Wisconsin Conservation Congress
2017 WCC FUR HARVEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS | 08/12/2017 | 10:00 am | Grand Lodge Waterpark Resort, Wausau

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ed Harvey at 10:00 am

B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES
Thomas Avis, Duane Butler, Dave Louis, Maegan Loka, Richard Clark, Michael Kautz, Thomas Hanks, Randy Symicek, Scott McAuley, Mike Nicholson, Scott Zimmerman, John Hedike, Ed Harvey, Jeffery Stoeckigt, miles Narvelson, Troy Klessinger, Larry Meyer, scott schoenike, Shawn Rossler WDNR, Nate Kroplin WDNR, Nick Foreman WDNR, Curtis Twellmann

EXCUSED
Sandra Dee Naas, Hugh Hatch, James Binder, Dan Cichanteck, Kelly Tollefson, John Cler, Nathan Roberts WDNR

UNEXCUSED
none

GUESTS
4 resolution authors Bryce, chris, mike, widnr, justin

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION
no repair needed, just a reminder to ask Shawn Rossler about last years questions

ACTION
motion to aprove by Richard Clark, 2nd by Michael Kautz MC

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION
the committee mission statement was read

ACTION
motion to aprove as read by Randy Symicek, 2nd by Jeff Stoeckigt, MC

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION
Shawn Rossler reported the 2017 questions have not gone thru the wdnr policy team yet, all did make it thru the wdnr furbearer committee, may see them on the 2019 regulations after going thru the rules/regs committee/

ACTION

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. citizen resolutions

1. 05-03-17 requires hunters to be within line of site of hounds during pursuit of game

   DISCUSSION
   Clark - impossible to be in site at night, Miles - would eliminate hunting with a dog, Kautz - most use GPS now

   ACTION
   motion to reject by Dave Louis, 2nd by Richard Clark MC

2. 13-02-17 end the hunting of coyotes with dogs

   DISCUSSION
   our mission statement is not to stop all hunting, someone was killed? by a stray bullet

   ACTION
   motion to reject by Duane Butler, 2nd by Dave Louis MC

3. 200217/220217/360217/710317 muskrat season zones and time changes

   DISCUSSION
   the chair asked, if there was no objection, that we could take all 4 resolutions together, as they were close enough together to possible make one question out of the 4 sets of ideas, so we did. CHRI SWanted more primeness and a
later season, and 3 zones. CONCERNS about migrating waterfowl in spring, frost/ice dates may mean no open water trapping in fall may need rules preventing trapping on houses in spring with open water. BRYCE same dates as milks by looking more to accessibility/science and climatic politics, managing people, there is a big difference in rats from south to north, ice in and ice out 14 days difference in fall and 27 days in spring/ wants opportunity in spring. CONCERNS waterfowl in spring, can overharvest easier in spring, may have more zone hoppers, not fair to locals, just because the season is open does not mean you have to trap, you can always work around the duck hunters-late night and early morning before the hunters are out there work MIKE Saturday opener for kids, you can stop trapping in spring when the rats are damaged, the trapper needs to choose when to trap and where to trap, zone hopping does not bother him concerns- like open water access for kids and old folks, would like to educate people to trap when the fur is prime, late season rats are very good rats, educate to prevent incidents author did not think the committee was being fair as one out of 28 disagreed with his idea, so far

ACTION

after discussion with the authors and committee members for about 2 hours, we agreed the question should incude 3 zones, the north to central border would be the hwy 64 old line- the south to central line would be hwy 60 west to sauk city, hwy 12 to hwy 19 to 194- the opening dates would be -south 1st sat in November-central would be the saturday on or after October 25th- the North would start on the saturday on or later than Oct 18th - the closing dates would be south =March 15th , central = March 22, and north = March 31st lunch was taken 12 to 12:45 then a motion to aprove the question as written by Tom Bartz/2nd by Jeff Stoeckigt MC/opposed by Mike Nicholson

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE

chair

DEADLINE

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4. 540217 start trapping time at 7am on opening day

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION

the author would like to have daylight for safety, easier for beginner trappers

ACTION

motion to advance by Miles/2nd by Richard Clark motion Fails - trappers are gone before duck hunters show up as we do it now, trapping hours are for opportunity now, could keep shift workers out of the march on opening day MOTIN DIES

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE

chair

DEADLINE

chair

B. bobeat,fisher and otter harvest results and quota recommendations(2017-2018)

Shawn Ressler

DISCUSSION

this years drawing results are on GO WILF now, should be mailed earlier. last years harvest otter 1457 cats 338 fisher 523. there were 155 incidental otter last year. quota for this year was increased because the science is getting better, repo scars #s/roadkills counted as roadkills and not harvest, this puts more cats in the north quota + 550black bears, wisconsin does not have cites authorization means the hides go to waste rather than being sold internationally on the auctions. 15,000 applied for bobeat tags, fisher+ same quotas as last year. otter - 9800 permits went out, some got 2 permits, all got 1 WDNR rule proposals - Marten protection areas, to add Apostle island lakeshore/ could add trap types used in the areas, such as cable restraints, weasel boxes, pan tension, jim woodford will draft rules with marten committee. incidental coon caught in beaver sets may become leagel. 5 beaver zone meetings were held, the use of bait/lure during the closed season was discussed, individuals c can not set on the dam when working for landowners was also discussed. agent in rules means apnis only

ACTION

none information item

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE

vice-chair

DEADLINE

vice chair

C. Trapper education

CURTIS TWELLMAN

DISCUSSION

WDNR’s online trapper ed course will be ON soon. trapper ed numbers are lower this year. 599 people graduated from the correspondence course last year before the FFT OUT requirement, larry did 4 tests so far, test out procedures will/may change as feedback comes in from other sessions

ACTION

none-info only

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE

vice chair

DEADLINE
D. **research updates**

**DISCUSSION**

| they are from the office of applied science, do the bear, wolf, and furbearer research such as winter track surveys, scent post surveys, otter and beaver flights, carcass collections. Otter carcasses will be collected next year, fisher jaw bones this year, and bobcat carcasses every year. have 60 cats collared/52 in north, 8 in the south. will pay trappers to trap coyotes in cwd research area in se wisconsin you sign up for a two week time period and can sign up for more times, info is on WISTRAP.org |

**ACTION**

| none-info only |

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

| vice-chair |

**DEADLINE**


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E. **trap incident reports /law enforcement**

**DISCUSSION**

| last season 17 reported, 16 were dogs, 2 were fatal one in a 160, one in a cable entanglement situation. question on what is fencing with colony traps, too much gray area, need to fix law/info on restrictions on setback from culverts and fencing |

**ACTION**

| none-info only |

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

| vice-chair |

**DEADLINE**


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**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

**DISCUSSION**

| need a wolf season to give value back to a wonderful animal |

**ACTION**

| none |


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**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

| 2:46 pm |

**SUBMITTED BY**

| scott meauley |

**DATE**

| 09/02/2017 |