronn Krueger Sr.

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DISCUSSION	There were no YCC members present but Roxanne Broullire from Florence County mentioned there is a YCC meeting on the 13th of August in Florence.	
ACTION	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

DISCUSSION	<p>Discussion primary on On Line Voting with a letter from Dave Krause rejecting the idea. Motion made to reject On Line Voting made by Dick Krause, with 2nd by Jim Engebretson. Motion passed unanimously. All understood this was a moot point to reject as was have no control over the final decision, but wanted to express their concern. I have attached the letter from Dick Krause presented at the meeting.</p> <p>Ronn Krueger Sr. introduced a letter addressed to all members in needing help to stock and fund two new trailers similar to the "Wall of Fame" current used by members. We have two new (used) trailers available and the letter is looking for donors both with mounts, etc; or cash. Or discounts on taxidermy costs. Copy of letter included in this report.</p> <p>Question raised on where to have out Spring and Fall meetings. Some felt Gillette to far away, with travel of 70 to 80 miles for a few. Will once again look into moving to a more convinient location next meeting. Even discussed hosting in alternate counties next year.</p>
ACTION	none

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

MEETING ADJOURNED	9:25pm
SUBMITTED BY	Ronald E Krueger Sr.
DATE	08/09/2018

Dist 4

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6/7/18

Good Morning Lee,

Lee, I believe along with others that On-Line-Voting is a bad idea and if implemented will be the beginning of the end for the WCC as we know it.

It has been my experience in dealing with the so-called environmentalists, the anti-hunters, anti-gun crowd, etc. over the last 50 years, they are not to be trusted. It is my understanding they are behind this On-Line-Voting effort and that in itself should tell us something.

First and Foremost, On-Line-Voting has the potential for fraud, to my knowledge there is no State or County that has allowed On-Line-Voting because there is no system in place to protect against voter fraud.

The other thing is, we Sportsmen and Women are grossly out numbered by those in the big Cities who, with the push of a button will determine what our hunting and fishing rules and regulations will be and if in fact we will be able to hunt at all.

I have listened to the arguments from some who are in favor of On-Line-Voting, including Gary Zimmer, but they have not convinced me it should go forward.

You make a good point on the aging community being denied input, this absolutely will happen. I have already heard from a number of very good delegates who will no longer serve on the WCC if On-Line-Voting goes forward. I am one of those.

Also, I believe there is a strong anti-On-Line-Voting among Legislators who will have the final say and could create a real problem for the WCC with future Co-Operation.

Thanks for asking for my opinion,

Dick Krause -

2018 WCC Fall District Meeting Attendance				
District	County	First	Last	Attended
D4	Florence	Roxanne	Broullire	X
D4	Florence	Dale	Ebert	X
D4	Florence	Stu	Boren	X
D4	Florence	Peter	Doperlaski	X
D4	Florence	Arden	Loker	X
D4	Florence	Bailey	Broullire	
D4	Forest	Tina	VanZile	UNX
D4	Forest	Donald	LeMaster	UNX
D4	Forest	RICHARD	KRAWZE	X
D4	Forest	Michael	Kautz	X
D4	Forest	James	Engebretson	X
D4	Langlade	James	Young	EX
D4	Langlade	Ronald	Krueger Sr.	X
D4	Langlade	Kieran	Kramer	EX
<del>D4</del>	Langlade	<del>Bill</del>	<del>Ruseh</del>	Resigned
D4	Langlade	Arlen	Heistad	EX
D4	Marinette	Mike	Gotstein	X
D4	Marinette	John	Hacker	UNX
D4	Marinette	Thomas	Johnston	X
D4	Marinette	Vacant		
D4	Marinette	Vacant		
D4	Marinette	Owen	Wysocki	UNX
D4	Menominee	Douglas	Cox (Jr)	UNX
D4	Menominee	george	korn	X
D4	Menominee	Lisa	Wilson	X
D4	Menominee	Richard	Moses Jr	X
D4	Oconto	Bob	Ellingson	X
D4	Oconto	Wade	Jeske	EX
D4	Oconto	Lowell	Suring	X
D4	Oconto	Ralph	Fritsch	EX
D4	Oconto	Richard	Clark	X
D4	Shawano	Mark	Conradt	X
D4	Shawano	Bob	Bohardt	X
D4	Shawano	Duane	Beyer	X
D4	Shawano	Vacant		
D4	Shawano	Brian	Heins	X