

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Shooting Sports Committee Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	10/29/20	7:00 P.M.	Zoom meeting
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Harold Drake at 7:01 P.M.
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Steve Budnick-Bill Briggs- Dennis Vanden Bloom-Harold Drake- Steve Ninneman- Bill Lorenz- Gary Dieck-Charlie Brown- Scott Gunderson- Kari Zimmerman- Falon French- Emily Iehl
EXCUSED	Scott Tubbs
UNEXCUSED	Alan Pribnow
GUESTS	

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	The chairman asked if there were any requests for changes to the agenda. Hearing none, he requested a motion to approve
ACTION	Motion to approve the agenda was made by Steve Budnick with a second by Bill Lorenz. Motion carried on a voice vote

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	The committee mission statement was read by the chairman. Committee members were asked if they wanted to recommend any changes. No changes were requested.
ACTION	

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	No public comments were requested.
ACTION	None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. RANGE GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

EMILY IEHL

DISCUSSION	Emily Iehl gave an update on the current status of the Private/Public Range grant programs. She reported 6 applications were received for Private Range Grants and 5 applications for the Public Range Grants. Private range grants are available every other year. This year's private range requests totaled \$197,000. Public Range Grants are available yearly. This year's requests totaled \$207,000. There is \$250,000 available for private ranges and \$250,000 for public. The money for the grants comes from federal excise tax on firearms and ammunition and is distributed thru Pittman Roberts. Private range grants received for the current cycle. Six (6) were reviewed by a committee and given a ranking based on an assigned score. Public range grant applications are not scored and ranked the same way. Due to funding issues the evaluation process may change in the future. Common items applied for are noise abatement, safety improvements and 500 equipment replacement. Private grants have 50% cost share with \$75,000 cap She also reported that with current record gun and ammunition sales, available Pittman Roberts money should see an increase. The hunter Safety program plays a
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	<p>role in how much the State receives in funds. Reductions at in- person Hunter Safety classes due to Covid, will have some impact on funding. Question was asked if the legislature had done anything to make additional funds available for shooting Sports Thru the R3 program. Currently not aware of any request for legislative action to do so. Possibly the next budget cycle.</p> <p>The committee chair mentioned that at the 2019 meeting, we had agreed to work on a hand out for the 2020 convention concerning the Range grant Program. Since there was no convention, nothing happened. Would we like to revisit this for 2021? It was agreed that we would.</p>
ACTION	Harold Drake sent out a copy of a revised Shooting Range Grant Guidance Information to committee members. He asked that they review the information and direct any questions or request for possible changes to Emily lehl. Also, Harold will work with Emily to develop a hand out for the 2021 convention
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	
Harold Drake Emily lehl	
DEADLINE	
Prior to State Convention in may	

B. STATE MANAGED RANGES

EMILY IEHL

DISCUSSION	<p>Emily gave an update on the Status of State owned/Managed Ranges. She stated that all ranges were shut down March 19th mostly due to Covid issues. Some Have since reopened. Problems have kept Some Closed. She reported Peshtigo is shut down due to Due to safety issues. The range is unsupervised and has issues with stray rounds and inappropriate targets being used. Cornell and Hayward Ranges are also closed for similar issues. Columbia County has been closed for some time due to needed berm repair as well as noise and other issues. Hours of operation have been reduced and security cameras installed. Currently cooperating with Columbia Sporting Alliance to help manage he Range as well as employing an L.T.E. to be on site during open hours. She is looking for help from clubs and interested parties near the other problem ranges to help oversee them. She would like to have them all open 9-10 days before gun deer season for sight in activities. All other state ranges have experienced very heavy use because of record firearm sales.</p> <p>Question: Is state program for leasing range time at private ranges for public use dead? Response was that all but Madison Police Range.</p>
ACTION	Informational. If committee members know of Clubs/individuals around affected ranges that would be will to help out please contact her.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	
Committee members as interested	
DEADLINE	

C. INTERNAL RANGE ISSUES COMMITTEE

EMILY IEHL

DISCUSSION	<p>Question was asked if this idea had been advanced within the department as discussed at our last meeting. Emily stated that currently the idea has interest but, has not moved forward. She will look at this again and send to the B.L.E. for consideration. She will keep us up to date if anything happens</p>
ACTION	Informational
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	
Emily lehl	
DEADLINE	
None Specific	

D. FULL TIME SHOOTING SPORTS COORDINATOR

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Resolution 450119 was passed by this committee in 2019. The goal of the resolution was to get a full time Shooting Sports coordinator at the D.N.R. This was considered critical in moving the idea of a statewide shooting competition forward as discussed at our 2019 meeting. This resolution had wide support as a 2020 spring hearing question. The chairman asked if anyone at the D.N.R. was moving the idea forward and what the committee thought it should do to help advance the idea. Steve Budnick commented that funding the position would have to be part of the next D.N.R. budget. The position could be handled like the recently created Y.C.C. Coordinator position. It was suggested that the committee could draft a letter requesting the position be budgeted for.</p>
ACTION	A motion was made Scott Gunderson and 2 nd by Gary Dieck To Request the that the District Leadership Council work with the D.N.R. secretary to develop and fund a full time Shooting Sports coordinator position. Motion Carried on a voice vote. The committee chair will request as part of his report to the D.L.C. at their next meeting.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	
Harold Drake	
DEADLINE	
D.L.C. Meeting	

E. STATEWIDE SHOOTING COMPETITION**[PRESENTER]**

DISCUSSION	The chairman asked the committee what their thoughts were on this issue. The committee put this on hold at their last meeting while waiting for the results of the fulltime shooting Sports Coordinator Resolution from this spring. The resolution concerning the state wide shooting competition had 94% support when it was originally introduced. The delegate Range survey had 22 people who were interested in helping to get it started. Do we wait until the fulltime position is created before proceeding any further?	
ACTION	A motion was made by Charlie Brown with a second by Gary Dieck to hold off on this until the Full time Shooting Sports Coordinator Position is created and fill. Motion Carried on a voice vote.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
None		None

F. POSSIBLE SHOOTING EVENT AT 2021 CONVENTION**[PRESENTER]**

DISCUSSION	Chairman Harold Drake read an update form the Y.C.C. committee chair. Cancellation of the 2020 convention ended the opportunity for a Planned Y.C.C. shooting event. The chairman asked the committee if there was interest in working with the Y.C.C. to put something together for the 2021 convention at Stevens Point. Scott Gunderson suggested that we contact the District 6 Members on the D.L.C. or other District delegates for possible locations. It was also suggested that the Isaac Walton League has a facility very close to the convention site.	
ACTION	A motion was made by Charlie Brown with a second by Gary Dieck That the Shooting sports committee work with the District 6 delegates and the Y.C.C. to have a shooting event at the 2021 Convention in Stevens Point for the Y.C.C. delegates. Motion Passed on a voice Vote.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Harold Drake will Talk to the D.N.R. Y.C.C. Coordinator and committee chair to see if they are interested. He will help develop a plan if there is interest.		none specific

G. STATEWIDE RANGE LISTING**[PRESENTER]**

DISCUSSION	The chairman asked the committee members about the update efforts on the D.N.R. State Range listing. The committee had decided at our last meeting that they would like to do this as an annual thing. He had sent out a copy of the most recent updates list to them. He asked committee members to check their local county ranges to ensure the list is accurate.	
ACTION	Harold Drake will work with the D.L.C. to have an update effort made at the spring District meetings.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Harold Drake		D.L.C. meeting

H. STATUS OF RESOLUTION 040119**[PRESENTER]**

DISCUSSION	The committee chairman asked if they wanted to do anything further with this resolution. Resolution 040119 called for creating an educational committee for lead management. It did not pass the D.L.C... He asked if there was any interest in redrafting it or creating are own resolution. Scott Gunderson stated that he did not see this moving forward. Charlie brown suggested no further action was needed.	
ACTION	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
none		

I. LEAD SHOT QUESTIONS**[PRESENTER]**

DISCUSSION	The chairman Read the results of the 2020 spring hearing questions regarding the use of lead shot on state properties. He pointed out the with most of the questions, the response was fairly evenly split	
ACTION	None Informational only.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

none	
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J. S.C.T.P. UPDATE

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	The committee chairman read an update letter from Gary DeSmidt outlining the 2020 activities of the S.C.T.P. High school trap. His letter included an invitation to committee member to attend a coaches meeting in Wisconsin Dells January 15 th and 16 th . The chairman asked the committee members to think about ways the congress might be able to continue supporting this program	
ACTION	Harold Drake will work with the D.L.C. to secure permission to have S.C.T.P. Represented at the 2021 convention.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Harold Drake	D.L.C. Meeting	

K. DELEGATE RANGE SURVEY

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	The chairman asked Emily lehl if She knew what happened to the results of the Survey. Who was the information shared with? Was there any feed back on the results? She was not sure of what actually did or did not happen.	
ACTION	Emily agreed to investigate as time allows and report her findings back to the committee	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Emily lehl	None Specific	

L. COMMITTEE DIRECTION

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	The chairman asked the committee members if they had any suggestions on committee direction or priority's for future meetings. Previously we talked about a summer meeting at a Range location. Getting more female involvement since there are so many women involved in shooting sports. Give some thought to what we have been doing and what we should look at moving forward.	
ACTION	None taken at this time	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

M. FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Committee members felt that nothing was needed at this time.	
ACTION	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Emil lehl stated that she is looking for 3 rd party individuals/ groups to help manage ranges. Range inspectors/evaluators to make ranges better. Looking for ideas on how to reach out for help. She has reached out to businesses and agencies from other states. The N.R.A. has not been a lot of help due to limited staff in Wisconsin. Scott Gunderson commented on the importance of youth shooting sports and our commitment to supporting them. He also mentioned that a young lady from his group has qualified to shoot in the next Olympic games.	
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING ADJOURNED	8:550 P.M.
SUBMITTED BY	Dennis Vanden Bloom

DATE

11/2/2020