Wisconsin Conservation Congress
[Committee Title]
Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS
06/15/2020  4:00 pm  Virtual - Conference Call

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
A. CALL TO ORDER
   Meeting called to order by Chair Larry Bonde at 4:00 pm

B. ROLL CALL
   ATTENDEES
   Joe Weiss, Tony Blattler, Joel Taylor, Dave Larsen, Mike Riggle, Steve Budnik, Dale Ebert, Ronn Krueger, Kevin Smaby, Terri Roehrig, Paul Gettleman, Brett Weir, Larry Bonde, Dave Breunig, Mike Rogers, Jayne Meyer, Ken Risley, Eugene Altweis, Scott Gunderson. DNR: Kari Lee Zimmerman, Falon French, Kyle Lenz (YCC), Bob Nack, Kevin Wallenfang
   EXCUSED
   Dale Maas, Stan Brownell
   UNEXCUSED
   Al Lohner
   GUESTS
   Rob Bowman

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR
   DISCUSSION
   Gunderson moved to approve. Gettleman 2nd. Motion Carried.
   ACTION N/A

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT
   DISCUSSION N/A
   ACTION N/A

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS
   DISCUSSION N/A
   ACTION N/A

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS
A. June NRB agenda item 4C-Request approval of antlerless deer harvest quotas, antlerless permit levels and a deer hunting season framework for 2020
   Kevin Wallenfang
   Dept is moving ahead will all CDAC recommendations with exception of Grant and Marquette Counties.
   Kevin - Overview of the CDAC and Quota setting process. - No antlerless only season. Forest county recommended buck only. 32 counties in Holiday hunt (up from last year) and dept wants to add Grant and Marquette. Increase in number of extended seasons. Conference calls went well. Public didn't participate as much. Pre-recorded wildlife biologists pre-recorded went well. On average each one got about 350 views. Public input took an increase over 25,000 public feedback. Average is 430 per county. Not alot of big issues this year. No major changes to quotas. Grant and Marquette counties, the department is making different recommendations other than what was recommended. Dept recommending Holiday Hunt for both counties and NOT the extended season. Snowmobilers had a huge impact in Marquette county. Grant County - similar issues but Holiday Hunt was a close vote. Public leaning not in favor. Some of the same issues in Grant County and dept felt we needed to take a stronger look. Harvest quota is lower at ~240K and bonus quota is similar to last year (public 43K and 161K private). Farmland zone tags is same number in most counties as 2019.
   Gundy: When we vote - can we separate the two counties. CDACs should be allowed to hunt.
   What was public opinion?
   Kevin Wallenburg: Marquette 328 support Holiday Hunt 268 Oppose. Committee discussed it and got letter from snowmobile club and hung their final vote. Grant County 255 Support, 300 Oppose. 50 undecided. Both have significant ag damage. Grant County was 4-3 not to have a holiday hunt. Ag Damage stuff jumped out and helped form the Depts position.
   Jane Meyer: Defer to the department's judgment as it is based on science and CDACs may not be. Her support is with the department. In some cases we need to say that is not what is best.
Paul Gettleman: Had same issue in Green Lake county. If you go back to check weather, there is very little snow during the holiday hunt. Agrees with Kevin to use the tools given to us.

Dave Larson: It is not the riding opportunity - it is getting the trails in place. If you have a landowner that doesn't allow the trails then they have to re-direct the trails for miles and miles.

Gundy: Agrees with Dave. Understand we have qualified folks in the dept but the deal was to allow local folks in the counties to make the decisions. Sometimes we need to listen to the public. We are to be representing everyone, listen to the CDAC and support the CDAC.

Ken Rissing: How many deer will they kill if they have a holiday hunt? The main reason they are not doing it in his county because people want to do other outdoor activities.

Kevin Wallenfang: We do have estimates of what could be killed. Last year Marquette was about 10% or 276 deers.

Joel Taylor: Feels people will fill the tags if they will not have the holiday hunt. Doesn't seem to be effective and is not a reason to not give us other tools.

Mike Riggle: If landowner - don't allow the holiday hunt and let the snowmobilers do their thing.

Jane: Can we have two votes? Separate Grant and Marquette county.

**ACTION**

Gundy made motion to WCC Support CDACs original recommendaton in Grant and Marquette and all other departments recommendations - Dave Larson - 2nd. Motion passed by Roll Call count.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**

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**B. Use of Friends of the WCC money for educational trailers**

**DISCUSSION**

Donation for Shadows of the Wolf for $3000 for the education trailer

Gundy: Does Rob want to make any comments on this?

Rob: Before we received the funds we had $1230 specific for the trailer and brings us to $4230 for the trailer.

Larry: When the solicitation went out - it was for a single trailer. See Dale's letter about the trailer expenditures.

Terri: Do we need to spend the funds? We have a great partnership with OHEC and had them scheduled out through the summer. Mark now has a 3rd trailer that we can use. Should we allocate the funds elsewhere?

Larry: Doesn't change the MOU with OHEC.

Paul Gettleman: We have $4230. We have two separate issues. Just the trailers on hand and the funds we have are a different issue.

Terri Roehrig: They are not separate issues. Do we need the Education Trailers when we have the use of OHEC and that partnership.

Paul Gettleman: The money we have is specific to the trailers.

Larry: The $1200 we have is earmarked for the trailers. We will continue to support OHEC and the MOU.

**ACTION**

Jayne Meyer made motion to support to allow the expenditure and acceptance of money from Shadows for the education Trailer and Brett Wehr 2nd. Motion Carried.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**
C. Request for Friends of the WCC money for YCC projects

**DISCUSSION**

Kyle Lenz: T-shirts proposal for YCC with new logo. Sent a request to the Youth for monetary contribution. 13 committed to purchasing. Asking for $5 per shirt from Friends. T-shirts to be given to youth when we see them. Will ship if that doesn't happen and using the $5 for shipping.

Kevin Smaby: What is cost?

Kyle: $10.34/shirt and asking youth to pay that and then $5 from Friends to cover 50% of shirt.

Tony: Reluctant to leave shipping open ended and just vote to ship to each youth.

Kyle: Cost is about $4.30. Other option is to give to a delegate in district to get them to the youth.

Rob: What are costs if we get for all 32?

Kyle 32 youth and 13 said they wanted a t-shirt and more will be interested. If all get a shirt then they are $9+

Rob: So about $270 plus shipping. We worked the Milwaukee Sports Show and split the money OHEC and we could take with funds from the show.

Gentlemen: In favor of Rob's proposal.

Rob: Trappers Association holds event and is $100 per youth (4 days 3 nights). $100 includes lodging food and classes. Right now it is not cancelled and we haven't put anything together. Talking with Ed Harvey, If 10 kids go we would let them attend and then reimburse for $100 to the kids. If 20 kids go, we can reimburse $50 per kid.

Larry: The Friends has funds and we should spend it.

Tony: How will shipping be taking care of?

Rob: The best way is to just buy all the shirts and pay for the shipping. If the youth wants

**ACTION**

Paul Gettleman made motion to Fund both projects (Tshirts and Trappers Association) to the full amount possible and fully fund one Tshirt and shipping per youth. 2nd by Kevin Smaby. Motion Carried.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

**DEADLINE**

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**III. MEMBERS MATTERS**

**DISCUSSION**

Larry - Delegate feedback and will be extraordinarily challenging to hold a convention. Will be calling an Executive Committee meeting this week. Tentatively we are scheduled to have District meetings in August. Pick a date - preferably first week in August. 1 day meeting with social distance and vote on hearing results. DLC identification would happen around that time as well.

We need to keep moving forward and we can't keep waiting. It will be challenging. Dept is still in Phase 1 of Gov Evers opening. We will not move forward on business. There is nothing controversial.

D1

Joe - Nothing

Tony - Resolutions - Meeting scheduled for Wednesday. Wish the Motorized Sports Committee - have resolutions that have wake zones on lakes. Don't know where to send them. Motorized sports only deals with land use and trails. Their mission should include water.

D2

Joel - Nothing

Dave - Motorized Rec Committee - mission is specific to land use.

D3

Mike - Nothing

D4

Dale - Nothing

Ron - Nothing

D5

Kevin - Nothing

Terri - Nothing

D6 - not present

D7

Paul - Larry - has been a damn good chair and I appreciate it.

D8
IV. ADJOURNMENT

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