Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
BEAR COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS | 12/10/2020 | 7:00 PM | Zoom Virtual

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
A. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting called to order by Mike Rogers at 7:06 PM

B. ROLL CALL  
ATTENDEES  
Dave Mabie, Gary Mabie, Hunter Denison, Curt Loew, Connie Polzin, Arlen Heistad, Jim Young, Ralph Fritsch, Wayne Klett, Al Lobner, Eugene Muench, Scott Strook, Jeff Klatt, Bob Knorr, Charles Dreher, Chris Wegner, Mike Rogers, Mike Murphy, Dennis Jones, Dave Lois, Randy Johnson, Jennifer Price Tack, Kelly Crotty, Kari-Lee Zimmerman, Faron French.

EXCUSED  
Perry Hurlburt, Scott Plocar.

UNEXCUSED  
Jeff Thums, Isaac Carlson, Jody Bigalke, Richard Marti.

GUESTS  

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR  
DISCUSSION None  
ACTION None

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT  
DISCUSSION Committee felt Mission Statement needed no changes.

ACTION Motion by Mike Murphy and 2nd by Scott Strook to accept Mission Statement as written. Approved.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
DISCUSSION None  
ACTION None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS
A. Res. 040220, 090120, 310220, 680320 Delete NR 10.07 (1)(i) of code  

DISCUSSION This resolution is in regards to the leash law for the northern 1/3 of the state of Wisconsin. This law makes it illegal to train your dog from May 1 to July 31 unless it is on a leash except for the bear training season. Pat along with many feels this is discriminatory to those that live in the northern 1/3 of the state. Corky Meyer also spoke with regards to this resolution. In his opinion this law has done its job and people are now educated and the law should be removed so the people in the north can work with their dogs during this time of the year. Kelly Crotty expressed his concern for the other wildlife such as birds and nongame species that are having young at this time of year.

ACTION Motion to support by Ralph Fritsch, 2nd by Mike Murphy. Motion carried.

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE  
DEADLINE  
Pat Quaintance

B. Res. 040820, 130320 Bear baiting change  

DISCUSSION The author spoke in regard to the reasons why this resolution has not passed in the past. She felt that the public was not taking the actions of bear hunting seriously. She felt the committee was not taking her seriously and did not ask her any serious questions. Committee members asked questions about what would happen if their baits went dead or if it was only visited by sows and cubs. Cynthia just feels there needs to be more accountability and has no solution on how to monitor the situation. Kelly Crotty tried to explain to her what all happens at that time of year in regards to Law Enforcement. Its not that wardens don't want to follow up such things but boating accidents and ATV accidents have to take priority and they do what needs to be done first. Ms. Samels just feels it needs to be taken more seriously and feels that LE can do better.

Cynthia Samels
**ACTION** | Motion to reject by Mike Murphy, 2nd by Chucker Dreher. Motion carried.  
**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE** |  
**DEADLINE** |  

**C. Res. 130120 Ban Theobromine**  
Jean Voss  
**DISCUSSION** | The author used some statistics of how the vote came out in her county. She feels that although there have been no bears found lately with theobromine poisoning, such places as the Chequamegon NF is too big to be monitored and feels that there are still bears dying of this. Jean feels the state needs to spend more money to do the research to verify that there are bears dying of this even though no one has found any.  
**ACTION** | Motion to reject by Al Lobner, 2nd by Chucker Dreher. Motion carried with one opposed.  
**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE** |  
**DEADLINE** |  

**D. Res. 130920, 131020, 610220 Shorten training season**  
Lois Lehmann  
**DISCUSSION** | The author spoke of a lot of situations of how bear hunting is done and feels that it is not fair chase but many of the members did not understand what she was talking about. She feels that a two month training season is just training the bear to tree easier and it will become easier to harvest in the fall. Some members explained to the author how they train their dogs and although the general public thinks all that done is you put the dog on the track and the bear trees is not how it really happens. At this time only bear hounds are limited to a training season, most other dogs used for hunting can be trained all year round. Some members also tried to explain to the author how they go hunting.  
**ACTION** | Motion to reject by Chris Wegner, 2nd by Arlen Herstad. Motion carried with one opposed.  
**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE** |  
**DEADLINE** |  

**E. Res. 600120 Limit non-residents**  
Mike Rogers  
**DISCUSSION** | The author was not present to speak about his resolution so Chairman Rogers read his proposal. Mike asked some questions of Randy Johnson regarding the resolution and to get some clarifications. There were no questions from members of the committee.  
**ACTION** | Motion to reject by Mike Murphy, 2nd by Chucker Dreher. Motion carried  
**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE** |  
**DEADLINE** |  

**F. DNR Updates**  
Randy Johnson & Jennifer Price Tack  
**DISCUSSION** | 1hr26min  
**ACTION** |  
**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE** |  
**DEADLINE** |  

**G. Law Enforcement Updates**  
Kelly Crotty  
**DISCUSSION** |  
**ACTION** |  
**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE** |  
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### III. MEMBERS MATTERS

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### IV. ADJOURNMENT

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