December 4, 2009

Minutes Fur Harvest Committee

* Called to order by Chairman Scott Zimmerman at 7pm
* Reviewed mission statement/no changes
* Noted all members present

Conservation Ward Dave Waller replaced John Welke for this meeting.

* Guest Speaker
  - Kelley Thiel, USDA Wildlife Services Benton Hunt
  - Distributed handouts
  - Power Pt. Presentation

Spoke on costs of beaver removal & yearly maintenance of those streams

USDA traps lots of trout stream animals with TIU

* More than 1000 traps within cooperative agreements (national forest, state forest, etc.)

USDA annually traps about 1100 beavers per year on 1500 miles of streams within their cooperative agreements and over 200 complaint beavers (mainly modern) and also removes all dams over 700 beaver pelts were sold and between 75-100 pounds of fur sold
Questions moved from Front Undecided Doing more Trapping in addition to Wildlife Socs. Questions on Cost of Stream maintenance and question of Donating Fun Feston money more should be directed to Youth Trapper Projects

Kelly Thiel also noted that 10 Wildlife Service Trappers took 83 incidental otter. These otters go to the DNR Fund Shed and Data is being compiled on incidental otter catches in an effort to reduce these numbers. John Olson scored 2008-10 will be the last year for a regular Bobcat season; more information will be coming at the next Funbeaver meeting. In 2010 $3.00 will be added to the Bobcat application and will be dedicated to Bobcat research. Olson also stated that they are on the verge of Truth Commission research. Jon Olson also stated that they have approved hiring a full-time Funbeaver research person.
Olson also related that fisher numbers tend to be on the decline in the northern half of the Northern Fisher Zones.

In regards to maintenance reintroduction, 30 manted were released last year in the Clam Lake area. 30 more manted will be released in the next 2 years.

3 2009 advisory questions were advanced.
1. Combine North & South Fox Zones
2. Colony Traps
3. Non resident starting 2009 season at the same time as residents.

Resolution #190109 To obtain Tnos/BSB Cat Valid License
Author of resolution could not attend.
Resolution read by Scott Zimmerman.
Motion by Pat Van Kaunenberg, Marcus Bassee unanimous M/C

Resolution #190609 Allow Hunting of Predators over Bait
Concerns over listening, amount of Bait, species to be hunted & beginning & ending dates, concern that resolution too broad and vague.

Author read resolution & had written talking points.
Motion to table by Dan Cichonterk
Motion: Resolution will be amended

Resolution: 2008-09 except muskrat season in the Winnebago zone

Secretary Dave Hanrachan chaired this resolution as Scott Zimmerman spoke on this. Shortage of muskrats and extended season will hurt population. Dan Carroll made motion to reject this. Larry Vanden Hoffman motion to reject carried 1 against.

Resolution 500309 Preseason marking of trap sites

Author read resolution claims conflicts can occur as well as unsportsmanlike conduct with preseason marking and that will influence young trappers. Motion to accept banning this practice made by Todd Bigalke/Bruce Albrecht. Motion carried 2 opposed.
Resolution 610209  Elimination of Spring Beaver Trapping
Discussion of Beaver nested protection its population is declining. This also causes loss of habitat for birds for other fur bears and water fowl. Against eliminating spring trapping was Beaver are shot by compounds, federal beaver eradication. Bruce Albrecht motion to accept 2nd by Myron Leis. Motion carried 10 in favor 0 against

Tabled Resolution 190609
Resolution tabled earlier in the meeting authorized to begin Decl. Each year and end on the close of Fox Season motion made to accept Bruce Albrecht/ Larry Vanderhoff motion accepted unanimously.

2010 Meeting Planned
Due to the late hour of ending the committee meeting on a Friday night it was voted to hold the 2010 meeting August 21 10am at the Meadow Wildlife Center

Motion to Adjourn  Richard Arrow/Bruce Albrecht

Respectfully Submitted
Anne Thompson Secretary
Fair Haven Committee