# Wisconsin Conservation Congress
## 2018 District 7 Spring Meeting
### Meeting Minutes

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<th>03/06/2018</th>
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## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
### A. CALL TO ORDER
- Meeting called to order by Dale Maas at 7:00 pm

### B. ROLL CALL
- **ATTENDEES**
  - All delegates not listed as Excused or Un-Excused plus Kendall Kampke (DNR), Travis Motl (DNR), Ellen Barth (DNR), Chris Sher (DNR), Jeff Pritzel (DNR), Andy Paulios (DNR).
  - Linda DeNell, Michael Pfankuch, Clarence Koch, Fred Wollenburg
  - Nancy Katzbeck, Karen Wollenburg, Scott Bestul, Jim Johnson, Curt Reimer, Genie Metoyer, Douglas Nelson
- **GUESTS**
  - Dan Strainbrook

### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR
- **DISCUSSION**
  - Discussion on agenda.
- **ACTION**
  - Agenda was followed as printed. Discussion on cameras in sturgeon holes was added to the agenda.

### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT
- **DISCUSSION**
  - No discussion on mission statement.

### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- **DISCUSSION**
  - There were no public comments from any guests.

## II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS
### A. Spring Hearing Questions - Fisheries Staff
- Kendall Kamke and Travis Motl (DNR)
- **DISCUSSION**
  - Kendall and Travis read questions 1-9 and tried to answer any questions that were brought up on the resolutions. Only the questions that received the most interest will be mentioned. Mike Arrowood questioned why we were catering to bass tournaments in Question 2. Kendall thought it might be because of possible economic impacts the tournament might bring. Comments from delegates favored having tournament anglers following the rules that were in place on the lake. Question #8 on reducing the walleye bag limit on the Winnebago system also got a lot of discussion. Kendall provided a good background for the question. A size limit does not change exploitation as much as it changes the size of the fish taken and can cause more females to be taken. Question #9 on flathead catfish is to reduce exploitation because their numbers are declining.
- **ACTION**
  - No action required.
- **PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**
  - DEADLINE

### B. Spring Hearing Questions - Wildlife Management Staff
- Jeff Pritzel, Ellen Barth, Andy Paulios -DNR
- **DISCUSSION**
  - Quite a bit of discussion on Question #10 on transporting deer in CWD affected areas. Jeff did a good job of explaining the reason for the question and issues related to this. A CWD county is an affected county regardless if it is wild deer or confined deer that are infected.
- **ACTION**
  - No action required.
- **PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**
  - DEADLINE
## C. Natural Resources Board Questions

**DISCUSSION**
Chris explained the difference and how the Natural Resources questions are originated. Question #16 Mike Arrowood questioned how or where the money raised would be used and how and who would be enforcing this. This question would require legislation. There was quite a bit of discussion on Question #18 with mixed views. Dale explained why the WCC question relating to this question was removed so as to eliminate confusion between the two resolutions.

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## D. District Leadership Questions

**Dale Maas led the WCC Questions**

**DISCUSSION**
No discussion on Questions 19-21.

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## E. Warm Water Questions

**Dale Maas**

**DISCUSSION**
Questions 22-30 Mike Arrowood questioned why there was so much emphasis on size and bag limits and such little emphasis on habitat improvements and improving production. Questions #27 & 28 brought up discussion on why there weren’t more uniform rules on bass across the state. Dale explained the problem with all the small catfish on Beaver Dam lake and urged support of this resolution.

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## F. Trout Committee Questions

**Dale Maas**

**DISCUSSION**
Question #31 - There was quite a bit of discussion on this. Some were concerned about how it would affect the fishery in the northern part of the state. A few delegates questioned how it would affect the Lake Trout. There was also a discussion on this creating another set of regulations on fishing because fishing starts statewide on the first Saturday in May.

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## G. Fur Harvest Questions

**Dale Maas**

**DISCUSSION**
No Discussion

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## H. Outdoor Heritage Questions

**Dale Maas**

**DISCUSSION**
There was quite a bit of discussion on Question #33 on the direction hunter safety is taking and the online instruction part of it. Not as many kids signing up for hunter safety. Question #35 there was questions if a resident moved to another state could they return and hunt even if they were a felon, and how would they be detected. Also a lot of questions on the fee structure.
### I. Deer & Elk, Mississippi, Great Lakes, and Bear

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Dale Maas

**DISCUSSION**
No discussion

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### J. Environmental Questions

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Dale Maas

**DISCUSSION**
Question #43 generated some discussion. Most delegates seemed concerned about this issue and felt this issue was important.

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### K. Legislative Questions

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Dale Maas

**DISCUSSION**
Some discussion on Question #46-47 on guides license requirements and fees. There seemed to be good support for both questions 46 and 47. There was also a question if a person had a captains license do they still need a Wisconsin guides license. Also questions on #49-52 regarding do we really need to register these? It was explained that it was to help identify who owns a boat if it was found capsized in a water body. It would help safety personnel in determining if the have to search for a body or if is a floating boat by helping locate an owner. It is also question what kind of fee they are looking at accessing for this.

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### L. Wolf Questions

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**DISCUSSION**
Little discussion on this.

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### M. DNR Staff Updates - Fisheries

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Travis Motl and Kendall Kamke

**DISCUSSION**
Travis said they offered very few commercial carp contracts statewide. Beaver Dam lake was one of the few that awarded contracts. This was due to non compliance by the commercial fisherman. Kendall updated on the 3-bag resolution. There was also discussion on walleye harvest on Battle on Bago Tournament.

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### N. DNR Staff Updates - Warden Update

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Chris Sher
### DISCUSSION

In the last three years 38 Conservation Wardens were hired and looking at hiring another 5 wardens in 2018. In the process of hiring 6 new conservation wardens and revamped the recreational program. Two thirds of the work load will be with hunter safety and other recreational vehicle safety programs. Will be hiring recreational skills staff that will be non-credentialed. Also working with the changes in responsibilities for parks and recreation and enforcement. In the northeast region they will be filling 7 vacancies. There will only be 3 vacancies (Green Bay, Calumet, and Manitowoc counties. There is no warden in Dodge County and there are 8 wardens sharing responsibility of coverage.

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### O. Wildlife Staff Updates

Jeff Pritzel and Ellen Barth

**DISCUSSION**

They have hired the supervisor for R3 in the state. Jeff will continue to be the R3 liaison for the northeast region. Biologist in Berlin Jim 11, retired and hope to fill that position soon. Ellen and Jim will fill in for Jim for the CDAC’s until the position is filled.

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### P. WCC Annual Meeting, Spring Hearings, and Mise Info

Dale Maas

**DISCUSSION**

Talked about procedures regarding county meetings for elections, hearing officer responsibilities and WCC chair roles and responsibilities. Talked about screening resolutions to make sure they are appropriate and meet the requirements. Kendall Kamke questioned what happened to last year's resolution on the use of cameras in sturgeon holes. They are getting a lot of calls on it and it is a hot item. Need to get feedback and direction from the public on this issue. Decided to discuss this now rather than in members matters. A lot of discussion followed. The sturgeon advisory committee voted on the issue and the vote was 17 against and 4 in favor of cameras (Arrowood) Kendall would like the same resolution voted on at each of the counties around the lake and 1 tier back. Reminder to update delegate profile info after the election. Also talked about downloading, printing, and distribution of notice on Spring Hearings. Harold Drake discussed the shooting ranges and polled delegates from each county to update the shooting range information for District 7. The main thing was to make sure that the ranges were still open and what services they offered. Discussed code of procedure changes. Discussed committee assignments and asked if anyone wanted to change committees if there was opening. Dale asked everyone to think about making award recommendations for anyone on the Congress that they feel is deserving. All the rest of the items on the agenda were brought up for discussion but there wasn't much discussion on the remaining items.

**ACTION**

Draft a standard resolution to be presented at each county around the lake and one tier county back. Bob was going to send last year's resolution, but Mike Arrowood said he would re-write it and distribute it.

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### III. MEMBERS MATTERS

**DISCUSSION**

Dale brought up trying to get some new fish and wildlife mounts for the Conservation Congress traveling display. Anyone that has a mount they might want to donate or know someone that does should call Dale. Discussion on CWD and the lack of things that are being done to trying to control it. Scott Strook will be moving out of the county and as a result will be stepping down from his delegate position for Dodge County. He was on the Congress for 30 years and will look at running if a position would open up in the county he will be moving to. The passing of Dick Koerner was brought up for those that might not have know about it. He will be missed!

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

**MEETING ADJOURNED** 10:11 pm

**SUBMITTED BY** Bob Haase

**DATE** 03/19/2018