# Wisconsin Conservation Congress
## Outdoor Heritage and Education
### Meeting Minutes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ORDER OF BUSINESS</th>
<th>Sept 12-2015</th>
<th>9:30 am</th>
<th>Schmeeckle Reserve Center</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

### A. CALL TO ORDER

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY**
Chair David Tupa at 9:30 am

### B. ROLL CALL

**ATTENDEES**
Art Malin, Brian Melichar, Reed Kabelowski, Russel Hitz, Kevin Smaby, Richard Wayne, Frank Reith, Scott Bestul, Douglas Nelson, David Tupa, Pete Mueller, Tashina Peplinski, Kathleen Tober, Scott Gunderson, DNR; Keith Warnke, Theresa Stabo, Liz Herzmann

**EXCUSED**
Donald Dukerschein, Walter Cox, Todd Cook, John Cler, Von Leibzeit

**UNEXCUSED**
Chris Jepson

**GUESTS**
Chairman Rob Bohmann Youth CC Garrett Zinecker, Kyle Boucher Winn Co., Carl Landsness author 130915

### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

**DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**
Moved resolution 130915 from 3rd to 1st as author was in attendance - action approved

### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

**DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**
Statement was read and approved

### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**DISCUSSION**

**ACTION**

## II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

### A. RESOLUTION 130915

**CARL LANDSNESS**

**DISCUSSION**
Resolution was read by presenter, questions were asked of presenter and was discussed on how to narrow down, and focus to a specific question that could be forwarded. Motion to advance by Reith, 2nd by Peplinski – Motion Failed. With input from author motion was amended to read: The Problem: Many WI citizens are uninformed or misinformed about the policies, practices, and priorities for WI natural resources. Would you support that the WI Conservation Congress work with the DNR to explore new ways to raise public awareness, consciousness, stewardship, and reverence for WI natural resources, mutually beneficial to all people.

**ACTION**
Motion by Smaby, 2nd by Reith to forward as amended - motion passes

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**
B. RESOLUTION 140215 LEARN TO HUNT PARTICIPATION

**DISCUSSION**
Chair read resolution Smaby motion to forward, 2nd by Tober Motion fails. Discussion on resolution was that this resolution was good, but didn’t go far enough to “fix” the problem so the committee will use idea and draft a question to forward. Learn-to-Hunt participation: Current regulations limit participation in Learn-to-Hunt events to no more than 1 species-specific event. Learn-to-Hunt was put into place as a tool for new hunter training and for recruitment. Research has indicated that participation in more than 1 event may be needed to educate and retain new hunters. Do you support allowing individuals to participate in 2 Learn-to-hunt events per species under current mentoring regulations?

**ACTION**
Motion to forward amended question by Smaby 2nd by Tober

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE
Secretary will send letter and contact author on why rejected, but will use his idea to draft an expanded version.

C. 130515 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STAMP AND COMMITTEE

**DISCUSSION**
Resolution was read by chair, Motion to advance by Reith 2nd by Smaby - motion fails Discussion is that resolution asks for 2 items in 1 resolution. Committee will draft question on the main part of resolution, Question to read as follows: Wildlife Conservation Stamp. A Wisconsin Wildlife stamp would provide a revenue source for Wisconsin public lands, preserving habitat and wildlife, while giving non-extractive users a funding tool for species and habitat projects that are sometimes passed over in favor of game animal priorities. It would be a separate, but parallel addition to the DNR budgets. Would you support that the WI DNR create a Wildlife Conservation Stamp?

**ACTION**
Motion to advance amended question by Nelson 2nd by Wayne. - Motion passes

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE
Secretary will draft letter to 130515

D. 040215 WHITETAIL DEER EDUCATION

**DISCUSSION**
Chair read resolution, Discussion, It was pointed out by DNR staff that they had a publication called Wisconsin Deer Hunting Program that covers deer biology that can be read online and available to hunter ed classes. This information will be passed onto author by Secretary

**ACTION**
Motion by Smaby to forward, 2nd by Peplinski Motion fails

E. DNR REPORTS;

**DISCUSSION**
Theresa Stabo; Gave updates on the fisheries education programs: “Fishing for Dinner”- Fishing in the Neighborhood – Tackle Loaner Program –and “Wisconsin Envirothon” Liz Herzmann Gave presentation on “New” Horicon Marsh Visitor Center, Keith Warnke Reported on a in the schools Learn to Hunt program, Sporting Heritage Council ideas, A new Mentoring brochure is published, Mentors are needed statewide!

**ACTION**

F. YCC UPDATES;

**DISCUSSION**
Rob Bohmann spoke to the committee about progress with YCC and gave a report that work continues to be done to address the concerns of mentors about liability. During the fall district meetings, counselors were asked to identify one WCC delegate from each county to serve as a mentor and those mentors were asked to identify at least one youth from their county. There should be a minimum of 72 mentors and 72 YCC delegates now identified. A list of WCC delegate mentors is being generated.

**ACTION**

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

**DISCUSSION**
Scott Bestul brought forth proposal on change to limited draw procedure. The problem; On limited draw tags in WI there gets to be a long waiting period to be able to draw a tag, and participate in some activities. For some tags you may apply 6 to 9 years before you are able to draw a tag. If the DNR would issue more tags for these species and still protect the resource by shutting down the season
when the quota is met (as in sturgeon spearing) more people would have the chance to participate in these sports. Even if you were unable to fill your tag, there would be a shorter time before you draw again. Scott will draft a resolution to ask the public to support the WI DNR to issue more tags on limited draw licenses and protect the resource by shutting the season down when quota is met?

ACTION

None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MEETING ADJOURNED</th>
<th>[2:00pm]</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SUBMITTED BY</td>
<td>Scott Bestul</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATE</td>
<td>Sept 14th 2015</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>