# Wisconsin Conservation Congress
## Deer & Elk Committee
### Meeting Minutes

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**
- **03/18/2017**
- **9:30 am**
- Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point

## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
### A. CALL TO ORDER
- Meeting called to order by Rob Bohmann at 9:30 am

### B. ROLL CALL
- **ATTENDEES**
- **EXCUSED**
  - Richard Olson, William Yingst, Joe Helwig, Larry Gohike, Michael Burkart, Martin Haas,
- **UNEXCUSED**
- **GUESTS**
  - Marty Johnson-DNR Biologist

### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR
- **DISCUSSION**
  - No discussion
- **ACTION**
  - Motion to approve by Laidlaw, 2nd by Seidl, motion carried

### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT
- **DISCUSSION**
  - Read by Rob. No discussion
- **ACTION**

### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- **DISCUSSION**
  - None
- **ACTION**

## II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

### A. 2016 deer season wrap up

[PRESENTER]

- **DISCUSSION**
  - Kevin Wallenfang went through what happened last year. 29% new women hunters, bow hunting rising and gun dropping in hunter participation also. 90% compliant for electronic registration. Prediction several years of mild winters the deer kill will be going up. Discussed CWD. Promoted new deer metrics web page on DNR web site. Discussed CDAC and open on-line survey from 4/3-13/17 for each county.

- **ACTION**
  - None

- **PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**
  - DEADLI INF

### B. Deer Metrics

[PRESENTER]

- **DISCUSSION**
  - By Dan Storm. Discussed new methods of getting deer surveys. Encouraging DMAP cooperators to partner to help in research. Discussed what results were on the 1001 deer collard in the North deer study 2 areas. New study area of Northern Iowa Co. and Northern Grant Co. mainly for CWD impact and predator study.

- **ACTION**
  - None

- **PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**
  - DEADLI INF

### C. Elk update by Kevin Wallenfang.

[PRESENTER]
### D. Law Enforcement

**DISCUSSION**
Only 5 nonfatal hunting accidents during the season. Only about a 50% compliance rate on the new paper tags. Hunters did not understand the new rule. Hunting without back tags has caused an uptick in hunting without a license. Blaze Pink was a non issue. Tribe night hunting was lite with only 10 harvested. New law you can leave stands overnight on state lands North of hwy 64. Season hours wording changed from hunting to shooting.

**ACTION**
None

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**

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### III. MEMBERS MATTERS

**DISCUSSION**
- Jim Morning - if we outlaw baiting and feeding we should also outlaw scents, licks and drips.
- Mark Noll - said the hunters are now being selective on harvesting older class bucks and passing on young ones more and statistics show it.
- Doug Williams - CWD talk is scaring people from hunting in a time we need more participation.
- Stan Brownell - Lesson the info on tags, and the legislature making to many decisions and it's not a good thing.
- Al Jacobson - CWD Something has to be done and not just talked about.
- Dale Ebert - Question 51 at the spring hearings is asking if on-line voting for the Spring questions is a good idea. He doesn't believe it is because there should be a discussion about the issue on both sides.
- Tony Grabski - CWD is thought to have been in Iowa County for at least 20 years before 2002 and no disease jumping to other animals or humans so it should not be such a scare tactic. Also the Conservation is a big part of the CDAC committees and should be a part of the vote. Possibly letting the Secretary vote. Al-AB61 is a bill the Conservation Congress should take a hard stance and a lead on the issue and any other issues that come along that may harm the outdoors or its users.
- Brad Hasheider - Is there a test that can tell the stages of infection of CWD that we could get when a deer tests positive? Dan Storm - Yes but involves brain stem and that is not a normal test anymore.

**ACTION**
None

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### IV. ADJOURNMENT

**MEETING ADJOURNED**
3:20pm Motion by Tony Grabski, 2nd by Doug Seidel, motion carried

**SUBMITTED BY**
Bradley Hasheider, secretary

**DATE**
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