



Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
 Meeting Minutes

**WCC Meeting Minutes**  
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<b>ORDER OF BUSINESS</b>	01/10/2020	9:30 AM	GRAND LODGE RESORT, ROTHSCHILD
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by	CHAIRMAN LARRY BONDE at 9:31 AM FRI
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**B. ROLL CALL**

ATTENDEES	D1 Tony Blattler, D2 Dave Larson, D2 Joel Taylor, D3 Steve Budnik, D3 Mike Riggle, D3 Steve Budnik, D4 Ronald Krueger, D4 Dale Ebert, D5 Terri Roehrig, D5 Kevin Smaby, D6 Stan Brownell, D6 Al Lobner, D7 Paul Gettelman, D8 Brett Weir, D8 Larry Bonde,, D9 David Breunig, D9 Michael Rogers, D10 Ken Risley, D11 Scott Gunderson, D11 Eugene Altwies
EXCUSED	D7 Dale Maas D 10 Jayne Meyer FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY; D1 Tony Blattler on Saturday
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	

**C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR**

DISCUSSION	Larry asked for some flexibility with the agenda to accomodate the various speakers schedules and the weather conditions.
ACTION	MOTION by Blattler 2nd by Larson to allow for agenda flexibility. MOTION PASSED UNABOUSLY

**D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

DISCUSSION	CHAIRMAN'S UP DATE---Chair Bonde noted that this would be his last January DLC meeting as he will be retiring. He wanted to thank all that supported him over the years and those that didn't which allowed him to look at things from a different angle. He noted that we have to look at how we move things/questions forward. If we don't have jurisdiction over the topic then it isn't a good use of our time to keep on with it. We found some additional information on some topics that we covered in our October DLC meeting that we will be going over again at this meeting and it is important that we do this should we run into a situation like this in the future. We will be going over some key issues and we should listen closely so we know what we are going to ask, how we are going to act and how often we should deliberate on them. In my 4 years here I have been working with many organizations on a fee increase and we have gotten nothing. This is including stamps and licenses. I don't know how much we are going to benefit on once again putting this back out there for action to be taken. It appears that over the past 4 years that there is support for increase in fees and some segregated funding. Thee have been many messages sent out to the folks on fees and funding. We need to send a clear and complete message about funding and not get it all mixed up and hard to understand. Stamp increase is different from license fees. We need to find a "champion" in the legislature to help with this. As of today we have not found that person to support the sporting issues and funding issues. There are some different issues that are going to come from the board (NRB) one being the length of the Deer season. Possibly a 16 day season. If the board is going to push this issue (or any) then we shouldn't have such a question on our part of the advisory questions so we don't mix up the waters so to speak. I ask that presenters keep it to 15 min as we have a lot to cover and have some weather issues to our south tomorrow that we need to consider.
ACTION	no formal action taken and moved into

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

DISCUSSION	There were no requests for public comment submitted to the chair by the specified date of January 8, 2020.
ACTION	no action taken

**II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**

**A. [Agenda Items]**

1.	NATURAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION--DREW FEIDKIRCHNER	NHC BUREAU DIRECTOR
	DISCUSSION	Used to be called endangered resource. Smaller bureau than others in the Division. Younger bureau than others in Wildlife. First state with an endangered species act. Take a look at our annual report in the Natural Resources Mag or on line. We work with Conservation projects with animal and plants that are endangered. Habitat management and consultation. One of the success stories is the Trumpeter Swan project. in 2009 they were taken

	off the endangered species list. Trumpeter's are pretty common now as is the Bald Eagle and Osprey. Our natural areas are something else to discuss. We have the oldest and largest in the the country of Natural areas. 1951 we had our first Natural area site located by Devils Lake. Now we have 692 of these sights around the state. They are not all owned by the DNR, only half are. There are over 50 different partners. These are designed to preserve Prairie's, Undeveloped Lakes, and Old Forests. These sites are used by the public for hiking, birding and/or hunting. Need to protect every part of our natural resources and hunting is one of those, thus we need to protect that also. In the beginning, Wisconsin was primarily comprised of Savanna's and Prairies. Now it is less that a percent. This is why we need to preserve them as much as we can. Legislatively they are required to maintain a data base listing the endangered species. There are new invasive coming into the state all the time and we don't want them here. Approx. 1/3 of our species are at risk of being endangered.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

2.	WILDLIFE TAMI RYAN--ACTING DIRECTOR	BUREAU OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
DISCUSSION	<p>Acting director, Tami Ryan summarized what has been happening in the bureau of wildlife this past year. Big Game 2019 Deer, Elk, and Bear Hunting Seasons – most of the deer hunting seasons are complete along with the elk and bear hunting seasons. The elk season resulted in all of the five bull tags issued to state hunters being filled. The tribes also filled their five tags. We anticipate growth in the elk herd and potentially more bull tags issued in 2020. Bear hunters harvested 95% of the desired harvest quota. Preliminary deer harvest figures indicate a decline from 2018, largely due to the timing of the 9-day gun deer season. 2018 had the earliest season possible allowing hunters to take advantage of higher daytime deer activity during the breeding season. 2019 had the latest season possible, providing limited daytime deer activity. Bear Management Zones – New bear management zones will not be complete before the March 1 start of the 2020 license year.</p> <p>2020 CDAC Meetings – deer program staff have worked with the WCC CDAC Oversight Committee on the 2020 timeline for CDAC meetings and the quota setting process. The DNR shifted CDAC meetings back ~ 3 weeks to allow for better evaluation of winter severity impacts on the deer herd. Wildlife Health Preliminary CWD Sampling Update – There has been a total of 1,249 positives CWD samplings detected of 17, 828 tested. Dunn and Sheboygan counties had their first CWD reported cases. Had 56 dumpsters out there for the folks to put their deer carcasses in. AAK/AAD update – this season there were 22 AAK and 56 AAD participants, compared to 2 AAK and 16 AAD participants during the 2018 deer hunting season. More and more folks are interested in help the Department with this. Bovine TB Surveillance - This year marked the second year of focused, enhanced surveillance in a 9 township area around a Waunakee-area dairy that had an initial reported case of Bovine tuberculosis in October of 2018. Deer Donation - 2019 was the 20th anniversary of Wisconsin's Deer Donation Program. 45 counties took in a total of 1,253 deer Upland Gamebird &amp; Habitat Ruffed Grouse Plan was approved by the NRB in December. The next 10 year statewide waterfowl management plan is completed and will be presented to the NRB for approval in January. A decline in scaup populations resulted in a change in federal regulations which dictate that we will have to have a 1 bird daily bag limit for scaup for 15 days of the 60 day season and 2 bird bag for 45 days of the season. STATEWIDE UPDATES/INFO: Black River Falls Elk Herd Update: As of December 2019, the population estimate of the Black River Elk Range (BRER) herd is 75-79 elk. Recruitment Update: WCD hired two new area wildlife supervisors in early December. Scott Walter will be serving as the Area Wildlife Supervisor for the La Crosse/Black River Team which covers Clark, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Vernon and Crawford Counties. Ryan Haffele will be serving as the Area Wildlife Supervisor for the Wisconsin Rapids Team which covers Adams, Juneau, Marathon, Portage and Wood Counties as well as the Mead/McMillan and Sandhill/Meadow Valley Work Units. Sandhill Wildlife Area: The Wildlife Management Program held two very successful learn to hunt events in November at the 9,000 + acre Sandhill Wildlife Area. Cholera outbreak in cormorants staging on the Cat Island causeway in Lower Green Bay. Recognizing that cholera could potentially threaten waterfowl that would be building up as the fall progressed, sanitation protocol was coordinated by Wildlife staff and approximately 3,800 dead or dying cormorants were collected over a 6-week period during searches twice each week. The Peshtigo Area Wildlife Supervisor position was filled by Janet Brehm. Marquette County had its first positive collected during the 2018 season and has subsequently had 2 more so far in 2019. The 2nd phase of a break wall in Lake Poygan to create a sheltered area for improved aquatic vegetation habitat has been permitted and construction will begin after ice out in 2020. CWD in the far northeast of Marinette county is being monitored as a wild CWD + was detected in 2018 just over the border in the UP of Michigan as well as monitoring outside facilities with captive CWD positives in Marinette and Oconto Counties. While samples are still trickling in, Northern District Staff worked with cooperators to collect more than 5,100 CWD samples. Staff have kicked off their annual Winter Severity Index data collection. Early cold temperatures coupled with heavy snowfalls have preliminarily resulted in high WSI values across the District Pheasant stocking number was up this season due to slightly increase</p>	

	<p>hatchability and us increasing the later hatch numbers. Total pheasant stocked from State Game Farm and Oregon Corrections was 77,751. This includes the birds for the holiday stocking.</p> <p>Adopt a Dumpster and DNR sponsored dumpsters Program successes. Including 33 dumpster (12 DNR funded, 21 adopted) 40 self-service kiosks (28 DNR funded, 12 adopted). 2019 Deer Season, SOD has collected 7,544 CWD samples. WATERFOWL--The next 10 year statewide waterfowl management plan is completed and will be presented to the NRB for approval in January. A decline in scaup populations resulted in a change in federal regulations which dictate that we will have to have a 1 bird daily bag limit for scaup for 15 days of the 60 day season and 2 bird bag for 45 days of the season. STATEWIDE UPDATES/INFO: Black River Falls Elk Herd Update: As of December 2019, the population estimate of the Black River Elk Range (BRER) herd is 75-79 elk. Recruitment Update: WCD hired two new area wildlife supervisors in early December. Scott Walter will be serving as the Area Wildlife Supervisor for the La Crosse/Black River Team which covers Clark, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Vernon and Crawford Counties. Ryan Haffele will now be serving as the Area Wildlife Supervisor for the Wisconsin Rapids Team. Sandhill Wildlife Area: The Wildlife Management Program held two very successful learn to hunt events in November at the 9,000+ acre Sandhill Wildlife Area with 43 hunters taking part. NORTHEAST; Cholera outbreak in cormorants staging on the Cat Island causeway in Lower Green Bay. Recognizing that cholera could potentially threaten waterfowl that would be building up as the fall progressed, sanitation protocol was coordinated by Wildlife staff and approximately 3,800 dead or dying cormorants were collected over a 6-week period during searches twice each week. The Peshtigo Area Wildlife Supervisor position was filled by Janet Brehm. The 2nd phase of a break wall in Lake Poygan to create a sheltered area for improved aquatic vegetation habitat has been permitted and construction will begin after ice out in 2020. NORTH; CWD in the far northeast of Marinette county is being monitored as a wild CWD. Staff have kicked off their annual Winter Severity Index data collection. Early cold temperatures coupled with heavy snowfalls have preliminarily resulted in high WSI values across the District SOUTH; Pheasant stocking number was up this season due to slightly increase hatchability and us increasing the later hatch numbers. Total pheasant stocked from State Game Farm and Oregon Corrections was 77,751. This includes the birds for the holiday stocking.</p> <p>Wildlife program in WI only has 156 employees and have 16 vacancies now. Looking at hiring a new position as a CWD manager. Going to be building a CWD testing/processing center at the state farm. Looking to recruit 6 new wildlife biologists. Handed out a new CWD in Wisconsin brochure. It is also on their web site. Possible other places to hand out: Spring hearings, CDAC, Sport Clubs, WCC annual mtg.</p>	
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3.	WILDLIFE SPRING HEARINGS QUESTIONS--SCOTT KAREL	WM POLICY & RULES COORDINATOR
DISCUSSION	<p>They are currently printing half of what they used to print on hunting pamphlets. For example, Waterfowl has gone down tho 125,000 pamphlets from 185,000. Looking at doing a single pamphlet of our hunting regulations (a sample was shared at the meeting but couldn't take with us). Trying cut down to what people could get cited on not what is the difference between a wolf and a coyote. Hopefully to get out by July or so. 2018 recycled 325,000 pamphlets. A lot of folks are using the App. now and cell phones for the regulations/info. They got around 250,000 hits on the App. this past year. The pamphlet would also use a higher quality of paper.</p> <p>Reviewed Department questions of statewide interest.;</p> <p>The first question is in relation to: Restrict the placement of non-agricultural artificial water sources in CWD areas.</p> <p>Then there are 7 questions as they relate to the use of non-toxic ammunition on state owned or managed lands. And the last one is in regards to: Establish a new, all-inclusive and multi-species license to be awarded in a lottery drawing that would award the winner(s) the ability to hunt each of the species included in the license during the same year (requires legislation). This would be for Elk or other critters where the funds would go for wildlife habitate and restoration. (the handout can be obtained from Kari)</p>	
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**B. FISHERIES---JUSTINE HASZ**

DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF FISHERIES

DISCUSSION	<p>After many meetings with the NRB we have not been able to update/change any of our rules or to get them passed into law. We are waiting to get some of our stuff back and to get published. May not make the fishing season this</p>
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	year. We cannot revise any regulations until we get them back from those above. Don't know when they will have their fishing regs available. Updates since October: chemicals that are getting into the waters/fish in Marinette. It is primarily from fire fighting foam. They are also seeing this in wildlife. Working on what is a safe consumption standards for fish and wildlife. In the process of hiring for Habitat teams. They just hired 3 habitat specialists. This is for both warm and cold water habitat. Fitchburg, La Crosse and Eau Claire with have the 3 specialist in addition to the 2 that are in Wild Rose and Shawano. Justine have a summary of all the other positions that have been filled or created and filled throughout the state. They have less than 5% vacancies. They will be presenting 3 management plans to the NRB. The Walleye Management Plan has not been updated since 1997, They plan on revising it in 2021.	
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<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**C. FORESTRY--JIM WARREN**

**FOREST FIELD OPP. DIRECTOR**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>To start here is General Overview: July 19 and 20 Storm: Good Neighbor Authority WI Forest Action Plan: State Land Harvest: Challenges/Opportunities The Bureau of Forestry Field Operations consist of: Forest Fire Protection, Prescribed Burning,Public Forestry (State Forests,Other DNR Forested Lands,County Forests,Good Neighbor Authority on National Forests) Private Forestry (Conservation Easements,Cooperating Foresters Program, Landowner Outreach and Assistance) Forestry Tax Law Programs (Managed Forest Law (MFL),Forest Crop Law (FCL),Third-Party Certification (SFI, FSC and ATF)). The Bureau of Forestry Field Operations consist of: Forest Fire Protection, Prescribed Burning,Public Forestry (State Forests,Other DNR Forested Lands,County Forests,Good Neighbor Authority on National Forests) Private Forestry (Conservation Easements,Cooperating Foresters Program, Landowner Outreach and Assistance) Forestry Tax Law Programs (Managed Forest Law (MFL),Forest Crop Law (FCL),Third-Party Certification (SFI, FSC and ATF))</p> <p>Forests area are an Important Asset to Manage and Protect: 48% of Wisconsin is forested (17.1 million acres); Value to citizens of WI. Forest Industry (Over 60,000 jobs at \$24 billion), Recreation and tourism (\$5 billion), Ecosystem Services (Clean air,Clean water,Wildlife habitat)</p> <p>Our public forests consist of; State Forests Lands-1.5 million acres, County Forests- 2.4 million Acres (29 Counties, Bayfield -223,000 acres (largest), Vernon - 1,900 acres (smallest)),National Forest - Chequamegon-Nicolet - 1.5 million acres.</p> <p>We are largely made up of private family forests. About 183,000 owners own 9 million forested acres (over 10 acres). 2/3 of the land is in holdings of 50 acres or more. 70% of owners own less than 50 acres. The average parcel size is shrinking. People have forests for the wildlife aspect for the most part.</p> <p>The summer storms of July had an impact on the forests in a couple of counties. 246,000 acres effected and half was on private forest lands. GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY Enables the DNR to work with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) to help increase the level of forest management. Wisconsin was the first state to have a GNA agreement (2015), and the first to have established and sold timber as part of the agreement.</p> <p>Timber sale revenue pays for the work of the DNR and partners. Accomplishments to date: 89 sales; 13,989 acres treated; estimated value of \$8.9 million: Program income estimate—FY 20: \$743k A portion of the timber revenue generated must be returned to the Forest Service (FS) to fund specific FS accounts. Excess revenue is spent on projects on the CNNF. 10 YEAR ACTION PLAN 10 year strategic plan for WI's Forestry Community; Federal funding under Farm Bill 2 Parts: Statewide Forest Assessment, Statewide Forest Strategy Partner Involvement.. 74% of ALL DNR forested lands have forest mgmt. treatment scheduled (750K): 18,000 acres of forested are managed each year: Challenges/Opportunities: Lowest vacancy rate (50% of staff have 5 years or less experience in a Division of 423). Salvage operations, Spring Fire Season and the Blowdown.</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>		
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**D. LAW ENFORCEMENT CASEY KRUEGER CHIEF WARDEN**

**[PRESENTER]**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Background; Hired in 1998, from Langlade County; has had position around the state. About 6 or 7 years ago we designed a department strategic plan for the DNR Law Enforcement. The 4 year plan needed be shortened due to the speed that things are changing, so a 2 year Strategic plan for FY 20-21 was developed. The draft was shared with the delegates. The deer season and the problems that were presented due to the late season. DEER GUN 2019--
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	<p>Warnings, 1,607; Patrol contacts, 14,521; Service Calls, 3,041; Hotline calls, 416. Calls are slowly coming back up. In the past people would be coming out of the woods around 11 AM on opening day, this year they were coming out around 9 AM. This is mostly on Public lands. They wrote 550 to 600 citations. Casey noted where all the wardens/field stations are located in the state. He noted that this was the first year that they hired for specific locations. They hired 15 wardens that their designated areas are particular properties. 2 or 3 will be in the Devils Lake area. When there are extra wardens in an area, they will be moved to other areas when the need exists. ACCIDENTS In 1984 they had 55 non fatal and 5 fatal accidents in 2019 we had 4 non-fatal accidents. This is a credit to our hunter safety instructors. WARDENS Rec Safety – Refocused a specialized team on crash incidents and hunting incidents, working out in the field at least 3 days/wk; Property – All wardens have core duties; Hunting season – All wardens have core duties (Over half a dozen laws no longer exist (tagging, validation, in-person reg., etc). Those duties were replaced with after the season work (tips, and post season case work)); Overall Recreation Behaviors – Recreation needs evolve; more of the public wants to camp, view wildlife, hike (non-consumptive activities). Adapting to new realities has been a constant for BLE.; Go back through our 140 year history and we began by enforcing only fishing laws, then pollution, then wildlife, boating, EE, snowmobiling, ATVing and now recreational property.;</p> <p>We have continued to adjust our work to meet the needs of our ever changing customer base and non-recreating public; We work for 5.8 million people now!; We are comprised of some of the most highly trained employees in the nation and well suited to meet the needs of our citizens and the challenges of tomorrow. Question asked as to how many folks didn't registrar their deer. Casey noted that he didn't have that info now, but said that no matter what there is always going to be someone that is not going to follow the rules. They are working on some cases now, but they don't think there will be much of a change from years past. People don't realize that the DNR uses the registration to help determine the size/health of the deer herd. It was noted that there were 2 other states that had call in registration but have decided to go back to the paper and location registration. Not sure on which states these were. Difficult to figure out what the public wants. Some like the use of the phone and others don't. It's a balancing act. Question on the ELK case in BRF area. Person was real upset that she shot the elk. She was very cooperative, but also fined. One of the elk was donated to the Tribe and the other to a local food pantry.</p>	
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**E. Pete Walter---DNR REALESTATE**

**NORTHERN SUPERVISOR**

DISCUSSION	<p>Some of past transactions over the past year and half; Easements that assure public access. There were 2 easements. The great Northern Conservation easement was one, by Winter. 14,300 acres. The easements allow for hiking, fishing, trapping and hunting on them. This past year they purchased 36 easements with approx. 287 acres. Pete went through the other easements that have been purchased or in the process of being purchased through out the state. He noted that the DNR real estate section works with many of the department agencies. Now they have approx \$5 million for easements and \$2.6 million for purchases. Small staff.</p>	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**F. NELSON ISSUE BRIEFS NEWSLETTER--TYLER BYRNES---EMILY REYNOLDS**

**ASSOCIATED EDITORS**

DISCUSSION	<p>The Nelson Institute for Invironmental Studies is Named after Earth Day Founder and former U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson – celebrating 50 Years of Earth Day. The Nelson Institute houses students at the undergraduate and graduate level, as well as faculty across multiple schools and colleges, bridging 50 academic fields . The Institute trains the next generation of leaders, coordinates cutting edge research, and partners with the community. They have several research centers. Bi-annual publication featuring research from the University, directly relevant to a pressing Wisconsin environmental policy issues. Our goal is to provide Wisconsin policy makers and engaged citizens with digestible, relevant knowledge from the natural and social sciences during the policy making process. The first issue was on Nitrates Contamination in Drinking Water. And the 2nd issue was Deer-Hunting, Ecology, and Chronic Wasting Disease. Deer hunting in Wisconsin is important: 470,000 gun-deer hunting licenses sold in 2018, but numbers of hunters are declining. CWD in the state’s deer herd has complicated questions surrounding deer hunting and the social impact of hunting. Wisconsin voters don’t think that CWD is increasing in the state (Marquette University Poll). We present research from across the University relevant to Deer hunting. Following this, Josh Garoon, Assistant Professor, Community and Environmental Sociology, UW–Madison and Nathan Shelton, PhD</p>	
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	Student, Community and Environmental Sociology, UW–Madison discussed “How do Wisconsinites “see” Chronic Wasting Disease?” Questions are, should we be concerned about CWD but rather how should we be concerned about CWD. What should we do about CWD. Currently what people see is how CWD affects deer population. Current headlines say the population is amongst the highest in history, so how do we get them to understand that there is a CWD problem? Need to get people to think of deer differently than the current way. There is a difference between the "old deer hunter" and the "new deer hunter" of today. There are various issues that the new hunter of today or their family/friends face in understanding deer hunting. CWD is hard to see when hunting but is there and hard to accept as part of hunting. Both Josh Garoon and Nathan Shelton invited the DLC to come and talk to them about their deer hunting experiences. Comment; The Nelson Issue Brief--DEER is an excellent informational document and should be available to all our CDAC committees. Can we get this for them? WEB PAGE nelson.wisc.edu/issue-brief Deer farms are governed by DATCAP not DNR An option is to get the deer population down to where CWD doesn't become a problem. How to get people to buy into CWD.	
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**G. YOUTH CONSERVATION CONGRESS--KYLE ZENZ**

**COORDINATOR**

DISCUSSION	Kyle gave a brief background on where she is from and experience. She has done some things with kids and Terri thus far. She has more activities coming up in the near future and next year. Note to DLC to talk to youths about the Congress and try to get them involved in youth activities and the CC. Try to get the youth engaged, by calling some once a month or when you have time. Working on a newsletter. Terri is also putting info on the kids on face book. Snap Shot Wisconsin is a great way to get the youth involved. If your county has a function going on let Kyle know so she can get them into the newsletter. Any youth programs that are in the state are good contacts to kid involved. Archery, Shooting, 4-H programs are just some. Kyle needs help and you can get in touch with here at 715-299-0925 or at <a href="mailto:kyle.zenz@wisconsin.gov">kyle.zenz@wisconsin.gov</a>	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**H. Youth Conservation Congress Oversight Committee Report**

**Kevin Smaby for Trent Tonn**

DISCUSSION	<p>The Youth Conservation Congress, has made some great strides towards future growth over the past six months.</p> <p>In September, the department hired Kyle Zenz, our first YCC Co-ordinator. Kyle is based out of the Black River Falls DNR office. Kyle spent time during her first couple of weeks introducing herself to committee members, DNR staff, and learning about the history of the YCC and the Youth Oversight Committee. Both Michael and Kari welcomed her and shared their knowledge of the program to help her get established into her new position.</p> <p>Kyle hit the ground running by helping the YCC Oversight Committee put on its October meeting at the Mead Wildlife Area. The committee had decided to invite all youth, and mentors to be part of the meeting and afterwards offered an upland game bird hunt for all. The committee took care of its routine business, planning for its winter and spring meetings. Youth and mentors were encouraged to speak to about the program and provide suggestions as to how to improve involvement. After lunch, all of the youth that attended the meeting, their mentors, and several other WCC delegates proceeded to go on a hunt in the snow and wind. Several woodcock and a few grouse were flushed, a few shots were fired, but no birds fell.</p> <p>Special thanks needs to be given to both Terri and Reed for bringing hunting dogs to the event.</p> <p>Kyle worked with committee members and youth in November to produce the first YCC Newsletter. The monthly newsletter is a place where delegates, mentors, youth, and parents can see what is happening with the YCC program. The newsletter provides a way to find info about DNR activities, and regional opportunities. The newsletter is showcasing the activities that our youth and their mentors are taking part in. Kyle continues to build the newsletter with the help and suggestions that come from committee members, the youth, and their WCC mentors. If you have not had a chance to read it, please do....</p> <p>Kyle is also working on updating all YCC forms, documents, contact lists etc. In the months to come she will be looking at the counties or districts that have less YCC involvement and work with the committee to grow the program</p>	
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	<p>in those areas of the state.</p> <p>Currently, the Kyle is working with the committee to put on the YCC next state wide event on January 18th on the Petenwell Flowage. The YCC is holding its first annual ice fishing event for all youth, mentors, friends, and WCC delegates. This is being slated as an opportunity to learn about ice fishing, have fun, and meet others in the process. DNR staff have been invite to talk about the flowage and the fishery. Participants will learn how to fish, how to use electronics, how to use a power auger, techniques for fishing multiple species, how to clean and cook fish. After fishing, all participants will travel to the Monroe Town Hall where they will clean fish, have a fish fry, and pot luck diner. Committee members would encourage all WCC delegates and leadership to attend. This could be a great opportunity to bond with future WCC delegates, their families, and create support for our organization. If you have not signed up to attend...its not too late, just email Kyle. By the way, if any delegates have extra frozen fish in their freezers we are open for donations should the fishing be slow. Please let Kyle or Trent know if you can help in this respect. In December, the committee was given the green light to pursue the development of a YCC logo using \$200 of donated money from Mark LaBarbara and OHEC. The money will be donated to the Friends of the Conservation Congress and then from there the money will be used to hire an on-line logo competition company. By doing so, the Conservation Congress and the YCC will be provided with numerous professionally created logo designs. The committee and the youth will then choose their favorite four designs and then the DLC will be asked for their final input. Right now, we are waiting to hear from the Friends group to see when the money has made it to the account. Thanks to some feelers that Reed put out last summer, the committee has been working with Kyle and DNR staff to set up this year's field trip for the annual convention.</p> <p>Youth this year will be working with local DNR fisheries biologists, field technicians, and Trout Unlimited staff in the Big Green Lake area to do some stream side repair and habitat building. The opportunity may even carry over after Saturday's WCC meeting has concluded.</p> <p>The committee has also been in communications with Harold Drake and his committee in an attempt to develop a shooting sports activity for the youth on Thursday evening at the convention. As of right now, we are still in conversations with the Berlin Conservation Club and others in the area about the possibilities of providing the youth an opportunity to shoot trap, skeet, or sporting clays.</p> <p>As of right now, that is all I can think of to report on. I am sure that I probably missed something.....But that being said take the opportunity to meet and talk with Kyle Zenz, the YCC Coordinator when you have an opportunity. She might just encourage you to become a YCC mentor in your county.</p> <p>As always, I would like to thank my committee, they are truly dedicated to providing our youth great conservation minded opportunities.</p> <p>There was a request from the committee to make a video with funds from the Friends of WCC. Kyle thought that a video would reach further than the emails she is sending out. There are many different options in doing a video and various prices. Department personal could put together such a video with YCC input.</p>
ACTION	Motion by GUNDERSON; 2nd by SMABY to have the DLC give the "blessings" for the Friends of the WCC fund this YCC promotional video and when the video is completed it should go back to the EX. Board for the final approval. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Kyle Zenz; Kari Lee-Zimmerman, EX Committee WCC	asap

**I. RECONSIDERATION OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMITTEE QUESTION  
RECOMMENDATION RELATED TO BUFFALO FISH**

MICHAEL BRITTON

DISCUSSION	<p>It was noted that they didn't have sufficient information at the last meeting for this topic. Ask that we reconsider the resolution as most of the concern was with bow fishing and this wasn't the major part of the resolution. The resolution was helped in development by the biologist in the La Crosse area. The resolutions is as follows:</p> <p>Appropriate harvest and protection level(s) for native Buffalo fish.</p> <p>Bigmouth and Smallmouth Buffalo fish are currently categorized as a "rough fish" and often inappropriately labeled as a "carp." Buffalo are a native fish species which evolved along with other North American fishes. Currently, there are few restrictions on recreational and commercial harvest – there is no bag limit, no restricted seasons, or minimum size limits.</p> <p>Current research suggests Bigmouth Buffalo often live beyond 100 years and have very slow reproduction. On the Mississippi River, there has not been a strong reproductive year for either species since the early 1990's; and both populations have declined over 94 percent since 1993.</p> <p>In recent years bowfishing has grown exponentially in both participation and efficiency; especially due allowed night fishing aided by artificial lighting. Buffalo tend to be a favored species for bow-fishers. Though little is known about these species' rolls in North American ecosystems, they may be at risk of over-exploitation. And though considered table fare and commercially harvested fish are consumed, Buffalo are rarely saved/consumed by majority of sport bow fishers.</p>
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	<p>Due that buffalo have low reproductive rates and at least locally declining populations, these two fishes may require protections.                  Be it resolved that the Mississippi River Advisory Committee of the WI Conservation Congress, at its meeting held in Prairie du Chien on August 10th, 2019, supports WDNR study(s) to determine and so establish appropriate level(s) of harvest protection for native Bigmouth Buffalo and Smallmouth Buffalo fish species within Wisconsin Waters.</p> <p>Other agencies in North Dakota and Hawaii have noticed a decline in the Buffalo Carp population. They have noted that Walleye numbers, Sauger and carp numbers are down and this has been going on for the past number of years. Larry noted that we didn't have the info that the fisheries biologist had these concerns at our last meeting in October.</p>
ACTION	<p>MOTION by SMABY 2nd LARSON to reconsider this resolution as noted above. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY                  MOTION by SMABY 2nd LARSON to advance Mississippi River Question regarding Buffalo fish (with restricted paragraph on bow fishing). MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
refer to committee	

**J. FUR HARVEST**

ED HARVEY

DISCUSSION	<p>Do you support changing the closing date of the late bob cat permit period to Feb. 15 concurrent with the closing of the fox season, and the coyote trapping season. Motion to reconsider Motion passed with 1 no. MOTION GUNDERSON AND 2ND RIGGLE TO advance as a DLC Question MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Do you support a three year experimental badger season? no motion on this but seemed to be accepted by all</p> <p>Do you support a change which would allow the use of cable restraints in trapping fox, coyote, and bobcats beginning on the first day of the season for those species? Department doesn't have jurisdiction over this at this time. Point is that you can not trap on personal property in a stream, yet you can walk on it or float a boat in it. The right to trap is not taken away as folks have the right to trap, but not on private land that is not theirs, but can on public land.                  MOTION TO RECONSIDER BLATTER; 2ND RIGGLE MOTION PASSED MOTION BY BLATTER 2ND LARSON TO REJECT MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
ACTION	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

**K. WARM WATER**

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Namekagon River and St. Croix River smallmouth bass and musky minimum size and bag limit (070119, 580119) Bonde would like to have this question split in two. Would you support reducing the daily bag limit for smallmouth bass on the Namekagon River and St. Croix River to one fish with a harvest minimum size of 18 inches? AND Would you support reducing the daily bag limit for musky on the Namekagon River and St. Croix River to one fish with a harvest minimum size of 50 inches? no vote was take on this but all were in agreement with making it 2 questions as noted.</p> <p>Question #4 was confusing and Kari will work on it and get the correct info for the question.                  Question #8 Would you support rules and regulations that apply equally to all license holders participating in fishing and not allow special exceptions to special interest groups? This applies to tournament fishing. MOTION TO RECONSIDER BY GUNDERSON 2ND ROGERS MOTION PASSED MOTION BY TAYLOR 2ND LOBNER TO REJECT MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
ACTION	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

**L. GREAT LAKES**

LARRY BONDE FOR DALE MAAS

DISCUSSION	Bonde spoke on behalf of Maas for the Great Lakes and addressed the Restore anadromous (lake run) fish passage to the Iron River, Bayfield County (160119) There are many issues with this and Chair doesn't wish to bring this to the DLC without Dale present. It was generally felt that it should be taken up at the EX. Committee confrence call.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**M. RULES & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE--PROPOSED CODE OF PROCEDURE CHANGES**

TONY BLATTER

DISCUSSION	Blatter gave a quick summary of the changes, issue of vote and the naming of the 2 delegates. MOTION TO ADVANCE/ACCEPT BY ALTWIES 2ND BY GUNDERSON (this is to vote on here). NOTE PAGE 2A CHANGE FROM OUTREACH AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR AND HISTORIAN TO EXEC. MEMBER 4 AND 5 (as noted on page 10 D) (the exec committee can think about this) MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**N. DEER & ELK COMMITTEE**

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>QUESTION 29 Do you support the DNR to continue to cooperate with any and all parties with a vested interest in furthering research to battle the spread and incidence of CWD in WI? MOTION TO REJECT BY KRUEGER 2ND BY LARSON MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>QUESTION 30 Would you support the WCC working with the DNR, Datcap and legislature to create a \$5.00 fee on all deer and elk licenses per head of all captive cervids to be used exclusively for CWD research and projects? MOTION TO REJECT BY LARSON 2ND BY KRUGER MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>QUESTION 31 Do you support the WCC work with the DNR to educate every license holder of the risk of improper carcass disposal and provide a carcass disposal station that hunters can access in every county? MOTION TO REJECT BY GUNDERSON 2ND BY ROGERS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>QUESTION 32 Do you support WCC working with the DNR and the legislation to return utilize Earn-A-Buck for the use by the CDAC's in over populated counties? (kind of a 2 part question, first it needs to be changed by legislation then to have it available from the DNR) MOTION TO REJECT BY GUNDERSON 2ND BY RIGGLE MOTION FAILED (hand vote) MOTION TO ADVANCE BY SMABY 2ND BY WEIR (as a 2 part question Should the legislature give the authority back to the department to have earn a buck and 2nd Should the department allow CDAC the authority to use this as one of their tools in their county) MOTION PASSED</p> <p>QUESTIONS 33 Do you support legislation that would give more authority to the DNR to determine baiting and feeding regulations, including when and where bans are put in place?</p> <p>QUESTION 34 If greater flexibility is returned to the DNR, do you support allowing CDACs the ability to make recommendations regarding baiting and feeding in their respective counties? MOTION TO ADVANCE BOTH 33 AND 34 BY WEIR 2ND BY EBERT MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>QUESTION 35 Do you support the WCC working with the DNR and legislature to create a deer stamp? MOTION TO REJECT BY GUNDERSON 2ND BY KRUGER MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>QUESTION 36 Would you support the WCC working with the DNR and NRB to create a tool for the CDACs to use only in farmland units that have exhausted all other feasible tools to create antlerless only seasons for portions of the season rather than the total antlerless only option that currently exists? MOTION TO ADVANCE BY LARSON 2ND BY BUDNIK MOTION PASSED</p> <p>QUESTION 37 Would you support the WCC working with the DNR, NRB and legislature to create a 16-day gun deer season opening on the Saturday nearest the 15th of November? MOTION TO ADVANCE BY BLATTNER 2ND BY EBERT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY MOTION BY RIGGLE 2ND BY SMABY TO HAVE THE WCC CHAIR DISCUSS THIS WITH THE DNR THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT A 16 DAY SEASON THAT IS "TACKED" ON TO BE EARLIER AND NOT LATER THAN THE CURRENT SEASON. (Note this is to before the gun season and not be added to the gun season after the traditional close) This may need legislative change. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**O. TURKEY & UPLAND GAME**

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	QUESTION 27 Would you support moving the opening of the spring turkey season to the second Wednesday in April which would be one week earlier than it is now? MOTION TO ADVANCE BY KRUEGER 2ND ROGERS MOTION PASSED QUESTION 28 Would you support legislation allowing people with a valid small game license to use a slingshot to hunt small game such as squirrels, rabbits, and hares? MOTION TO ADVANCE BY SMABY 2ND ROGERS. Discussion Must list critters to shoot; Hunters ED?; Where use; bad idea; MOTION FAILED MOTION TO REJECT MOTION PASSED TO REJECT	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**P. TROUT COMMITTEE**

DALE EBERT

DISCUSSION	Committee talked about the trout management plan, Bag limits small. More complaints from the southern part of the state on early fishing.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**Q. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	QUESTION 38 Would you support the Department of Natural Resources (Wisconsin Conservation) Congress informing the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) that the proposed Back Forty Mine Project poses a significant threat to water quality in the Menominee River and Lake Michigan? MOTION TO ADVANCE BY KRUEGER 2ND BY RIGGLE (with changing DNR to WCC) It should be noted that the mine is only 150 feet from the Menominee River. This should be put in the resolution. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY QUESTION 39 Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the DNR, the state legislature, and the people of the state to implement a public policy regarding the mining of sulfide ore bodies that includes substantial evidence that proposed mining methods and technologies have been applied successfully in existing and historic mining projects to prevent the degradation of the state's valuable water resources? MOTION TO REJECT BY KRUEGER 2ND BREUNIG MOTION PASSED Discussion was it was difficult to follow. QUESTION 40 Would you support a moratorium on 5G cell technology until proven safe? MOTION TO REJECT BY BLATTER 2ND BY TAYLOR MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY Note this is out of the scope of the DNR authority. QUESTION 41 Would you support the WCC working with the DNR to promote renewable energy conservation MOTION TO REJECT BY BLATTLER 2ND BY RIGGLE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY QUESTION 42 Would you support a state level moratorium on the building, placement or expansion of concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO's) within the state until sufficient resources are available to efficiently regulate and monitor CAFO's in compliance with applicable regulations? MOTION TO REJECT BY GUNDERSON 2ND TAYLOR MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY QUESTION 43 Would you support the WCC urging the NRB to direct the DNR to continue and accelerate climate education and science? MOTION TO REJECT BY BLATTLER 2ND BY WEIR MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY QUESTION 44 Would you support the WCC urging the state legislature to allow local municipalities to enact ordinances that can be more stringent than the current state standards to protect our lakes, rivers, and wetlands? MOTION TO REJECT BY GUNDERSON 2ND BY LOBNER MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY QUESTION 45 Would you support the WCC urging the NRB to direct the DNR to instate a moratorium on high capacity wells until scientific investigation on the effects of high capacity wells on our lakes, streams, and groundwater is completed? MOTION TO REJECT BY BLATTER 2ND BY LARSON MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY	
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**R. LAND USE COMMITTEE**

[PRESENTER]

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>QUESTION 46 Would you support the WVV, DNR, and NRB working together to increase and enhance shore fishing access sites on Wisconsin waters and to better publicize the location and features of each site? MOTION TO ADVANCE BY BRUNIG 2ND BY SMABY MOTION FAILED MOTION TO REJECT BY RIGGLE 2ND BY LARSON MOTION PASSED</p> <p>QUESTION 47 Would you support the WCC working with the DNR to create a taskforce including other relevant government agencies, representatives of local and statewide non-profit conservation organizations, and other stakeholders to create a science based, comprehensive statewide policy with the goal of watershed health and flood mitigation? MOTION TO REJECT BY TAYLOR 2ND BREUNIG MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p>	
<b>ACTION</b>		
<b>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</b>		<b>DEADLINE</b>

**S. SHOOTING SPORTS COMMITTEE**

HAROLD DRAKE

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>2019 Shooting Sports Committee Report to D.L.C. January 10-11 2020</p> <p>Item #1: Resolution 450119: Creation of a full time Shooting Sports Coordinator Position</p> <p>Item #2: Resolution 040119: Educational Committee for Lead Management</p> <p>Item #3: Change Committee Designation to Shooting Sports Committee. Request Mission Statement Revisions. Current Mission statement to be read. Requested change to read: The mission of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Shooting Sports Committee is to represent the sporting public involved with ranges in this state. The committee will work with the Department of Natural Resources, the State legislature, and the citizens of Wisconsin to effectively manage current and future shooting ranges and actively help promote shooting sports participation.</p> <p>Item #4: Statewide Range listing update. MOTION BY BLATTLER 2ND BY SMABY TO CHANGE THE MISSION STATEMENT AS SUGGESTED MOTION PASSED</p> <p>The committee has actively supported the effort to update the Range listing that is maintained by the Department of Natural Resources. The past two years an effort was made at the Spring District meetings to get the County delegations to review the listing and report changes in the status of all ranges in their respective county. I drafted a request letter for the 2018 District meetings asking that any additions, omissions to the list or added venues at specific ranges be reported. I asked that they be reported to the state and provided a contact e-mail. Further I requested that they reply that to the best of their knowledge the listing was current and no changes were needed. Responses received were very minimal. The shooting sports committee would like permission to continue the effort this spring and on annual basis until confidence is restored in the listing. Possibly at the 2020 convention! MOTION BY RIGGLE 2ND BY ALTWIES TO ALLOW THE SHOOTING SPORT COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE THE LISTINGS. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>Item #5: Youth Delegate Shooting Event At the 2020 Convention. TO PURSUE FOR 2021 CONVENTION The Shooting Sports Committee had suggested a shooting event for the youth delegates at the 2019 convention. At that time, the planning was already in place for Youth delegate activity's and there was no time available to hold anything. The Youth committee was contacted about doing something during this year's convention and they were interested in doing something. At the November Shooting Sports Committee meeting it was suggested that we try to set something up with a local club. I have been in contact with the Berlin Conservation Club which located within a reasonable distance to the convention site. They have time available on Thursday afternoon until 5:00. Their spring/summer trap season starts that evening. Currently working with Jerry Reetz who is the Berlin Club Secretary and Trent Tonn of the Youth Committee to see if anything can be worked out.</p> <p>Item #6: Delegate Range Survey Originally issued spring of 2018 with about 30% response. It was redone last spring to encourage wider participation from the delegates. Combined responses totaled 208 of 348 current delegates or 59.8% The committee was looking for areas of concern to the delegates that the committee should be addressing as agenda items. Also: Range Grant Program Knowledge Current Range Issues and suggestions for range development Suggestions for promoting youth shooting sports Environmental compliance Support for the proposed youth .22 rifle challenge. Range protection act and Suggestions for legislation to further protect ranges.</p>
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	Results from 2018/2019 were combined. (Copies available) Survey results were forwarded to Emily Iehl W.D.N.R liaison to the shooting sports committee. She will be making them available to relevant department staff. Item #7: Range grant Information. Survey results seem to suggest that there is a serious lack of knowledge about the range grant program. The shooting sports committee discussed the possibility of creating a hand out for distribution at the state convention in May. With D.L.C. approval, the committee will work with Emil Iehl and put together a hand out with the information she supplied. QUESTION 48 Would you support the Conservation Congress, working with the DNR and the Legislature, to create and fund a full time Shooting Sports Coordinator position within the department, as a means of developing and managing a statewide shooting competition? MOTION TO ADVANCE BY WEIR 2ND BY BRUENIG MOTION PASSED QUESTION 49 Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the WDNR form a committee specifically for the purpose of assisting and advising Range members, owners, and concerned citizens regarding the development of their own Environmental Stewardship Program? MOTION TO REJECT BY BREUNIG 2ND BY LOBNER MOTION PASSED MOTION BY GUNDERSON 2ND BY RIGGLE THE WCC TO TAKE A POSITION TO ALLOW THE CHAIR TO TAKE CONCERNS OF THE DLC TO THE NRB OF LEAD MANAGEMENT AND RANGE CONCERNS AND CREATE PERMINAMENT A SHOOTING RANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

T. BEAR COMMITTEE

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Cable restraints may be pushed to use for bear in the future. QUESTION 51 Would you support allowing the use of man-made containers to bait bear on private lands? MOTION TO ADVANCE BY TAYLOR 2ND BY SMABY MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY QUESTION 52 Would you support the WCC work with the DNR to come up with a solution to use processed materials and man-made adhesives for the construction of bear bait container that is not buried in the ground to prevent the incidental spread of bait into the environment? MOTION TO ADVANCE BY SMABY 2ND BY LARSON MOTION PASSED (wording may need to be worked on to be more understandable)	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

U. MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMMITTEE

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Had 2 resolutions, the first was rejected. QUESTION 53 Would you support allowing persons who have not completed an approved safety course to operate a motorized recreational vehicle at any event designed to introduce them to the sport? MOTION TO ADVANCE BY GUNDERSON 2ND BY TAYLOR MOTION PASSED	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

V. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

SCOTT GUNDERSON

DISCUSSION	Meeting was not about resolutions but rather legislative bills. The first is about the RR issue and we need to get something done with that. There was a motion for the WCC to take to the legislature the need for action on the RR as spelled out in the resolution and SB AB's. We already have a position on the RR issue but they (committee) wants the WCC to pursue legislation on this. MOTION WAS MADE TO PURSUE 2ND?? MOTION PASSED Motion at committee to support the Waterfowl stamp increase. The Sandhill Crane season was discussed in committee and that there are a 1000 sandhill's killed via ag tags and being wasted. There was a motion to support a Sandhill Crane season. No action on Wolf management. Asked to get the legislative reports as we used to.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO 8AM SAT. BY KRUEGER 2ND BY ROEHRIG	MOTION PASSED
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**W. Phone-in accommodations for WCC committee meetings**

SATURDAY MTG START AT 8 AM

DISCUSSION	<p>Chair Bonde gave a brief background on some issues with Phone-in accommodations for committee meetings. OPEN COMMENTS; Gunderson--Committee Chair have to diligent on this issue and be aware if a call is dropped there is nothing we can do but they should be aware of this. The other part is not that this is not just for the author of the resolution, but also members of the committee/public. He just wanted this to be brought up and considered. Other comments; this is all fine and dandy, but at some point we will run into an open records issue and then we will be in a mess. Due to a weather issue the warm water committee had to go to a conference all for the majority of their members as they couldn't get to the meeting place (6 did). It turned out good but it had to be run slowly and smoothly to allow for all to speak. A conference call option can work if we set up the ground rules. We did our CDAC ad hoc committee via conference calls and it worked. BUT if we do this will have to assure that all locations that we have a committee meeting has good WI-FI for the conference call hook up? You don't want to have this as an option so people don't come to a meeting. This is something we need to be conscious of. We have a requirement that we notify the chair 5 days before the meeting if we are/aren't going to make it. Can we have something the same for a day a head of time for a conference call? If a person is on the phone and going to be counted in as a quorum then he/she needs to be on the phone at the meeting the entire time otherwise it isn't a quorum. GUNDERSON Why not have the EXEC Committee take a look at this again and come up with some protocol to follow. Possibly go to Rules and Resolutions Committee. Your district is better off not having someone on a committee rather than someone on the committee and not showing up but yet counting in the quorum. District leaders need to take this back their district and let the delegates know that they need to attend their committee meetings to make sure that there is a quorum. Chair Bonde suggested that this be forwarded to Rules and Resolutions and for them to put together a procedure for the EXEC committee to review</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

DISCUSSION	<p>BROWNELL;- LOBNER; WEIR-thank you all for being here. EBERT; KRUEGER-if someone that has a resolution or concern they should call the committee chair to let them know what their concern is. BUDNIK; RISLEY seems like the deer quota stays the same and nothing changes over the past 20 years. Isn't there something that can be done about this? Someone needs to review how the quota is set especially in Green County. WEISS Thanks to who ever was responsible for moving up the CDAC meeting dates. This is fantastic. Can't fill the 2 openings he has on his CDAC. Need to re-evaluate the members on the CDAC committee. May have to get away from pigeon holing the slots for people. Not all folks fit in the slot, but would like to be on the CDAC committee. Folks that get on CDAC can't have an agenda, they need to be concerned with the herd. ROEHRIG Need more info for outreach. We are getting a lot now and many folks are sharing these. SMABY He has heard from one of the folks that had a resolution but never heard what the out come was of the resolution in committee. Keep the iron to the fire on the RR crossing issue. BREUNIG; Need better CDAC press releases. Possibly a membership at large?? LARSON; Need more input on press releases for CDAC meetings and more releases. TAYLOR; Agree with others on changing the CDAC membership requirements. Can we have only one delegate sign up sheet filled out rather than 1 on line, 1 at the hearings and then 1 at the annual convention. Kari gave an explanation on how and what all these are for. GUNDERSON; CDAC at large person is good idea, need to look at the other positions. ALTWIES; Bureau chiefs need to bring Power Point. In the October mtg it was brought up to have the resolutions in advance, so we can read them and have questions. In the past when I was Chair of the Rules and Res. committee we rejected 20 resolutions. This kind of prompted the questions of what is wrong with the process? If the process was working well, 2/3 or 3/4 of the resolutions should pass. This isn't happening so it shows that the process isn't working. . Like to Thank Larry for his service on the Congress. GETTELMAN; Larry thank you for all you do. BONDE; I have learned a lot over the years. There are some legislatures that easy to work with and some.....The crane season was one of my goals, but it was interesting to see how this hasn't gone through, yet. Interesting on how some folks that are neither conservationist or environmentalist don't have and idea of what is going on in the topics they are discussing. I appreciate all your efforts through out this meeting even through members matters. You must remember that there is always a winning side and there's always a loosing side. But we must go on and that is what/why we are here to work through it.</p>
ACTION	

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>9:30 AM MOTION GUNDERSON/2ND LARSON PASSED</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>	<b>Paul Gettelman</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>01/11/2020</b>