## Wisconsin Conservation Congress
District 2 - Spring Meeting
Meeting Minutes

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

| 03/02/2017 | 7:00 p.m. | Rolling Oaks Golf Course, Barron, W1 |

### I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Al Brown at 7:00 p.m.

#### B. ROLL CALL

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<td>Polk County: Wally Trudeau, Michael Cran, Josh Halberg</td>
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<td>Rusk County: Joel Taylor, Daniel Vacho, Robert Reidner, Roger Roehl</td>
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<td>Scott Dow, DNR District Conservation Warden; Kevin Morgan, DNR Wildlife Biologist, Barron County; Adam Cole, DNR Fisheries Biologist Barron &amp; Polk Counties</td>
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#### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

**DISCUSSION**

As Presented

**ACTION**

N/A

#### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

**DISCUSSION**

N/A

**ACTION**

N/A

#### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**DISCUSSION**

None

**ACTION**

N/A

### II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

#### A. DNR STAFF UPDATES

**DISCUSSION**

Kevin Morgan indicated that Dan Bauman, DNR Regional Director is supposed to be at meeting to address group on wildlife updates and new DNR alignment procedures for 2017. Scott Bowe said that Dan Bowman's father passed away today and gave him notes to share with tonights delegation. Bowe discussed where the department currently stands with realignment of its current structure.

2017 will be a transitional year for law enforcement considering new alignment between state park staff and law enforcement staff. Five new wardens have been hired in the Northern part of the states and 2 or 3 new ones are planned to be hired for the West Central part of the state.

Adam Cole said that fisheries has suffered some cutbacks but not real drastic. Currently have 197 positions within fisheries. 3 new biologists recently hired. Another wave of new biologists will be hired next year. The Baldwin office will likely get a new biologist next year.

**ACTION**

Discussion

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

N/A

**DEADLINE**

N/A
B. CONSERVATION CONGRESS ANNUAL COUNTY MEETING & DNR SPRING HEARING LOGISTICS

**DISCUSSION**

1. **Spring Hearing Logistics Memo.** Dave Larson reviewed the County seats up for election in 2017 and also reviewed election protocol. He reviewed WCC County Chair’s Roles and Responsibilities.

2. **Delegate Profiles.** Al Brown explained that delegate profiles will again be available online in the form of a survey. Delegates have until Friday, April 14, 2017 to complete their delegate profile.

3. **Local Spring Hearing Press.** Dave Larson announced that Kari will be sending the press release electronically to those delegates with email. Please decide within your county who will be responsible for taking the press release to local media outlets.

4. **WCC and Multi-Organizational Supported Fee Increase Proposal.** Al Brown discussed letter sent out from Chairman Larry Bonde regarding supported license fee increases from a number of organizations including the WCC.

5. **Proposed Code of Procedure Changes.** Dave Larson briefly discussed proposed amendments to the Congress operating procedures which will be discussed and voted on by the entire delegation at the 2017 Annual WCC Convention.

6. **Committee Appointments.** Al Brown discussed current delegate committee appointments. Many have indicated they wanted to continue on the same committees as last year. Anyone wanted to make changes may contact Dave or Al to discuss.

7. **Awards.** Dave Larson indicated that nominations are now being sought by the Executive Committee for organizations, clubs (either local or statewide), and educators who have made significant contributions to conservation in the past year. Executive Committee would also like help in nominating a fellow WCC delegate for the Dave A. Ladd Heavy Lifter Award and also in nominating outstanding DNR staff person. Nominations must be in by March 15, 2017.

8. **Expo Travel Grant.** Al Brown announced the Friends of the WCC will provide travel grants (up to $200 per individual grant request) to school districts or other youth groups who wish to attend the Midwest Outdoor Heritage Education Expo at the DNR’s Mackenzie Center in Poyette. Applications are due April 26, 2017.

9. **WCC Learn to Bear Hunt Tag.** Dave Larson announced that the Congress will receive one tag for the 2017 LTBH event to be awarded to a novice hunter. Application can be found on the WCC website under “community outreach.” It is due April 26, 2017.

10. **Delegate Resources.** Al Brown stated that delegates have a number of resources available to them under "local delegate resources" from the WCC homepage. Also, there is a 1 1/2 minute promotional video available for delegates to use when giving talks about the Congress or encouraging others to get involved. It can be found on the WCC homepage.

11. **Angler Mentorship Program.** Dave Larson announced that Frank Pratt (Sawyer County) has requested statewide feedback as to types of events and activities happening in each county regarding youth fishing or equipment giveaway realm. County Delegates are asked to compile a list of opportunities specifically geared toward teaching youth about and encouraging their participation in their individual county. Please provide the list to Frank by April 10, 2017.

**ACTION**

**Discussion**

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**

N/A  
N/A

**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

**DISCUSSION**

Joel Taylor discussed some recent updates from the CDAC Chronic Wasting Disease training meeting recently held in Stevens Point. Jim Munning wanted to know where funds appropriated toward endangered resources go. Warden Scott Bowe said most of the money applied to endangered resources is handled through the DNR Wildlife Heritage Conservation Group for distribution as needed. Morning also indicated that the State of Wisconsin should...
outlaw the use of scents such as deer urine for attracting deer. He feels deer scents could be a large contribution to our CWD problems.

Jack Christensen asked about the seriousness of Chairman Larry Bonde's recent run in with DNR law enforcement regarding spearing of a carp during the Lake Winnebago sturgeon spearing fishing. Al Brown and Dave Larson both said that Larry Bonde had issued a letter to all WCC District Counselors explaining the situation. If anyone has serious problems over Bonde's situation, they should contact WCC Vice Chairman, Al Shook to discuss. Much spirited discussion ensued.

District Conservation Warden, Scott Bowe said that he was happy to see spirited conversation regarding Bonde's situation. He told the delegation to keep in mind that just because you receive a ticket for a fish or game violation, it does not necessarily make you a bad person.

ACTION

It was the consensus of the delegation if a meeting were to be held of the District Counsel, that the delegation forward the message that Mr. Bonde made a mistake, move on and deal with it.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:45 p.m. Motion by Dave Louis and Second by Wally Trudcau.

SUBMITTED BY Al Brown

DATE 03/24/2017