



Executive Committee     District Leadership Council     Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 Meeting Minutes**

<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	06/17/2019	1:30 PM	Conference Call
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Meeting called to order by</b>	Chairman Larry Bonde at 1:30 PM
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**B. ROLL CALL**

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Bonde, Maas, Roehrig, Weisse. Staff: Zimmermann and Schmit
<b>EXCUSED</b>	Blattler
<b>UNEXCUSED</b>	
<b>GUESTS</b>	Jerome Donohuo (Pres. of the Commercial Deer Farm Association)

**C. Agenda approval and repair**

**Larry Bonde**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Larry stated he had no changes to the agenda as printed.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Weiss second by Roehrig to approve agenda as posted. Motion carried.

**D. Public comments**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	None.
<b>ACTION</b>	

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Review of Natural Resources Board's June 26, 2019 agenda**

**[PRESENTER]**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	See below.	
<b>ACTION</b>		
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	

**1. Proposed change in harvest of catfish**

**Bonde**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	If this is implemented it would allow for the taking of catfish by hand, bow and crossbow. At the time of the conference call the official publication wasn't on the NRB website. Kari was review the draft and provide highlights. Joe Weiss stated that this issue has come before the Warm Water Committee in the past and there position was no to:bow, crossbow or hand fishing.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Weiss second by Maas to approve but note the opposition and concerns that came from the warm Water Committee. Motion carried. Larry was asked to provide a letter for the NRB stating our position on this issue and make a special note that the WCC Warm Water Committee was rejected this resolution due to the fact that the catfish is a prized game fish and could become subject to over harvest with this proposal.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Larry Bonde		

**2. Proposed change in harvest of raccoons at night**

**Bonde**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	This rule change if enacted would allow for nighttime harvest of raccoons during deer season. Larry stated that this was reviewed through the WCC process and we have a position supporting this change.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Maas second by Roehrig to send a letter of support to the NRB affirming our position. Motion carried.	
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
Larry Bonde		

**B. WCC administrative housekeeping**

**Zimmermann**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Kari stated that the committee assignments are posted online. Larry questioned why we continue to award an annual migratory warden of the year award when we already offer up to three awards to department staff. He suggested that we eliminate the migratory award. Dale stated that according to his recollection the migratory award was first award given to department staff for outstanding service by the migratory committee. This historically is a very prestigious award and he would hate to see this changed. The additional awards that we may or may not
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	give out (up to three) were added later. And if we want to reduce that number he's okay with that feels strongly that we should continue on with the migratory award.
<b>ACTION</b>	Information only. No action taken.
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>

**C. Actions taken By Joint Financement Committee regarding Fish and Wildlife Account money Bonde**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Larry stated that the committee was not interested in advancing the fee increase. Those involved again this year were very disappointed to hear their position. Another issue was their proposed funding for CWD research. This intended research was hoped to find or develop a genetic resistance to CWD in captive deer herds. There was much discussion about the funding for this since funding was to come from the Fish and Wildlife account. The general consensus was that this had very little opportunity to translate into the wild deer herd and that asking sportsman to fund research on captive deer herds should be beyond the scope of the funding source.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Roehrig second by Weiss for a letter to be sent to Gov. Evers asking him to veto support for this item in the bill proposal, And not allow \$100,000 to be taken out of the Fish and Wildlife account. Motion carried.
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Larry Bonde	

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Weiss was happy that we took the appropriate action on the catfish issue. Roehrig stated that she is putting together a joint meeting of the Outreach and Strategic Planning Committees and questioned whether she needed the quorum of one committee or a quorum of both committees to take action. It was decided that in order for both committees to participate that a quorum of both committees would be needed. She also reminded everybody that the recent actions taken that each committee is required to have two posts on social media one prior to their meeting and then one following up after. Maas stated that the sooner these committees get together the better so that we can have a position on supporting the education trailers and hope the meeting would be sooner rather than later.
<b>ACTION</b>	Motion by Weiss second by Roehrig to adjourn. Motion carried.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>2:15 PM</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Dale C. Maas</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>06/27/2019</b>