

Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
 District One Fall 2019  
 Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	03/02/2020	6:00 PM	Norvado Cable, WI.
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**I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Tony Blattler at 6:00 PM

**B. ROLL CALL**

ATTENDEES	Tony Blattler, Kevin Seefeldt, Michael Hamm, Bruce Prentice, Thomas Avis, Gary Mertig, Rob Lombard, Sandra Dee Naas, Patrick Quaintance, Alan Horvath, Tom Johnson, Robert Traczyk, Tom Podlesny, Gary Mabie, Dave Mabie, Douglas Kurtzweil, Robert Swenson, Daniel Tyrolt, Robert Haddick, Guy McFarren, Allan Pribnow, Dennis Haanpaa, Larry Damman, Dan Kevan, <b>WI DNR Personnel present :</b> Jeff Scheirer (Fisheries Biologist), Pat Beringer (Wildlife Biologist Supervisor), James Yach (Secretary's Director Northern WI.), Scott Toshner (Fisheries Supervisor District 1 Area)
EXCUSED	Yvonne Mertig, Kevin Schanning, Jeff Robl, Mike Wade, Skip Sommerfeldt, Rick Olson, Frank Pratt, Joe Weiss ---YCC (ALL Excused)-Madison Schaffer, Ezekiel Rominske, Logan Christianson, Chance Lee, Rowen Donaghue, Layne Olson
UNEXCUSED	Mike Janeczko
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 ITEMS**

**A. Department Of Natural Resources Staff Updates**

DISCUSSION	<b>2.</b> Tony reminded attendees that the intention of this meeting was informational-No Action will be taken. Part of meeting will be preparation to handle Spring Hearing-April 13, 2020 Information shared by DNR personnel included- <b>Fisheries:</b> Jeff S.-Turtle Flam. Flowage Walleye New April 1, Cranberry Lake in Price CO. 2021, Phillips Chain Population work Spring and Fall 2020 – Scott Toshner-New position- population work, studies RE: Walleye recruitment <b>Wildlife:</b> Pat B. update on programs CWD Testing this fall-some counties met the 300 sample-others will continue this fall. Bear Application delay until June 2020. 12% vacancy Wildlife-recruiting carnivore specialist (Scott Walter change) <b>Secretary's Office-James Y.-</b> Gov Lake Superior Tribal/State agreement Mercer Ranger Station Close (Robert)-no Rebuild 2021. Covering for Law Enforcement tonight- 6 field warden vacancies in the north. Park Rangers taking some of the duties back freeing up wardens. 2020 Snowmobile fatalities. High Water tables expecting a lot of flooding this spring. Secretary Cole Now Confirmed (Tony commented-zero coverage by local news media-newspapers, TV etc. -posted on Facebook) Gov. office promote Rural Prosperity-recreation, climate Change initiatives, clean water. Robert H. Minong Ranger?
ACTION	None taken—"Thank You for the information"

**B. Conservation Congress Updates**

	<p>B. Review “Spring Questions-booklet”- Tony B. –we will not be reading the questions –you were asked to read information prior to meeting-we are all adults should be prepared by reading information before attending meeting. We will discuss specific questions where you need additional information. I’d like to start with 3 questions for Fisheries-background info for 41, 48,49. Personally I do not believe that q41- should be passed-loss of opportunity for fishermen –not a necessary change-info from dept . read by Scott-this change is not warranted based on populations.q48 –Tom J.,Sandra Dee, Alan P.-long time in the works. Q49-Buffalo species classification-study needs funding</p> <p>Next questions-Rob L. Q 36/37-Namakagon/StCroix System Bass and Musky changes.</p> <p>Bruce -Q43 Who are “Some people” Doug K. make sure resolutions are “Concise and Precise” Bruce Q31 Experimental Badger Season “It has been suggested” who suggested this season. Larry remember questions are advisory. DNR Pat B.-possibly from a study-DNA study. Mike Hamm Q1-7 Lead ammo-where did this request come from –name of author. Never heard of a study proving any of this. DNR –Pat B. Advisory question looking for support from citizens.”. Bruce Q9-Lottery where did this request come from. If this happens how do we make sure money goes into a segregated account. Sandra Dee Q 1-7—Lead issues in environment look at Shooting Range concerns-studies have shown lead contamination in birds of prey and Loons. Bruce Q28-Back Forty Mine-“Informing Mich” Bruce Q18-Spring Bear Hunt-proof Guy M. Who is author?—It was suggested that if they want NRB Authors named try starting with a spring resolution asking for such. Bruce-Q51 Trespass Law-requires legislation OK but how can we make this happen. Al H. Q24-16 day season why later -private citizen comment to NRB. Al H. Q12-No Hunt Period and Q13 Bow/Archery season short-can hunt during 9 day-need to purchase additional tag.</p> <p><b>3.</b>Guidance for upcoming meetings-discussed as per “Guidance info” District One Committee assignments set for 2019/2020-reviewed -Assignments discussed options –we would like full representation on as many comm. As possible.</p> <p>A. Spring Hearing Logistics-delegate elections, who is up for election, roles and responsibilities, 3 options for each question-2 with special consideration (Option to leave blank), RVN’s offered or ballot not both? From Mike H.-when do new delegates start-refer to COP-Start and end with Convention. Guy heard rumors that delegate elections would be “On-Line”—told no such action was being considered or planned.</p> <p>B.Delegate Profiles C.Local Press Coverage</p> <p><b>4.</b> Other Business</p> <p>B. Youth Conservation Congress discussed as per “Guidance info”-included request from “Friends for donations” here</p> <p>C.WCC Outreach &amp; Public Relations Efforts and Info-using Facebook to connect locally and generations.</p> <p>D. Awards-We need nominations from this District</p> <p>E.Expo Travel Grants</p> <p>F. Learn To Bear Hunt Tag-Dave Mabie discussed with group</p> <p>G. Convention-Book Now “Did you all get today’s Email with pricing “Yes”-suggest food options limited-additional meals being offered on “Green Sheet” <a href="http://WWW.GLCC.ORG">WWW.GLCC.ORG</a></p>
ACTION	No Action Taken -information for Delegates

**Member’s Matters**

<p>Bruce-Resolution –passed by committee rejected by DLC-this is wrong should not happen-Tom P this is not the way it supposed to work</p> <p>WCC Learn to Bear Hunt-Dave Mabie—last 2 years recipients are ILL. Residents?? –we need more local participants.</p>	
<p>Meeting Adjourned @ 09:10 PM</p>	
SUBMITTED BY	<b>Tony Blattler</b>
DATE	<b>March 03,2020</b>