## ORDER OF BUSINESS

**August 8, 2015**  
**9:00 AM**  
**Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center**

### I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY** Committee Chairman Ed Harvey at 9:00 AM

#### B. ROLL CALL

**ATTENDEES**
- Tom Avis, Todd Edinger, Dave Werner, Kerry Kramer, Will Netzer, Hugh Hatch, Randy Symicek, Daniel Carroll, Mike Nicholson, Scott McAuley, Scott Zimmermann, James Binder, John Hedtke, Daniel Cichantek, Jeffrey Stoeckigt, Ed Harvey, Miles Narveson, Wayne Stietz, Troy Klessinger, John Olson, Nathan Roberts, and Nate Kroeplin

**EXCUSED**
- Dave Louis, Duane Butler, Mark Loka, Richard Clark, Kelly Tollefson, Donald Bongle, and Kris Kavelaris

**UNEXCUSED**
- Douglas Bohn, Art Baseber, Robert LaBuda, Brett Helmbrecht, Donald Roberts, Chris Manninen, Justin Coettre, Geri Ann Albers, Dan Hircheat, Jean Hedtke, and Ralph Fritsch

#### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

**DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**

Motion by Cichantek, 2nd by Hedtke to approve as published. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

**DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**

Motion by Symicek 2nd by Stiez to approve as published. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**

No public comments.

### II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

#### A.1 CITIZEN RESOLUTION 200415, 240115, & 710115

**DOUGLAS BOHN AND ART BASEBER**

**DISCUSSION**

This resolution proposes a special muskrat season framework for Rush Lake. Discussion suggested that lake by lake regulation is not desirable. The proposal is contrary to rule simplification. Rush Lake cattails are high bred cattails. Muskrats are less effective in managing highbred cattails.

**ACTION**

Motion by Nicholson 2nd by Naveson to advance. Motion by Hedtke, 2nd by Symicek to amend to include all trapping in the special season. Motion to amend passed by voice vote. Original motion as amended fails by voice vote. Motion by Cichantek 2nd by Carroll to reject. Motion passes by voice vote.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**
A.2 CITIZEN RESOLUTION 132015  
**AUTHOR ABSENT**

**DISCUSSION**  
This resolution proposes to protect beavers as a state treasure. Discussion suggested that they are currently protected, and are currently a state treasure. Research is needed to determine what the effects of additional protection would be on other resources.

**ACTION**  
Motion by Carroll, 2nd by Binder to reject. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**  
DEADLINE


A.3 CITIZEN RESOLUTION 500315  
**DICK HORN**

**DISCUSSION**  
This resolution proposes a single dry land trapping opener for all species. It would not affect hunting season dates for the same species.

**ACTION**  
Motion by Nicholson 2nd by Binder to advance. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**  
DEADLINE


A.4 CITIZEN RESOLUTION 132115I  
**AUTHOR ABSENT**

**DISCUSSION**  
This resolution proposes that all predator harvest be ended.

**ACTION**  
Motion by Carroll, 2nd by Zimmermann to reject. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**  
DEADLINE


A.5 CITIZEN RESOLUTION 160215  
**DON ROBERTS**

**DISCUSSION**  
This resolution proposes to Wisconsin residents, and landowners receive preference for bear, and bobcat permits.

**ACTION**  
Motion by Carroll 2nd by Symicek to reject. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**  
DEADLINE


A.6 CITIZEN RESOLUTION 040115  
**AUTHOR ABSENT**

**DISCUSSION**  
This resolution proposes to change trap checking regulations when trapping for wolves.

**ACTION**  
Motion by Cichantek 2nd by Carroll to reject. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**  
DEADLINE


B. RULE SIMPLIFICATION COMMITTEE SUGESTION  
**SCOTT ZIMMERMANN**

**DISCUSSION**  
The rule simplification committee is proposing that all furbearer seasons open on November 1. They will also propose to eliminate trap checking hours, and that cubbies on ice be legalized.

**ACTION**  
Motion by Nicholson 2nd by Symicek that the committee support an opening for all furbearer seasons of the last Saturday in October. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**  
DEADLINE
### C. BEAVER MANAGEMENT PLAN

**DISCUSSION**  
Plan is expected to go to the Natural Resources Board in September. Plan supports increases in beaver populations in both northern zones. Binder pointed out the importance of continued research.

**ACTION**  
Motion by Binder, 2nd by Netzer that the committee support plan with an additional focus on continued research.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE** | **DEADLINE**
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### D. FISHER AND MARTEN RESEARCH

**DISCUSSION**  
Uncertain populations of Marten, and declining fisher populations across the north may be linked to competition for food, and increased bob cat numbers. Results of recent research suggests that continued research is warranted.

**ACTION**  
Motion by Chichantek, 2nd by Stoeckigt that the committee support continued fisher and marten research. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE** | **DEADLINE**
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### E. APHIS WILDLIFE SERVICES UPDATE

**DISCUSSION**  
Dan Hirchert, the new state director of APHIS Wildlife Services introduced himself to the committee, and reported recent agency activities.

**ACTION**

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE** | **DEADLINE**
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### F. DEPARTMENT INFORMATION ITEMS AND UPDATES

**DISCUSSION**  
Olson, Albers, Roberts, and Kroepelin updated the committee on: The status of BMP's, 2014-15 furbearer survey results, Bobcat fisher and otter recommendations, Bobcat research, Department rule proposals, Trapper Ed, and 2014-15 trap incidents.

**ACTION**

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE** | **DEADLINE**
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### III. MEMBERS MATTERS

**DISCUSSION**  
It was noted that long time committee member Elmer Miller passed away last month, at the age of 95. Also discussed was hunter harassment training, and artic fox trapping.

**ACTION**

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

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