Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS | 09/17/13 | 8:00 PM | Conference Call

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
A. CALL TO ORDER
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY | Rob Bohmann at 8:07 PM

B. ROLL CALL
ATTENDEES | Rob Bohmann, Larry Bonde, Joe Weiss, Lee Fahrney, Al Suchla, Kari Lee-Zimmermann, Al Phelan, Dave Tupa
EXCUSED
UNEXCUSED
GUESTS

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR
DISCUSSION | None
ACTION | Motion to approve as written by Suchla, seconded by Bonde, motion carried

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT
DISCUSSION
ACTION

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS
DISCUSSION
ACTION

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS
A. WCC DEER & ELF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT A COUNTY-BASED SYSTEM WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DTR
AL PHELAN
DISCUSSION | Phelan – discussed Big Game Committee recommendations to base deer management on a county system as opposed to the current DMU system, would get congress more involved, supports recommendation of the DTR committee in response to the “Kroll” report, seeks Exe Comm approval since it was not on the Big Game agenda
Fahrney – motion to approve recommendation
Bonde – seconded
Bonde – this is moving forward rapidly and if we are able to act we must act now
Fahrney – do we want a press release out
Bonde – yes, there is support for this in Big Game
Bohmann – DNR is going to NRB next Wed to get approval to go out to public hearing on this subject
Phelan – a “region” concept for deer management came out of the DTR committee, however, a county
or a “district” approach mirroring the WCC structure makes more sense
Bohmann – this “county” approach will be on the agenda when going out to public hearing, it also falls in line with the DMAP concept

ACTION
Motion to Approve Carried

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B. WCC OUTDOOR HERITAGE & EDUCATION STUDY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT THE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SB 185 ON CROSSBOWS

DAVE TUPA

Tupa – Outdoor Heritage initially supported the resolution concerning lowering the crossbow age to 55, but then realized that SB-185 addressing the crossbow issue already exists, vote was then taken to table the resolution and seek approval from exec comm to support the amendment
Bohmann – explained the Senate’s amendment to SB-185
Bonde – motion to approve recommendation
Fahrney – seconded
Weiss – read the bill and concurs
Fahrney – questions content in amendment regarding DNR taking over in later years, etc.
Bohmann – clarifies
Bonde _ amendment not exactly what we asked for but it’s the best way to move forward based on the public input we had

ACTION
Motion to Approve Carried

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DEADLINE

C. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC] [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION

ACTION

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DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

Weiss – any word on fisheries advisory committee?
Bohmann – still waiting to hear from Ron Bruch since his absence from our last conf call on 9/9
Bonde – put that subject on our Oct conf call
Weiss – when is next meeting?
Bohmann – Thrsday, Oct 3 will work
Fahrney – did draft press release on the fisheries advisory council go out?
Bonde - no, not to my knowledge
Bohmann – will be attending wildlife roundtable with CNR on Thurs, Bonde to attend fisheries roundtable coming up, will be sending a letter to NRB covering the items we approved tonight for the upcoming NRB meeting

ACTION

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED  8:22 PM
SUBMITTED BY Joe Weiss
DATE 09/17/13