Wisconsin Conservation Congress  
Outdoor Heritage & Education Advisory Committee 
Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS

08/12/2017  
10:00am  
Grand Lodge Water-park Resort Wausau

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by David Tupa at 10:00am

B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES  
Frank Pratt, Allan Pribnow, Donald Dukerschein, Tracy Swedlund, Kevin Smaby, Doug Nelson, Scott Bestul, David Tupa, John Cler, Trent Tonn

EXCUSED  
Richard Wayne, Brian Melichar, Peter Mudler, Kathleen Tober

UNEXCUSED  
GUESTS  
DNR Keith Warnke, Kent Van Horn, Public: Brian Hamenstein, Joe Paul, Peter Fournier, Bill Fournier, Mike Kohl, Tyrone Larson, John Herbst

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION  
changed order of resolutions to accommodate authors

ACTION  
1. 350117, 2. 450117, 3. 5012017, 4. 110117-130817, 5. 610117, 6. 530317.

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION  
read mission statement

ACTION  
Motion to approve Smaby 2nd Frank motion passes

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION  
none

ACTION

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. 350117 Create youth bear hunt

read by committee chair

DISCUSSION  
Difference from last year’s resolution that was passed is timing of hunt which would be the Thursday through Sunday following the close of the regular Wisconsin bear season in October.

ACTION  
Motion by Smaby to advance, 2nd by Cler Motion passes unanimously Question: Do you support the conservation congress work with the WI DNR to establish a youth bear hunt, the Thursday through Sunday following the closing of the regular bear season in October, utilizing all legal methods of harvest. Youth bear hunters defined as ages 10 to 17, which can legally obtain a black bear permit through the current draw system, or the permit transfer system. Youth bear hunters to be mentored or accompanied by an adult as defined by WI DNR.

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE  
Scott Bestul

DEADLINE

B. 450117 Require in person safety training for 12 to 16 year olds.

presented by Mike Kohl author

DISCUSSION  
There are qualified instructors available to do hands on education, there is no substitution for hands on education when it comes to student retention of information.

ACTION  
Amended to read students under age of 16 in ATV, hunter, bow, and boater education have a minimum of 1 field day of hands on experience. Motion to advance by Smaby, 2nd by Swedlund motion passes. Question to read: Do you support the Conservation Congress work with the WI DNR to require all students under the age of 16 in ATV, hunter, bow, and boater safety classes have a minimum of 1 field day class of hands on experience.

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE  
none author in attendance

DEADLINE
C. 5012017 Create a resident lifetime License

**DISCUSSION**
author passed out copies of Minnesota's Lifetime License Application, and explained how MN offers different lifetime outdoor licenses that may be purchased and the fee structure for them. After much discussion and positive feedback by committee members and DNR personal, it decided the best option would be to have the DNR do a study of lifetime license options and report back to the Congress with something that could be forwarded.

**ACTION**
motion to have DNR do Study and report back to committee by Frank 2nd by Cler motion passes unanimous. Question created to read. Would you recommend the Conservation Congress work with DNR to create an actuary fee structure report for lifetime license structure, age and privilege based, with trust fund implications, and consideration for impact on wildlife, and sport fish restoration funding. motion to advance by Nelson 2nd by Swedlund motion passes unanimous.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**
none author in attendance

**DEADLINE**

D. 110117-130817 Hunter education for potential WI sandhill crane hunt

**DISCUSSION**
Author was concerned about possible shootings of whooping cranes if a sandhill crane season was instituted in WI, and education of hunters on whooping cranes and penalties for shooting one. DNR specialist Kent Van Horn explained that as part of the central flyway sandhill agreement, it is a federal mandate that states instituting a sandhill crane hunt must have an education course on identification of sandhill and whooping cranes in place for all potential hunters. Kent also stated that never has a legally licensed sandhill crane hunter shot a whooping crane.

**ACTION**
Since what author was asking for is already in place should a sandhill crane season happen in WI motion to reject by Nelson 2nd by Pribnow motion carries.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**
none author in attendance

**DEADLINE**

E. 610117 Create a last chance Hunt opportunity for terminally ill

**DISCUSSION**
The state of WI doesn't have anything established for terminally ill to participate in a hunting opportunity outside of the regular season framework if they are not expected to live to the regular hunting season. Creating one would allow a terminally ill person a last chance to participate in a "make a wish" type hunt of their choice.

**ACTION**
Question was amended to read: Do you support the Conservation Congress work with the DNR and state Legislature to develop a framework for a "Last chance" opportunity, whereby an individual with a terminal prognosis would be allowed to hunt, fish, or trap non-migratory species of their choice outside of the regular season framework. motion by Swedlund to advance 2nd by Nelson motion carries unanimous.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**
none author in attendance

**DEADLINE**

F. 530317 eliminate coyote and crow hunts

**DISCUSSION**
Kent Van Horn WTDNR testified that coyote population is healthy statewide and is actually overpopulated in some areas. Harvested coyotes are valued for their fur, that is sold. Crow numbers are also abundant statewide and harvest of them creates no negative impact on the ecosystem.

**ACTION**
motion to reject Dukerschein, 2nd Frank motion carries.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**
Scott

**DEADLINE**

G. Change youth hunts to novice hunts

**DISCUSSION**
currently youth hunts for deer, and turkey give hunters ages 10 to 15 a chance to hunt before the regular season when there is less competition and a better chance of success and hopefully stay in the sport. There is also an older group of people who are interested in hunting, are not from hunting families and could also use this chance to hunt when there is less competition and a better chance at success and staying in the sport. It was discussed that rather than change youth hunts, create a novice hunt to accommodate this group of people.
### H. Change age and season limits for youth turkey tag use

**presented by Scott Bestul**

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<th>ACTION</th>
<th>Question: Do you support the Conservation Congress work with DNR to create a &quot;Novice Hunt&quot; to run concurrently with youth hunts for hunters 16 and older with less than 3 years hunting experience with a limit of 3 years of participation. Motion by Swedlund to advance 2nd by Dukerschein motion carries unanimous.</th>
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| DISCUSSION              | currently youth can use their turkey tag during the youth hunt and during the time period that they were issued. In MN youth can use their tag for any time period until they harvest a bird giving them more opportunity to be successful. Committee thought this was a good idea. |
| ACTION                  | Question to read: Do you support the Conservation Congress work with the DNR to allow youth hunters 10 to 15 years of age to use their tags for all season periods. Motion to advance Nelson 2nd Swedlund, motion passes. |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE   | none                                                                                                                                  |
| DEADLINE                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

### I. Department information Items

**Keith Warnke**

| DISCUSSION              | Updates and information on R3 integration, working to slow decline and increase participation in the outdoor sports. would like to see a R3 committee on the Conservation congress |
| ACTION                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE   | none                                                                                                                                  |
| DEADLINE                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

### J. Department updates- Wildlife

**Kent Van Horn**

| DISCUSSION              | Gave presentation on DNR alignment, should be done By January??? |
| ACTION                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE   | none                                                                                                                                  |
| DEADLINE                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

### K. Youth CC

**Trent Tonn**

| DISCUSSION              | 1st meeting was in July Plan is to see if a paid coordinator position could be created as there is allot of work to run program. Getting things set for next convention, with programs and things for the youth to participate in, create a Google calendar so all delegates could see events that they would be interested in. Hats for youth delegates. |
| ACTION                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE   | none                                                                                                                                  |
| DEADLINE                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

### III. MEMBERS MATTERS

| DISCUSSION              | Dave Tupa resolution 690217 written by Pete Fournier {in attendance} was assigned to our group, author was notified but it wasn't put on our agenda so we can't act on it but would like to discuss. Would you approve a new license that includes small game; gun deer, archery deer, and fishing. poll of committee members showed unanimous support Frank Pratt; create a county fishery advisory map |
| ACTION                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

| MEETING ADJOURNED       | 3:36pm                                                                                                                                  |
| SUBMITTED BY            | Scott Bestul                                                                                                                              |
| DATE | [Date] |