# Wisconsin Conservation Congress
## Outdoor Heritage & Education Advisory Committee
### MEETING MINUTES

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

| September 20, 2014 | 9:30 AM | Elizabeth Inn located at 5246 Harding Avenue, Plover, Wisconsin. |

## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
### A. CALL TO ORDER

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY**

| | David Tupa at 9:30 AM |

### B. ROLL CALL

**ATTENDEES**

| Allan Pribnow (Bayfield), Brian Melichar (Barron), Donald Dukeschein (Chippewa), Tracy Swedlund (Taylor), Walter Cox (Menominee), Russel Hitz (Dunn), Kevin Smaby (LaCrosse) Richard Wayne (Pepin), Todd Cook (Dodge), David Tupa (Door), Pete Mueller (Kewaunee), Kathleen Tober (Walworth), Thomas Daluga, Jr. (Waukesha), Keith Warnke (DNR Liaison), Mary Kay Salwey (DNR Liaison), Theresa Stabo (DNR Liaison) |

**EXCUSED**

| Scott Bestul (Waupaca), Douglas Nelson (Winnebago) |

**UNEXCUSED**

| Vanessa Brotske (Manitowoc), Chris Jepson (Crawford), John Cler (Richland) |

**GUESTS**

| Mikayla Kifer (Door County YCC), Ben Bruns (Door County YCC), Zach Mohr (Chippewa County YCC), Maegan Loka (Lincoln County YCC), Macey Loka (Lincoln County, YCC) |

### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

**DISCUSSION**

| Amend Agenda: Move Department Information Items to the beginning of the meeting. |

**ACTION**

| Kevin Smaby moved to approve, second by Thomas Daluga, motion carried |

### D. DEPARTMENT INFORMATION ITEMS AND UPDATES:

#### 1. FISHERIES MANAGEMENT EDUCATION UPDATES – THERESA STABO, FISHERIES PROGRAM EDUCATOR, WDNR

**DISCUSSION**

| Presented / shared various aquatic species events / information to committee members. |

| a. Newsletter(s) – Certified Angler Instructors (new APP) |
| b. Wisconsin Fisheries: From Pond to Lake |
| c. Exhibits - FHAF |
| d. State Fair – FHSF |
| e. Angler Education & Publications – FHAG |
| f. Mississippi River Teacher Training – FHAG |
| g. Urban Fishing – FHCN |
| h. Publication Printing for Aquatic Resources Education – FHPR |
| i. Outreach: - FHGF |
| j. Projects WET & WILD – FHWC |
| k. “Fly Rod and a Trout” Book |
| l. Fishing in the Neighborhood program |
| m. Free Fishing Weekend Events – Reach out to people who are of license buying age |
| n. Tackle Loaner Program – FHGF |

**ACTION**

| none |
2. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION UPDATES –
MARY KAY SALWEY, WILDLIFE PROGRAM

**DISCUSSION**


Committee members and guests viewed a detailed PowerPoint presentation about the history of Conservation Education in the United States and Wisconsin from 1870 – 1970.

**ACTION**

none

3. LEARN TO HUNT/ RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT UPDATES – KEITH WARNKE, LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, WDNR

**DISCUSSION**

Presented “Learn to hunt / Retention and Recruitment” events / programs.

a. New grant information.
b. Shift focus to creating events / programs outside the network of people involved in various events / programs.
c. Pilot Program - Learning to Hunt for Food Program – In the 3rd year
d. Learn to Hunt Events – Recommended for the child to bring a “non-hunting” parent with them during the hunt.
e. Extensive work on Shooting Ranges – Increasing information / access. (funding available)
f. High School Trap Shooting – Discussion took place on certified instructors / state teams.

**ACTION**

none

4. SPORTING HERITAGE COUNCIL UPDATE – KEITH WARNKE, LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, WDNR

**DISCUSSION**


**ACTION**

none

E. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

**DISCUSSION**

The mission of the Outdoor Heritage and Education Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is to explore ways to help recruit new outdoor enthusiasts, both young and old, and to develop and review strategies to retain those groups and individuals who currently participate in outdoor recreation opportunities in Wisconsin. To accomplish these goals the committee will take into account the diversity, demographics, social demands and expectations of those using Wisconsin’s rich natural resources.

**ACTION**

none

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**DISCUSSION**

N/A

**ACTION**

N/A

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. CHANGE IN LEARN-TO-HUNT PARTICIPATION (140214)

**DISCUSSION**

Harold Drake (author) presented the Change in Learn-To-Hunt Participation (14024) Citizen Resolution:

Brief history of the resolution was presented / discussed. Collaboration of WCC members in the writing /creation of the resolution.

Kevin Smaby moved to approve, second by Kathleen Tober the resolution:
Discussion:
Is there a limit to the number of “Learn-To-Hunt” programs in a year.

Question: What is the definition of a first time hunter?
First time hunters should have a second chance if weather is a factor, very bad experience, etc.

Should there be a limit to the number of chances / age…

Motion to amend the resolution to expand the first time “Learn to Hunt participant” to 3 events per species: Kevin Smaby moved to approve, second by Kathleen Tober,

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**B. EXPAND YOUTH HUNT (690214)**

**ARLYN SPLITT - AUTHOR**

**DISCUSSION**

Arlyn Splitt presented the Expand Youth Hunt (690214) Citizen Resolution:

Brief history of the resolution was presented / discussed.

Thomas Daluga moved to approve, second by Richard Wayne the resolution 690214:

Discussion:
Add: “When accompanied by a mentor” to the end of the resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the conservation congress at its annual meeting held in Waupaca County on April 14, 2014 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to the action to correct this situation by introducing a rule change allowing anyone with a First Time and / or a Mentored Only License to participate during the 2-Day youth turkey and deer hunt weekends *ADD* when accompanied by a mentor

Motion to amend the resolution to add “when accompanied by a mentor” at the end of the resolution. Thomas Daluga moved to approve, second by Kevin Smaby the resolution: Motion Carried

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**ACTION**

Motion to amend the resolution 140214, to expand the first time “Learn to hunt participant” to 3 events per species: Kevin Smaby moved to approve, second by Kathleen Tober

Motion Carried (unanimous)

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**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

Dave Tupa

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**C. ONLY TRANSFER TAGS TO IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE YOUTH OR NOVICE (040414)**

**DISCUSSION**

Discussion took place about the citizen resolution 040414. Laws, Regulations, Learn to Hunt were discussed. Resolution as written is subject to all species.

Motion to reject the resolution 040414. Richard Wayne motion, Kathleen Tober second

Discussion:
Who is responsible to notify the author:. Dave Tupa will do this

**ACTION**

Richard Wayne motion to reject the resolution 040414, Kathleen Tober second
D. PROVIDING FUNDING FOR “HUMANE” WILDLIFE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (131914)

Carolyn Schueppel presented the Providing Funding for “Human” Wildlife Education in Public Schools (131914) Citizen Resolution:

Brief history of the resolution was presented / discussed. Possible mentorship programs - How to incorporate into the schools. Rehab Education possibilities outside of schools.

Russel Hitz motion to reject the resolution 131914, Kevin Smaby second

Discussion:
none

Motion Carried (unanimous)

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE: Dave Tupa

E. START WISCONSIN 22 RIFLE TEAM CHALLENGE (041014)

Allan Pribnow presented the Start Wisconsin 22 Rifle Team Challenge (041014) Citizen Resolution:

Brief history of the resolution was presented / discussed.
Kevin Smaby moved to approve, second by Russell Hitz

Discussion
none

Motion Carried (unanimous)

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE: Dave Tupa

F. WHITETAIL DEER EDUCATION (040914)

Allan Pribnow presented the Whitetail Deer Education (040914) Citizen Resolution:

Learn to Hunt – Have Whitetail Deer Education in the program (may be up to 3 hours)
Hunter Education was discussed.
Question: What committee is responsible for Deer Education?

Allan Pribnow moved to approve 040914, second by Walter Cox
Kevin Smaby moved to amend motion by attaching the original resolution 040914 to a Learn – To – Hunt program, second by Walter Cox

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE: Dave Tupa
Discussion
All motions and seconds were rescinded.
Kevin Smaby make a motion to table the resolution 040914, second by Richard Wayne

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**G. YOUTH CONSERVATION CONGRESS UPDATE**

1. YCC webpage & Facebook page
   - Goal – Get the YCC to post on Facebook
2. Mentor/youth delegate question survey
   - Most delegates enjoy outdoors, hunting & fishing, involved in outdoors
   - Meetings – YCC would attend whatever my mentor is attending
   - Get to know DNR roles
3. Delegate Profile question survey
4. YCC logo/branding
   - May need to investigate this issue
   - May need to do a raffle at the state convention to purchase hats / shirts for YCC

WCC and or YCC Display may be needed to travel more throughout the state.

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**H. DISCUSSION ON WCC EDUCATION IN WISCONSIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

4th Grade Curriculum is to teach the History of Wisconsin. Recommended that the WCC be introduced during the teaching of the History of Wisconsin.

Have a poster or flyer produced that shows the WCC / YCC in action.

May do a joint effort with the DNR and WCC / YCC at the State Fair (booth).

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**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

Encouraged members to attend their local CDAC meetings….

May want to limit the time for guest speakers, etc.

Trappers Education at Trees for Tomorrow…Encouraged to have children participate.

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