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Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 District One Fall 2019
 Meeting Minutes



WCC Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS	08/05/2019	7:00 PM	Holiday Inn(Comfort Inn) Cnty Rd B Hayward, WI.
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Joe Weiss at	7:00 PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Tony Blattler, Joe Weiss, Kevin Seefeldt, Frank Pratt, Michael Hamm, Bruce Prentice, Rob Lombard, Sandra Dee Naas, Patrick Quaintance, Kevin Schanning, Robert Erdman, Alan Horvath, Tom Johnson, Robert Traczyk, Tom Podlesny, Thomas Sommerfeldt, Gary Mabie, Dave Mabie, Michael Wade, Douglas Kurtzwell, Rick Olson, Robert Swenson, Daniel Tyrolt, Robert Haddick, Guy McFarren WI DNR Personnel present : Erin Koshatka(Warden/Enforcement), Dave Zebro(Warden Supervisor) Jeff Scheirer (Fisheries), Zack Larson(Fisheries), Pat Beringer(Wildlife Biologist Supervisor, James Yach ,
EXCUSED	Thomas Avis, Gary Mertig, Yvonne Mertig, Allan Pribnow Dennis Haanpaa, Mike Janeczko, ---YCC (ALL Excused)-Madison Schaffer, Ezekiel Rominske, Logan Christianson, Chance Lee, Rowen Donaghue, Layne Olson
UNEXCUSED	Jeff Robl, Larry Damman
GUESTS	None Public-None

C. Introductions-Congress Delegates / DNR Personnel

DISCUSSION	WCC Introductions included Name, County---DNR Introductions included position and areas of responsibility
ACTION	None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Department Of Natural Resources Staff Updates

DISCUSSION	Information shared by personnel included- Law Enforcement: Dave Zebro-“Rainbow Family”took up some of Law Enforcement time 6.500 attendees this year(down from high of 15,000) occupied 3-4 weeks starting about June 9 or 10 th , Camping in a field-some issues including drug possession and use,SE of Iron River Wisconsin—this was new to many in this district although those that lived in the areas affected “Knew all about it-its been going on for years” Biggest concern from District was the estimated cost estimated at \$1,000,000.00 a day for extra law enforcement from all areas and branches of Gov.—the group makes this an annual event known locally as “Welcome Home” group somewhat anti-Gov. Fisheries: Jeff S. and Zack L.-Changes made for next year to Bag limits/size limits using a “Streamlined Process” of public input meetings –Cranberry Lake in Price CO. Bass Lake in
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	<p>Sawyer Co FRSF Citizen asked to go through WCC Resolution process to seek change to Solberg Lake Musky size limit(He did not present resolution in 2019) Birchwood meeting scheduled for Aug. 15-please help get word out.?? For them-status of Neighbauer Springs Fisheries Area? Maybe future draw down to improve habitat-over taken by Lgmth Bass and Panfish-it's a Trout area?</p> <p>Wildlife: Pat B. update on programs-Bear Hair Snares, Elk Translocation, CWD Testing this fall North, MO. Grouse Translocation 2nd year, CWD Kiosks, CWD Dumpsters, Antlerless Tags on sale starting Aug.19</p> <p>Secretary's Office-James Y.- Gov. is emphasizing filling positions within DNR-applied sciences, Gov. declared this as year of Clean Drinking Water, KFO run off control, Budget favorable for DNR, Stewardship program 42.6 Mil this year 66+ for 2 year(Biennium), CWD \$100,00.00 extra this year, CWD disposal and sample sites will be on line again this year-North Too, DNR Deputy Secretary change –Beth Bier ??? -who pays for CWD dumpsters-DNR Budget, -Emergency CWD Rules this year-DOA not coming back.</p>
ACTION	None taken—“Thank You for the information”

B. Conservation Congress Updates

	<p>1.Guidance for upcoming committee meetings-discussed as per “Guidance info”July 13 Memo District One Committee assignments set for 2019/2020</p> <p>2.WCC Advisory Committee Assignments-Comm. Assignments discussed-unassigned delegates discussed options-due to scheduling conflicts No changes being recommended at this time. A. Resolutions from District 1 B. Evaluation Forms C. Delegate reimbursement process D. Unexcused Absences- discussed as per “Guidance info”-reiterated delegates responsibility to contact Advisory Committee Chairs is their responsibility as per COP</p> <p>3. Filling Vacancies-2 in Douglas Co.</p> <p>4.WCC Outreach -Frank Pratt read “Talking Points”-- WCC delegates- discussed</p> <p>a. Conservation Chronicle b. Presentations available c.WCC Press releases</p> <p>5. Youth Conservation Congress discussed as per “Guidance info”</p>
ACTION	No Action Taken -information for Delegates

Member's Matters

	<p>-Could we start District meetings earlier-we have to travel so far and end up getting home in the wee hours of the morning –could we start at 6:00 PM-no objections we will schedule Spring/March District @ 6 PM</p> <p>-WCC Learn to Bear Hunt-Dave Mabie—last 2 years recipients are ILL. Residents ??</p> <p>-CWD issue in Bayfield CO. –other counties wanting to follow up in their co. Contact Bayfield or Douglas delegates</p> <p>-NRB considering changes to this years Ruffed Grouse Season-10 year Grouse Management plan out for public comment</p> <p>-Captive Cervid Comm.</p> <p>-Delegates need education/training on “Treaty Rights”</p> <p>-Grouse Emergency rule—DLC position was in opposition to Upland Game Comm.---although they met months after DLC position was taken.</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned @ 10:02 PM</p>
SUBMITTED BY	Tony Blattler
DATE	August 12, 2019