Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Migratory Committee
Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS  8/2/2014  09:00  Elizabeth Inn, Plover, WI

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY  Chairman Allen Shook at 09:00

B. ROLL CALL


EXCUSED  Alan Harrison

UNEXCUSED  Troy Klessinger

GUESTS  None

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION  none

ACTION  M/S-Gettleman/Morgan to accept agenda, passed voice vote

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION  No changes needed

ACTION  none

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION  none

ACTION  none

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. WATERFOWL HABITAT AND POPULATION STATUS REPORT  KENT VAN HORN

DISCUSSION  Waterfowl populations and habitat in good condition putting us in a Liberal season framework. Season proposal: 60 day season – 6 ducks, no more than 4 mallards (only 1 may be a hen), 3 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, 2 pintail and 1 canvasback. 5 mergansers, not more than 2 hooded. Coot daily bagof 15. Opening day shooting hours begin at 9:00am. +Heidel wants to open ½ hr before sunrise +J. Hennlich wants to open ½ hr before sunrise

ACTION  M/S – Scott/Koenig to advance season proposal – passed voice vote
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### B. YOUTH HUNT

**DISCUSSION**  
Proposal: dates for youth hunt Sept. 20 and 21 2014

**ACTION**  
M/S – Edelblute/Earnest – to advance – passed voice vote

### C. NORTH ZONE SEASON DATES

**DISCUSSION**  
Proposal: Sept. 27 – Nov. 25  
+ Fisher prefers longer split between early teal season and regular season, supports a statewide opening day, prefers an Oct. 4 opening date.

**ACTION**  
M/S – Morgan T. Hennlich- to advance proposal- passed voive vote

### D. SOUTH ZONE SEASON DATES

**DISCUSSION**  
Proposal: Sept. 27 – Oct. 5 & Oct. 11 – Nov. 30 (5 day split).  
Alternative dates: (Oct. 4 – Oct. 12 & Oct. 18 – Dec. 7)  
+ Edelblute- to late water frozen before end of season.  
+ J. Hennlich – mallards with late goose season.  
+ Cook – mallards with the geese late in the season, good field hunting.  
+ Morgan – adjust dates for hunters in each zone.

**ACTION**  
M/S – Hennlich/ Morgan – adopt alternative dates for South zone – passed voice vote

### E. MISSISSIPPI RIVER ZONE SEASON DATES

**DISCUSSION**  
Proposal :Sept. 27 –Oct. 5 & Oct. 15 – Dec. 4 (9day split)  
+ Morgan- would like a longer split.  
+ Heidel – La Crosse County would prefer a 12 split and end on Dec. 7  
+ J. Hennlich – graph from Kent shows Nov. 30 as last high harvest day, Sept. 27 better opening day.  
+ Fisher – knows a party that has been hunting the Mississippi river the last 40 yrs. 2013 was worst opener they have had.  
+ Gettelman – 2013 opener Mississippi river had teal that couldn’t fly, not opposed to changing length of split, prefers an Oct. 4 opening date.  
+ Morgan – Opened Sept. 21 in 2013, week later this year, important to note what boardering states set for opening date, they also open ½ hr. before sunrise.  
+ J. Hennlich – Agrees with Morgan, also fisherman may be an issue.

**ACTION**  

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**  
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**DISCUSSION**  
+ Does Minn. Close at 4:00pm? Van Horn- Yes  
+Morgan – favors new proposal, more rest for birds with longer split, had a great 2nd opener in 2013.  
+ Suchla – great 2nd opener in 2013  
+ Schroeder- not a duck hunter, opening earlier doesn’t provide more ducks.
+ T. Hennlich – Lots of hunters on the river in Nov. longer split rests the ducks and extends the season.
+ Heidel – likes longer splits, 2nd opener better with longer split.
+ Gettelman - Call question.
+ Shook – no, more recognized for discussion.
+ Van Horn – 2013 ducks arrived later than normal statewide, uncommon occurrence.
+ Robinson – lose a weekend with longer split.
+ Suchla – gain a weekend in Dec.
+ J. Hennlich – could be frozen on Dec. 7.
+ Kowalkowski – still can hunt in other zones and hunters gain a weekend.
+ Morgan – lose that weekend with a 9 day split.

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**F. EXTERIOR ZONE GOOSE SEASON**

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### J. HORIZON ZONE GOOSE SEASON

**DISCUSSION**
Proposal: 2 periods. Daily bag of 2, 10 tags per hunter.

**ACTION**
M/S – Koerner/Malin – adopt proposal – passed voice vote

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**
Shook

**DEADLINE**
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### K. EARLY GOOSE SEASON

**DISCUSSION**
Sept. 1 – Sept. 15 daily bag of 5

**ACTION**
M/S – Gettelman/Lane – passed voice vote

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**
Shook

**DEADLINE**
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### L. RESOLUTION 52-04-14 CANADA GOOSE HUNTERS’ PUNCH CARD & CALL IN SYSTEM

**DISCUSSION**
Strelow – very citations issued for violations, non-issue

**ACTION**
M/S – Cook/Morgan to reject – passed voice vote

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**
Shook

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**M. RESOLUTION 52-0514 PLACEMENT & REMOVAL OF WATERFOWL DECOYS FROM WATER ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

**DISCUSSION**

- Van Horn – legislative change needed, would need to change state water regulations.
- Koerner – has been discussed in the past, no definition of private water.
- Morgan – no restrictions on waters in Iowa; would be better if it was on all waters not just private.
- Strelow – Public Trust Doctrine does not allow obstructions in water ways.
- Norling – Louisiana allows decoys to be left in the water, many states do.
- Robinson – needs legislative action, already passed in 2011.
- Shook – resolution needs action taken.
- Suchla – suggest advancing and send it back again.
- Fisher – mat affect only a small amount of waters but they do exist, give it back to the legislators, will it be an issue with law enforcement?
- Lane – people could create their own refuge area.
- Gettelman – intent was to to move along, already addressed in 2011, affects a small number of people, like atlati.
- Van Horn – if question is advanced make it clear that this is a legislative issue not a WDNR issue.

**ACTION**

M/S – gettelman/Koerner – to advance – passed voice vote

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

Shook

**DEADLINE**


**N. RESOLUTIONS 40-01-14 & 50-02-14 CHANGE ZONE BOUNDARIES FOR DUCK SEASON**

**DISCUSSION**

- Heidel – Mississippi Zone not seeing added pressure, resolution calling for zone boundary changes without input.
- J. Hennlich – there were 3 options for zone changes in 2011, vote was to keep zones the same, the zones we have now were not presented at the spring hearings.
- Shook – zones have been discussed for many years with the Migratory Committee.
- Gettelman – doesn’t matter where boundaries are there will always be added pressure at boundary line areas.
- Fisher – haven’t had 5 years of current zones, need to wait and see, more public input needed, to rearily to vote on changes.
- Koenig – controversy over zone change last time between Mississippi zone or a Lake Michigan zone.
- Van Horn – EIS process for setting waterfowl regulations may change, 2016 next opportunity for zone changes.
- T. Hennlich – hunts Mead wildlife area, not far from zone boundary, issues with hunters from out of the area coming to hunt.
- Morgan – rejection appropriate for now, more discussion needed.
- Reidner – worked on hwy. 10 boundary in the 80s, hwy. 64 to far north.

**ACTION**

M/S – Heidel/Fisher to reject - passed voice vote

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

Shook

**DEADLINE**


**O. RESOLUTIONS 41-02-14 & 50-03-14 DUCK SEASON START TIME**

**DISCUSSION**

Background information provided by Van Horn.
- J. Hennlich – Dec. 6 meeting committee members wanted 1/2hr before sunrise opener, 600,00 deer hunters do it.
- T. Hennlich – landings are busy all season long.
- Morgan – 45 years of duck hunting, Minn. No running lights required-no problem, scouting is missed opportunity, MN. & Iowa hunters shooting while WI hunters have to watch.
- Heidel – what is law enforcements opinion?
- Strelow – confusing with different opening hours, wi. Hunters complain about Iowa & Min. hunters shooting.
- Fisher – hunters still go out in the dark with 9am & noon openers.

**ACTION**

M/S – J. Hennlich/Morgan to adavance – passed voice vote

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

Shook

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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

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<td>+ Heidel – concealement issue, still unable to use deadfalls and stumps as concealement, would like to see a change.</td>
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<td>+ Strelow – doing research on what other states do, new policy office, changes may be coming.</td>
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<td>+ J. Hennlich – keep late season field hunters in mind when setting regulations. Are splits allowed during the dove season?</td>
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<td>+ T. Hennlich – why was canvasback bag lowered to 1 bird? (Response from Van Horn – mathematical modeling to have desired spring breeding population), early teal season handled poorly, weren’t allowed to discuss season options.</td>
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<td>+ Malin – what happens to rejected resolution? comm. chair responds to author.</td>
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<td>+ Muench – pleased to be on Migratory Committee, on WCC for 32 years.</td>
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<td>+ Reidner – what is the schedule for regulation setting if changes are coming?</td>
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<td>+ Gettelman – what is the canvasback daily bag for the central flyway? (Van Horn – same for the whole country), likes the Horicon zone change, didn’t like the procedure for Mat early teal season meeting.</td>
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<td>+ Koerner – likes resolution now instead of in Nov.</td>
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<td>+ Van Horn – Teal season is experimental for 3 years.</td>
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<td>+ Shook – thanks for attending, from now on 1 meeting a year, as to May meeting, Tim Andryk attended may meeting to make sure Robert’s Rules were followed.</td>
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