Wisconsin Conservation Congress
District 8 Spring Meeting
Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS
05/11/2021  6:30 pm  Zoom Virtual Meeting

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
A. CALL TO ORDER

| Meeting called to order by | Brett Weir at 6:30 pm |

B. ROLL CALL

| EXCUSED | |
| UNEXCUSED | Christopher Jenquin, Thomas Berg, Erich Mayer, Keith Propson, Andy Geiger, Mike Burkart, Gary Reidy, |
| GUESTS | Corky Meyer, Jerome Donohoe, Kari Lee-Zimmerman |

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

| DISCUSSION |
| ACTION |

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

| DISCUSSION |
| ACTION |

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

| DISCUSSION |
| ACTION |

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Election of District Councilors

[PRESENTER]

| DISCUSSION | Brett Wer Nominated by Larry Bonde. Brett accepts. Motion by Larry to waive the rules and cast a unanimous ballot, second by Tupa. Motion Carries. Tashina Peplinski nominated by Cassandra. Tashina accepts. Motion by Dave Klock to waive the rules and cast a unanimous ballot, second by Paul Witalison. Motion Carries. |
| ACTION |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |

B. Review of results of 2021 Spring Hearing

[PRESENTER]

| ACTION |
13. Yes
14. Yes - Dave Tupa raised a concern that year after year more and more waters are being put to trophy musky limits, however most reach max size at about 50-54".
15. Yes
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31. Yes
32. Yes
33. Reed brought up the discrepancy of the counties that have an over abundant population of white deer voted yes, but the counties that don't have many or any voted no. Larry asked the councilors to talk to the wildlife biologists' input at the DLC meeting, and ask for clarification between lucianism and albinism. Asked how to tell the difference and Reed discussed some of the ways to tell the difference, the color of the nose being a big focus. Discussion on what percentage of the population is white. Possibility of having a white deer management on the county level. District 9 residents majority said yes (575 yes / 425 no). People who recreate in District 9 majority said yes. Motion to support and advance this question to the DLC made by Reed, second by Larry. Motion Carried.
34. Yes
35. Yes
36. No
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C. Provide Input on Code of Procedures Changes [PRESENTER]
D. Finalize district committee assignments

| DISCUSSION | Went through each county and who needed to respond yet. |
| ACTION     |                                                       |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE         |

E. Update on county leadership elections

| DISCUSSION | This year there are no elections. We are hoping that by next year we will have in-person elections.  
If your county wants to have internal elections for Chair / Vice-Chair and wants anonymous ballots to talk to Kari. |
| ACTION     |                                                       |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE         |

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

| DISCUSSION | Reed requested to have the new delegates introduce themselves.  
Ed asked when the full text for the citizen resolutions will be available, and when will committee assignments be posted.  
Reed talked about the YCC addressing some of these resolutions and sending their recommendations to the appropriate committee. He talked about the "Ban" resolutions, and maybe having an "ethics" committee.  
Vanessa UW Green Bay has an heirloom plant sale that you can order online and pick up thurs-sat and all the money raised goes to supporting students doing research.  
Greg Coulthurst asked about addressing the white deer issue on a county level.  
Chris Wegner was happy to have a full delegate roster for this meeting. He also questioned all the different fishing rules that are lake specific becoming complicated and straying from the goal of simplified regulation.  
Trapper Dan questioned the use of "shot gun" resolutions becoming too common, and seems counter productive.  
Larry Bonde talked about license simplification that he is still working on as past chair. Duck stamp is the only license fee increase that ended up in the Governor's budget, but it appears the legislature is going to scrap the Governor's proposed budget and start over, and he is looking for support within the legislature to keep the increase.  
He thinks he might have support for a sandhill crane season, but nothing for sure.  
John Edlbute talked about using dogs on a leash to blood track deer and that this now has a national impact according to the NRA.  
Bernie Newman questioned some of the new citizen resolutions and watching what is being brought forward.  
Brett Weir commented on a lot of concerns being brought forward based on emotions and misinformation more than on facts. He talked about focusing on being an effective delegate, being involved and supporting our mission. |
| ACTION     | Motion to adjourn by Bernie Newman, second by John Edlbute |

IV. ADJOURNMENT

| MEETING ADJOURNED | 8:05 pm |
| SUBMITTED BY      | Tashina Peplinski |
| DATE              | 05/11/2021 |