

# Wisconsin Conservation Congress

## Fall District Meeting

### Meeting Minutes



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| ORDER OF BUSINESS | 3/6/19 | 7:00 pm | DNR Service Center, Janesville |
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#### I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

##### A. CALL TO ORDER

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| MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY | Ken Risley, Jayne Meyer at 7:00 pm |
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##### B. ROLL CALL

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| ATTENDEES | Ken Risley, Ryan Schutte, Scott Lettman, Gary Feller, Cody Gadow Green County; Charlie Brown, Kyle Walker, Ryan Stahl, Larry Meyer, John Blumreich Rock County; Ronald Earnest, Kathleen Tober, Oscar Mueller, Kenneth Balestrieri, Martin Sands, Walworth County; Austin Ragotzkie, Jayne Meyer, Paul Reith, Mary Ellen O'Brien, Tim Gorske, Dane County; Lowell Wright, Denny Jones, William Kehoe, Jefferson County; |
| EXCUSED   | Jeff Winn, Tom Schwefel   |
| UNEXCUSED |   |
| GUESTS    | Travis Motl, Luke Roffler, Dan Oele, Andy Paulios, John Sindair, DNR  |

##### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

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| DISCUSSION | None needed |
| ACTION     |             |

##### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

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| DISCUSSION |  |
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##### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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| DISCUSSION | none |
| ACTION     |      |

#### II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

##### A. QUESTIONNAIRE - WILDLIFE

**ANDY PAULIOS**

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| DISCUSSION | Reviewed DNR wildlife questions for the spring hearing and answered delegate's questions.   |
|            | Wildlife update – Discussed questions on crossbows. CWD continues to spread and new positives continue to pop up. Trying to increase sample testing places as the use is increasing. Doing some testing of live deer and some studies. Last batch of elk getting rounded up in Kentucky for shipment. Sampled grouse for West Nile virus last year. Some showed antibodies for the virus. The study will continue for two more years. |
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## B. QUESTIONNAIRE FISHERIES

LUKE ROFFLER

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| DISCUSSION | Reviewed fisheries section of the questionnaire and answered delegate questions. Question 11 was pointed out to have an incorrect statement. Luke had additional information and said a clarification should be made at the hearing.                       |
|            | Fisheries update – There are some meetings coming up in the next couple months. A meeting in Fort Atkinson and a meeting on Black Earth Creek. Changing the max limit harvest there. Delegates had some questions on lake draw downs and later restocking. |

## C. CONGRESS QUESTIONS

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| DISCUSSION | Jayne and Ken reviewed the Congress's portion of the questionnaire. DNR staff were able to answer some questions. Most discussion was regarding lead shot and sinkers. Other on mentor/mentee and 1 fire arm between them. Does that apply to all types of hunting? |
| ACTION     | Watched training video regarding changes to this year's process and the addition of online input (not voting) option. Delegates felt it was a good video and helped to clearly explain new process. Typed resolutions are a good addition.                          |

## D. LE UPDATE

JOHN SINDAIR

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| DISCUSSION | Warden update: As we know the park staff was decredited a couple years ago and while that has changed again wardens are spending a lot of time doing law enforcement in the parks. Not sure if anything or what will change with the new administration. It will take time to build up the ranger force again & many moved on to different jobs. The dept will be adding new warden staff. |
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## E. CONGRESS BUSINESS

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| DISCUSSION | Ken and Jayne reviewed remaining items on the agenda:<br>Discussed committee assignment interests. Delegates expressed their interest in assignments.<br>Code of procedure change to include a new standing committee on shooting sports<br>Ken reminded everyone to check on their committee assignments so you are sure of all you might be on.<br>Reimbursement for mileage. Online or Ken has paper forms<br>Reminder to watch the video on sexual harassment if you haven't.<br>Get kids out by applying for an Expo grant<br>Review of how to find info on the Congress website. |
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## III. MEMBERS MATTERS

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| DISCUSSION | Ken – Gary Feller is retiring from the Congress this year. Thanked him for his years of service. Bill Kehoe- Is there a need for a dog training committee? He is concerned about dog training areas and field trial areas etc. John Blumreich- last year he was on two committees and they both had their meetings on the same day. This shouldn't happen. |
| ACTION     |  |

## IV. ADJOURNMENT

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| MEETING ADJOURNED | 9:30 pm     |
| SUBMITTED BY      | Jayne Meyer |
| DATE              | 3/6/19      |