Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Executive Council
Minutes
DNR South Central Region Headquarters
3911 Fish Hatchery Road
Fitchburg, WI53711
Tuesday, May 24, 2011
10:00

1. Organizational Matters
   A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Rob Bohmann at 10:01 a.m.
   B. Members present: Joe Weiss, Rich Kirchmeyer, Al Brown, Mike Riggle, Roger Sabota,
      Kevin Marquette, John Aschenbrenner, Mark Noll, Marc Schultz, Stan Brownell, Dave
      Puhl, Dale Maas, Dick Koerner, Dave Miller, Larry Bonde, Lee Fahrney, Mike Rogers,
      Ken Risley, Al Phelan, Al Shook, Rob Bohmann, Andrew Limmer, Jim Wrolstad
      Excused: Dave Hraychuck
      Others present: Scott Loomans, Kari Lee-Zimmermann, Tim Andryk, Joe Caputo, Richard
      Kaufert, Ricky Kaufert, Carl Mesman

2. Discussion and Action Items:
   A. Review votes of Statewide Delegation – DNR: Rich Kirchmeyer

   Q1: Advance as amended by DNR
   Q2-3: Advance
   Q4: Rejected
   Q5-10: Advance
   Q11: Rejected
   Q12-25: Advance
   Q26-27: NRB questions for information only
   Q28: Rejected by roll call vote 35-36.
   Q29-38: Advance
   Q39: Rejected
   Q40: Rejected
   Q41: Advance
   Q42-44: No action
   Q45: Rejected
   Q46: Advance

   Q1: Aschenbrenner: Noted drastic change to question on size of hooks by DNR. Passed as
   presented in 72 counties but still changed.“They changed the size of the minnows and added
   the circle hook.”
Q 28 Bonde: emphasized how “stupid” and “incompetent” the Congress looked by the roll call vote rejecting the question. Questions if Exec Ctte needs to put something in the Conservation Chronicle. Believes the Exec Council passed it unanimous the night before.

Phelan with history: Goes back to Dave Ladd 10 years as chair of Big Game 10 years ago. He was contacted by a hunter in Portage County who had to buy a gun license in order to get a hunter’s choice tag to shoot a deer with his ball. The hunter questioned why he couldn’t use a bow during the gun season. Ladd got it through Big Game, got it on the statewide ballot and it fell through the crack at DNR. “Rob Bohmann and I went to the DNR deer ctte three times; finally the Dept got it on their side of the questionnaire. It passed on a county vote; there was no discussion; no new information. Passed on a unanimous vote the night before, then overridden. Thinks there was a violation of the Code of Procedure for that vote to be overturned on the floor of the Congress.

Unanimous vote the night before to get it moved from 2012 to 2011. “It makes us look really stupid.”

Bonde: “If we keep doing things like this, nobody is going pay attention to us.”

Phelan: “This is the reason people go to the legislature. This has been going on for 10 years.”

Bonde: “We pushed to get it on the questionnaire and then we reject it. How dumb can you look?”

Unknown: “It passed 2600 to 2300.”

Kirchmeyer: It failed 35 yes, 36 no

Shook: Said the chair of R & R Ctte reported to him delegates don’t have to vote the way the county votes; that people didn’t understand the question. “I don’t assume the people who come to my meetings are dumb.” Shook said delegation should vote their county’s position; that people think they can vote the way they want; that shouldn’t happen.”

Riggle: Said the COP does not say delegates have to vote the way the county voted, e.g., on a close vote at the county level. Said no one knows the COP better than Chair of R & R Ctte.

Weiss: Said delegation not tied to county if new information is presented on the floor,

Schultz: Questions why it would be a DNR question and then comes back through the Congress. “It’s just a rehash.”

Maas: Quotes from COP, Item 4. Believes with no new information, confusion or misrepresentation, misunderstanding, it would have been appropriate to declare that out of order. Questions if the Council has the obligation to overrule what was done on the floor. “Do we have an obligation to correct that?”

Bonde: Questions if we can do that now.

Andryk: Suggests asking county chairs why they voted the way they did and relating it to Item 4 of the COP. “Have them be responsible and explain why they did it. The floor vote does not bind the exec council.”

Maas: Suggests we are sending a mixed message; that the Congress is showing that it is ineffective.

Riggle: Says there are other examples of items being brought up on the floor in conflict with the Congress vote, e.g. CWD issues. Different ways to weigh in, e.g., state vote, exec council floor, and then NRB vote.
Brownell: Suggests we need to let people know at the spring hearings that sometimes vote may change based on new info. Suggests CountyChair make an announcement to that effect to get that information to the public before the meeting starts.
Maas: Says he tells people at the spring hearings that the delegation will vote their wishes at least on the first ballot unless new information exists that we will have to reconsider the decision of the county. “It doesn’t need to be any more than that.”
Puhl: Suggests that as leaders, sometimes we have to take a position that is best for the Congress. Suggests this might be a situation where it might be up to the Council or the Committee to do what’s best.
Shook: Motion to advance because it did not follow statewide and county vote and that no new information was provided on the floor to override the county vote.
Second by Puhl.
Point of order: Riggle Are we voting against our county? Are we throwing away our county vote?
Bonde: “You are voting your district.”
Phelan: “There is additional info presented today.”
Much discussion of how counties voted.
Bonde requested a roll call.
Shook: Not how your county did or how your individual district did. It was a state wide and county wide vote to advance this question. That’s what the motion calls for.
Bonde: “It was 40-31 on the statewide; 35-36 on the roll call.”
Rich Double paddle vote.
Noll: Reported his county was one that switched votes; it was 21-20 in county. Caucassed our delegation and changed; decided to vote no. Concern with outfitters leasing land for bow hunters in BuffaloCounty. Not against bow hunters. Switched for a reason. Acknowledged no more information presented.
Bonde: Will discuss at the next Exec Ctte meeting.
Koerner: Mentioned paddle vote 32-31 to advance. One no; one yes.
Kirchmeyer: Reason for a double paddle vote was number of votes didn’t equal number of delegates.
Wrolstad: See counties voting against their county vote. This isn’t right.
Miller: WashingtonCounty biggest concern is gun hunters will go out and buy a bow license, shoot two deer with their gun, then bow hunt.
Bohmann: already allowed in Metro and CWD zones. This question going forward would make it statewide.
Kari: Law Enforcement ok with it.
Scott Loomans: Will relay to the board the statewide vote and will leave it to you to explain what happened at the statewide.
Weiss: Personally in favor but will have to vote no with a two to one vote against.
Brown: how do you explain it to the people back home.
Maas: Voting on statewide vote. Passed whether county or district voted no. Now a procedural issue that will make or break this organization. “Do we support the state wide vote”
Motion is to advance Question 28 to the NRB because the question did not follow the state, county and total vote, friendly amendment because no new information was provided on the floor to cause a change in the vote.
Brown: Question on how to explain it to the folks back home.
Phelan: Agreed with Maas; call the question.
Mike: Northern counties not in favor of this, but state wide vote takes precedence.
Weiss: Point of order; then statewide vote takes precedence over the vote we take today.
Passed unanimous with Brown abstaining.
Q26: Noll points out it’s a shared resource, working with Minnesota and Iowa. People of Wisconsin want this. Shouldn’t be concerned with what Minnesota wants and won’t be catching minnows out in the middle anyway. A heritage thing.
Schultz: Disagrees. Reciprocity is important. Suggests Wisconsin needs to pursue the change to get it moving forward
Rich: quoted Delegate Domine “DNR did not provide much info on this question; reiterates it’s a cultural issue. Staggs said we need to collaborate with Minnesota. We need to do what Wisconsin wants.
Bohmann: This will be taken up at fisheries meeting in Sept. Weiss and Maas went last year
Maas: Recalls there was concern about the (VHS) virus. Notes we have had questions in the past where we were trying to concur with boundary waters issues with other states. Somebody has to move it forward.
Andryk: Noted Governor signed AB 8 yesterday that will slow down rule making for another year before it can go to the board. We have to do an economic impact statement for every rule before we can take it to the board. DNR will have to hire an economist. Notes George Meyer tried to get an exception for hunting and fishing rules but was told to wait. Exception is for emergency rules but it has to be ok’d by Governor. No economic impact required for emergency. May need a box on any resolution brought forward at the spring hearings to indicate if there is an economic impact.
Maas: Everything will have an economic impact.
Marc: Since rules are going into slow motion, need to move on it now in order to negotiate with Minnesota.
Phelan: VHS rules have been changed because the public wasn’t going to abide by them. E.g. someone on a four day fishing trip up north would have to buy new minnows every time he went out. Dept changed it so that if you took the minnows off that body of water you could go back to that body of water.
Noll: motion go on record to advance to the DNR fish committee as a rules consideration in 2012.
Miller second
Motion passed by unanimous vote.
Q1: Quick strike Fisheries thought the changes were minor 1 reduced size of the minnow from 10 to 8. Also added circle hooks. Went through at 8 inches last year so they felt that was ok statewide. Thought 10 inches was too long. Change it back if you feel that.
Aschenbrenner: Has a problem with circle hook; two different hooks; noted he has had to cut lines with circle hooks.
Bonde: Changing things destroys our credibility.
Shook: Very few people who don’t use quick strike on Pewaukee Lake; mostly catch and release. Reports people in his district were upset that the circle hook was added. If it goes against the state wide vote doesn’t believe council should supporting it.
Rich at the annual meeting delegation requested three changes
Weiss Why wasn’t that info provided for the spring hearings? They could have put out something for the hearings. Just the idea wants to reject it.
Roger five years ago, I switched to circle hooks I dug four of them out of the gullet.
Aschenbrenner made a motion to support the question with the 8-inch amendment but reject the circle hook recommendation.
Second by Sabota: Motion passed unanimously.

B. Review votes of Statewide Delegation – WCC

Q.47: Advance
Q.48: Rejected
Q.49-54: Advance
Q.55: Rejected
Q.56: Rejected (tie vote)
Q.57: Rejected
Q.58: Advance
Puhl: On Q.56 Asked for an explanation on tie vote.
Kirchmeyer: Tie vote is a no vote.
Noll: If failed in a majority of counties it will fail at state.
Schultz: Noted consistency.
Shook: Need to pay attention and call a point of order if necessary.
Q48 Miller: Reports that the president of the Cross Bow Association advised that a western state got sued because the state received federal funds and they tax the archery equipment therefore they must allow everybody to use a crossbow. Legislature is looking into it.
Q 62: Brown: Advised that he apologized at the Wolf ctte meeting for the question which came from the Hunting with Dogs ctte rather than wolf regarding relocation of problem wolves. The department doesn’t do this and it was misleading to the voters. Said the question should never have been put out to the public. Make sure we get it to the correct committee. Said the wolf ctte didn’t know anything about it.
Kari: Said it shouldn’t have been sent out. Stated she brought it up at the Jan Exec Council meeting that it shouldn’t have gone out.
Boehmman: Said the decision was to support the R&R committee.
Puhl: Said it all started with the county resolution format; it was then broken down into several questions. Said in defense of people using dogs for hunting, we have to get all on board and get this wolf situation under control.
Phelan: Not Kari’s role to correct questions. Kari’s job to it send back to ctte informing that info is wrong. “Some questions that made me shutter.”
Maas; Suggests many times that committees don’t do their job and Exec Council is clearing house to correct this. Said it also goes back to liaisons with ctte. Said they are the ones who should tell us if we are off track.
C. Addition of positions to Executive Committee

Bohmann: Noted Treasurer position was shot down as was adding a second vice chair.
Maas: discussion and possible action to add at large members.
Mass: Motion to add two at-large positions to the Exec Committee.
Riggle: Second.

Discussion
Maas: Believes it would spread out the workload serve as leadership development, fix problem with violating open meetings law. Money is justified.
Brown: Refers to Wisconsin blue book which shows a secretary-treasurer position for WCC.
Broke down by grouping districts.
Brown: Moves amendment to read to three vice chairs, one each elected from Districts 1-4, 5-8 and 9-12.

Second by Kirchmeyer
Noll: Suggests we might end up with everybody either east or west. Questions if we have people with time to do it?
Schultz: Asks if we need to take action today.
Riggle: Noted it’s hard to get people to run for office. Suggests a problem with people not being able to make the meetings. Does not believe we have a problem with representation.
Bonde: Points out there is much confusion and that we are pushing this forward too fast.
Puhl: A major change from what he has heard from people. Said people don’t think it will work.
Maas. Understands nominations would take place on the convention floor.
Brown: Said it would happen today.

Maas: We need to be consistent. Electing people today would be inconsistent with electing them next year at the convention. Attempts to clarify that these positions would be elected by the Council rather than from the floor of the convention.
Kirchmeyer: Agreed with Brown’s idea. “It will give the Congress access to each area.” Said that we should have Executive Committee members at meetings. Notes all members from south or southeastern part of state. There are important meetings that someone should be attending; by having five members, it will lessen the load. Stated he is interested in one of the positions.
Bohmann: Chair has the authority to ask anyone to go to any meetings. E.g. Mark to deer committee meetings.
Bonde: Call the question.
Kirchmeyer: Asked for roll call

Ayes: Weiss, Kirchmeyer, Brown, Marquette, Aschenbrenner, Phelan
Noes: Riggle, Sabota, Noll, Schultz, Brownell, Puhl, Maas, Koerner, Miller, Bonde, Fahrney, Rogers, Risley, Shook, Bohmann, Limmer, Wrolstad

Motion fails: 17-6
Shook: Opposed having one fifth of the Council on the committee. The chair can assign people to go to these meetings. More appropriate to not change the number but change the COP to have others go to these meetings. If five, then we’ll have three getting together in violation of open meetings.
Andryk: COP already allows chair to attend study cttes. Exec Ctte members may attend meetings but the Chair can send others. Harvey set policy (not a COP requirement) to have a Exec Ctte member at each meeting.
Riggle: Supports the idea as this was a recommendation from R&R. They didn’t realize that adding one member would create a negative quorum issue. Better input with five people and get away from the quorum issue. Five minds better than three. Also, acknowledges others can be sent to various meetings as appropriate, e.g. Al to wolf meeting.
Rogers: I think it has to go back to the R&R. “We are changing what they wanted.” “We’re going to two more and they said one.”
Weiss: If approved, will they be appointed or elected at the convention?
Maas: The vote could be taken today.
Kirchmeyer: Restates position that it would be better to have five people to attend meetings. Stated he learned much from attending meetings. Thinks it should be a member of executive ctte at each meeting.
Brownell: “Is one of these positions supposed to be a treasurer?”
Bohmann: There is no money; any money belongs to the Friends of the Conservation Congress.
Kirchmeyer: Confirms we now have a secretary rather than a treasurer-secretary position.
Sabota: Suggests county chairs could go to some of these meetings. Our chair should be able to call on these county chairs.
Motion by (inaudible) to add two positions; second by (?Kirchmeyer?) to add two positions to the Executive Committee.
Kirchmeyer asks for roll call.
Ayes: Weiss, Kirchmeyer, Riggle, Sabota, Marquette, Noll, Schultz, Maas, Koerner, Miller, Limmer, Rogers, Phelan, Wrolstad
Noes: Brown, Aschenbrenner, Brownell, Puhl, Bonde, Fahrney, Risley, Shook
Abstention: Bohmann
Motion fails 14-8 due to lack of 3/4ths vote.
Bonde motion to send proposal to R&R with all discussion.
Second by Puhl
Motion carried.
Puhl: This is a major change. The delegations must vote on this.
Bonde: Point of Information: If it goes to R & R, then it will go to the convention.
R & R meets in August. Take info to district meetings.
Puhl: Needs to go beyond the 24 people on the Council.
Kari: Can be sent to district meetings.
Schultz: Need a set of talking points.
Bohmann: Put it through the Council at the Jan. meeting and the spring district meetings.
Maas: Charge to R&R must be clear. “Need a product out there that can be a thumbs up or down.”
Fahrney: Some delegates thought two additional people should be voted on from the floor of the convention.
  a. Friends of WCC update:
Bohmann: Wants to take over as chair in place of Ed Harvey and keep Al Shook and John Edelblute. Explains there is a one, two and three year term. However, that has not been addressed. It was not clarified which one had which terms.
Puhl motion to appoint Bohmann, Shook and Atlebooth to FOCC.
Second by Phelan
Andryk: Friends group is a separate entity. The Council has only an advisory role. No requirement to get council approval.
Schultz: Thinks we are on a slippery slope with current procedures.
Kari: The FOCC bylaws have three people but the Council must approve the three directors. That is an eternal issue that the directors. The Exec Council should not have any input.
Riggle: “That is what it may have been in the beginning, but now we shouldn’t be involved.”
Puhl: Withdraws motion.
12:25 Recess for lunch

3. Assigned Resolutions:
   D. Moved resolution 040211 up to allow testimony from Allan Pribnow of Bayfield County

Resolution 040211 proposes to create Shooting Range Committee to review Wisconsin ranges and needs.
Pribnow of Bayfield County: distributed booklets and CD plan for each shooting range to deal with lead. States it has been ten years since we have spent any money on this. No state wide regulations on shooting ranges. Suggests Congress has the authority and reputation to propose appropriate rules.
Phelan: Asked if Pribnow had talked to Tim Lawhern.
Pribnow: Lawhern says he has no money to do anything with ranges. Used to have more than $100,000 of Pittman Robinson money to work with, sometimes up to $146,000. The spigot dried up 10 years ago. If we take P-R then the range has to be controlled by the DNR.
Riggle: Can P-R be used?
Meyer: Up to 10 percent can be used for hunter education and for ranges. It’s up to the secretary. About 10 years ago it stopped.
Maas: You said George it used to go to hunter ed and for ranges.
Maas: Will this take away from hunter education? Will someone else lose if this goes forward?
Meyer: Still a bulge from P-R less than last year. It’s smaller this year.
Noll: Went into deer research.
Miller: Everything is in place. Stepp can do it, right? We need to step up and say we want to restore this money. Need to put pressure on DNR administration.
Meyer: 25 percent to staff
Brown: Believes some of the PR is going to a biologist salary.
Pribnow: There are six employees involved. If one was dropped, we would have some money. The problem is it will cost $10,000 for the removal of lead if the government gets involved.
Puhl: Do we want to establish a ctte? Can debate money but the questions is whether we need a ctte.
Riggle: Made a motion to direct chair to appoint an ad hoc to study shooting range ctte and report back in January. 
Second by Limmer
Marquette: Suggests it may be cutting off money for hunter education in Shawano.
Kari: More than just the allocation of money that is involved with a secretary decision. 
Pribnow. Not required for them to shoot.
Bonde: Up to the Chair to determine what is the scope of the ctte’s responsibilities. Need a well-defined role.
Sabota: Does the NRA still have free consulting to hunter ed?
Motion to advance passed unanimously.

A. 130411 – Continuing the prohibition on use of Stewardship Funds for Golf Courses
Meyer: States the legislator promoting this is awaiting more info, and it is still possible that it will be brought to the floor of the legislature. Gave vote in local area. To put this to bed, asks that it be supported.
Phelan made a motion to support
Second by Risley
Meyer: Friendly amendment to add “nature based outdoor activities” to the motion.
Passed unanimously.

B. 680111 – Rainbow Springs property agreement calls for the removal of a 36-hole golf course. There have been recent efforts to keep the golf course intact.
Shook: the difference is that his proposal is to work with DNR to close the course. The senator involved is receiving pressure from golf coaches, parents to keep it open. The majority of the property is Waukesha County.
Phelan motion to support
Second by Miller
Passed unanimous

C. 450311 – Inclusion of persons with Upper Body disabilities
Richard Kaufert Introduced his disabled son, Ricky. When he is on shooting stand he can’t hold the gun up because he has upper body disability. The current rules deal with lower extremities only while there are methods by which a person with upper body challenges could safely handle a firearm.
Shook: Expressed shock and outrage no one has been able to get something done to fix this problem.
Carl Mesman: Liaison to the Disability Advisory Council discussed the intent of the Oct. hunt. Reviewed the three reasons for permit. Noted there are six people on the council appointed by the Gov. Five are mobility disabled, one is sight disabled.
Discussion to expand the opportunities. The only permit for upper extremities is crossbow. This would be a Class six permit. It would have to be serious enough to require an apparatus.
Mesman: Message has been sent to other states. No one has a similar permit.
Shook: Stated that talking about the problem for four years is “ridiculius.” The hunter knows what he needs. Hunting is a heritage.
Shook moved to send a letter to the legislature to support allowing any disabled person with upper extremity disability to participate in any hunt.

Miller seconded.

Mesman: Reported that a few years ago we had many people who didn’t have a disability and only so many slots in the October hunts were available. Criteria were established to allow for various disabilities to determine who should get the permits.

Kari: No need to shoot the messenger (referring to comments made to Mesman. When I dug into it there is no way to create an upperbody permit. It’s a Legislative issue. To wipe out the system is not an option. We need something specific.

Larry: Doesn’t like the broad stroke of the motion.

Marquette: Questioned which hunting seasons are included. Acknowledges the problems knowing of an example where a person had one year to live and was denied a permit.

Mesman: The only thing addressed is for the Oct. Hunt. They can still go hunting at other times.

Phelan: So many rules that prevents slackers from taking advantage. Rules are so tight that a needy person can be left unserviced.

Riggle: Very complicated. Sending a letter to the legislature may make us feel good but what good it will do. Need to find sponsors. We took away the Oct. hunt. We need to get involved. When you (Mesman), have legislation ready, we should be at their disposal to help. Then we can contact the legislature to weigh in.

Limmer: It’s important that Wisconsin lead the way. We need more than just a letter.

Kirchmeyer: Anybody can have a handicapped hunt, but it has to be 80 acres.

Kari: Administrative rule can be one way to address this.

Koerner: Legislative involvement might be necessary. Dean Kaufert would introduce legislation in his committee. Want to have the language for them, not by them.

Mesman: will go to his ctte and continue to work on this.

Maas: Appropriate for chair to develop a small ctte.

Koerner: Questions if DAC is aware of situation?

Mesman: Everyone is aware. Has been involved in eyesight disabilities with crossbow.

Miller: Would volunteer to keep council aware of progress.

Bonde: How can we help the most. Can we simplify the rules.

Marquette: There is no limitation on youth hunt.

Phelan: Must keep it restricted enough to prevent misuse.

Mesman: It needs legislation to authorize the permit, not an administrative rule.

Kaufer: Can a class B be modified to give a class A permit?

Mesman: No permit exists. No handicapped permit to allow anything other than a crossbow.

Motion by Riggle to table

Bonde second

Motion passed;

Motion passed 22-1 with Shook registering a no vote.

Chair to send letter to Secretary Stepp to support a change to provide disability permit for upper extremity disability.

Motion by Mass

Second by Wrolstad

Passed unanimously.
E. 150111 – Increase Service Center hours by keeping open during lunch
Weiss: Plan in place to open service center (from Stepp) during lunch.
Kari: Spoke with agency people. They are working on the issue.
Motion by Maas to expand the hours at all DNR service centers whereever possible including the noon hour.
Second by Phelan
Kirchmeyer: Right now Park Falls office is open a half day a week. Cost would be prohibitive.
Maas: People need to put on a different hat and then open up.
Rogers: We have complaints from everyone. Look at the office hours here.
Phelan: Emphasized the name is Customer Service Center.
Kari: The department’s goal is improve customer service.
Koerner: Service center staff in his area are moving around to other centers and others have been moved to other jobs.
Riggle: Our state is broke. We can’t have everything. The money has to come from somewhere else. We shouldn’t be so pompous that we must do this. Where’s the money coming from? We can’t micromanage.
Weiss: I think this is important. DNR serving the public says it all. It starts with the public.
Noll: Offices shouldn’t necessarily be open all the time. There are not always busy. You have to balance this.
Weiss: Not only how many people walk in the door but the calls that come in. they might get someone in Madison.
Schultz: The phone system is dysfunctional.
Maas: Not a mandate to open every office all the time.
Motion passed unanimously

4. Council Member matters
   A. August WCC District Meetings
Kari: District meetings between Aug 1-12. Info needed by June 25.
   B. Review Wolf Study CtteMtg and Update
Brown: testified at Fish & Wildlife May 18, 2011 hearing on delisting of wolf. WWF presented 36,000 plus names to support delisting wolf. E.G. cattleman from Michigan testified about loss of cattle. Will need to come before the Congress.Have to be concerned with not only gray wolves but hybrids and sub species. Humane Society was present but not testifying. Estimated by some that we could sustain a 33 percent harvest.Suggested writing congress representatives and Fish and Wildlife Service officials.
Riggle: Positive impact on the economy because there would be people guiding, hunting.
Noll: many people fed up with the system and are shooting wolves.
Marquette: HR 509 is the Congressional legislation.
Members Input:
Maas: Mentioned checks and balance issue, delegates, chairmen, exec councilor, ctte chairman, Outreach Ctte and how we’re going to do that. Stressed attendance at meetings. Must follow procedures. Said we don’t have a way of dealing with people who not following the procedures. Need a peer review group. If we are going to be held in high regard, we need to be accountable.
Mentioned lack of formatting on resolutions even by those written by county delegates. Also mentioned problem of shotgun resolutions.
Koerner: Regarding Rules and Resolutions ctte work, there were 203 resolutions. 68 duplicates on the Stewardship issue.
Wrolstad: shame that some counties go against their county vote.
Schultz: Mentioned hydro dams. Said if the power companies get control the water (dam) will harm fish and wildlife habitat will be harmed. Noted we have 60 days to get comments in.
Miller: need informational advisory proposal
Phelan: Need a letter to the secretary on a personnel matter. Need increased staffing for WCC liaison position.
Risley: CWD mentioned lack of trust in DNR deer estimates. Need for other parts of state to take advantage of lessons learned in CWD management units. Something to be gained from deer population estimates in the CWD MZ. Flaw is SAK formula which contains theoretical data instead of scientific data.
Shook: emphasized need to check resolutions before they are submitted. In the CWD MZ, get around to the point where DNR is not genuine by not taking the buck deer off the land but having EAB requiring a doe first. Wives don’t want the venison. More land off limits. Many people don’t want to shoot them.
Schultz: QUESTIONS legislature taking over rule making. Against decisions regarding EAB that are all inclusive. Need a regional framework so that we don’t have people voting from all over the state on regional issues. Simple seasons were once a good idea and worked, but eventually failed. Questions how to handle high interest committee appointments; the number of people who want to get on the Big Game but never get a chance. Mentioned Murphy who only allowed two exec councilors on a given ctte.
Bohmann: Let us make the decision to make changes.
Miller: Part of the job of the exec ctte is to make the tough decision. May need to change appointments to committees.
Brownell: Couple of thank yous to Kari and Al Brown for representing this congress.
Kirchmeyer: Individual who wants to donate a bear permit. Make sure that we need something on COP at the state convention. Speaks against personal agenda items. Wants to stay involved though no longer on Exec Ctte.
Brown: We have a little dead weight. Has an individual ctte member who hasn’t been to a meeting in three years.
Roger: We grew a lot today. We looked at some tough questions.
Riggle: Term limits may be necessary. How do we get money set aside for deer research?
Fahrney: Thanked Maas for volunteer work with Outdoor Expo. Should try to get a similar event in Western part of the state. Procedures need to be cleaned up within Exec Council actions as well as elsewhere in the organization. Need to follow Roberts Rules more closely.
Rather than Co-Chairs of committees, suggests a chair and a vice chair, Chair has certain responsibilities, vice chair is an understudy in a leadership development role.
Bonde: Need training and changes to ctte structure.
Kari: Received an e-mail from Mesman (during meeting in progress) stating rather than create a new permit for disabled with upper body disabilities, add it to the Class A permit. Create criteria to apply to other situations.
Motion to adjourn by Aschenbrenner
Second by Shook
Meeting adjourned at 4:24
Respectfully submitted,

Lee Fahrney, Secretary
Wisconsin Conservation Congress