

Meeting Minutes  
Disability Advisory Council (DAC)  
Aging and Disability Resource Center  
April 8, 2016

Members present: John Martinson, Joe Greene, Jim Rutledge, John Mitchell, Cathryn Scott, Steve Johnson, Keith Pamperin and Monica Kamal via teleconference

Members absent: John Kocourek and Kirsten Engel

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Martinson at 10:25 am.

The Chair asked for introductions of the new members since he was not present at the last meeting when the new council members were introduced. Cathryn and Keith provided John with their backgrounds and why they were interested in the DAC. Keith also let the Council know that he is the recipient of the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce Leo Frigo award for his work with the food pantry. Congratulations Keith! Anthonette introduced Nick Zouski, her new DNR DVR Intern. Nick comes to DNR with a lot of ADA experience and is very familiar with many accessibility organizations.

First, the Council reviewed the agenda.

**Joe made a motion to accept the agenda. Steve seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

Next the minutes from the October 23, 2015, meeting were reviewed.

**Jim made a motion to accept the minutes. Keith seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

Monica asked that the Council table the PDMD discussion until the next DAC meeting.

The next item on the agenda was the election of Chair and Vice Chair. Nominations were delivered to Anthonette via e-mail and voting was done in person with Monica voting via e-mail. John Martinson was voted in for DAC Chair and Joe Greene was voted in for DAC Vice-chair. Congratulations to both John and Joe!

Jim wanted to add to the next meeting agenda an item to amend the charter to allow the alternate to vote on all tie breakers including voting. Anthonette indicated she may want to talk about the alternate's role at the next meeting.

Julie is to send to all Members the DAC Charter or the link to the DAC Charter page on DNR's Open the Outdoors website.

Next on the agenda was the overnight travel policy. Julie handed out a summary in which she explained when it is appropriate to have overnight travel. Keith indicated that he would ask for advance approval if he needed an attendant or driver approval.

Julie or Anthonette is to e-mail all documents to Steve Johnson, Monica and Kirsten.

Next Anthonette talked about the e-mail from Richard Rosen regarding the LE liaison to the DAC. Rick Rosen works out of Eau Claire office and is Tyler's boss. Rick indicated that Tyler has too many undertakings and cannot come to the DAC meetings. Rick also sent an e-mail to Parks Director Ben Bergey asking if there was someone from the Parks Bureau who could take over Tyler's role. Anthonette read the e-mail. Are the disability issues discussed by the DAC primarily parks related? She and the DAC did not think so. Tyler could still be the contact for a disgruntled disabled permit applicant. Anthonette led the lengthy discussion. Anthonette thought the roles of the liaisons needed to be clarified. Monica suggested that both a Parks and LE liaison would be beneficial. Cathryn asked what does the LE liaison provide to the Council? John Mitchell said that rules and statutory change clarifications relating to disability issues are part of the LE liaison role.

Anthonette indicated that having a Wildlife Management liaison rather than a Parks Management liaison makes more sense. The DAC also has Barry Gilbeck as the Customer Service liaison. Steve said that the role of the LE liaison is so very important. Anthonette wondered if there was another LE person in a different region that could take on the liaison role. There was a lot of discussion.

**Jim made a motion that DNR continue to have a LE Warden representative as a liaison to DAC and this should happen as soon as possible! John Mitchell seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Keith said that the DAC should think clearly if the DNR can afford having a LE liaison at each of the DAC meetings. Anthonette responded and said that in the past the LE liaisons were doing their work while at the DAC meeting and that the DAC still needs their investment. The Council said that LE can relate to real issues since they are part of the meetings and that the need for exposure to persons with disabilities is very important. Jim remembers when a judge said no one can shoot from vehicle and that it was the LE (Warden) liaison who helped out and gave reason to allow certain persons with disabilities to shoot from a vehicle. Steve said that the DAC needs to be face-to-face with LE.

Anthonette will talk to Richard Rosen and Todd Schaller (Chief Warden) regarding the importance of an LE Warden continuing involvement with the DAC. Barry indicated when Customer Service (CS) receives really questionable disabled permit applications and if CS can't settle these issues, then it needs an LE opinion. LE has a critical role in these determinations. The LE liaison will be part of the charter discussion. Tyler can mentor the new LE person.

Next on the agenda item is "what can an assistant do or not do when accompanying a person who has a Class A, B, C, or D permit"? Anthonette handed out Tyler's response. There was much discussion on this. Anthonette believed this was tied into the Wyoming application agenda item. John Martinson said an assistant can shoot to finish off a deer in Wyoming. Monica asked "Can volunteers that are felons carry a gun?" The answer is "No". Nick talked about the Wyoming website. He indicated the only difference between Wyoming and Wisconsin is that in Wyoming a person can do the final kill for \$5. Keith said this provision would allow a non-disabled person to hunt during the disabled hunt. Why can't an assistant do the final kill without a license? It is illegal. There was lots of discussion regarding this topic. Monica asked if it was ethical to leave an animal suffering? Jim asked if this change (to allow assistant to do final kill) could be added to administrative code. The answer is "No, it is a statutory requirement". As an FYI, Mentor

Act 225 allows the mentor to make the final kill. The Mentor does not need to have a license to kill (dispatch) the animal. This does not apply to the disabled hunt.

**Monica made a motion to table this agenda item until we get an LE liaison. Jim seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

Jim said one can ask LE to come and dispatch the deer. This could be applied to all hunting seasons. Barry said that anytime you are using your Class A, B, C, or D permit this would apply. Steve informed the Council that NASA has a pre-hunt meeting before the special hunt and has a DNR Warden present to help with any questions.

Keith's agenda item to simplify the process for early gun deer hunt was up next. Why do landowners have to sign up hunters in advance? Youths can hunt anywhere. Anthonette handed out the response to this question from Kevin Wallenfang of Wildlife Management. The Council has discussed this issue before. It's a matter of a statewide hunt versus a special disabled hunt. Anthonette read the response out loud. Basically, one can sign up for the special gun deer hunt electronically and it is much simpler now. Jim asked, "Why does DNR require the assistant's name to be on the application"? John Martinson said if the DAC asks for the special gun deer hunt to be the same as the youth hunt (no applications), that the disabled hunt might get reduced to a two day hunt.

Monica reminded the Committee of the Conservation Congress meetings that are starting next Monday. She doesn't believe there are any disabled issues coming up.

Next on the agenda were the new rules to allow tree stands to stay up overnight. Anthonette handed out information on this. DNR is working on new rules to allow stands overnight on DNR lands.

Next, Monica discussed the Mirror Lake beach area improvements. Monica said there is an accessible toilet in an inaccessible location. Anthonette is wondering how this could have happened since the two property managers involved both have ADA experience. She will look into it.

Anthonette also discussed the accessible pit toilet projects and the delay in getting them approved to build. Anthonette will get a contact over at the DOA (agency that approves the capital development projects including pit toilets) and give the DAC his/her phone number and e-mail address.

**Joe made a motion DAC is concerned with the lack of response from DOA for its required/necessary engineering approvals for ADA toilets. Cathryn seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

Next, Anthonette handed out 25th anniversary of Mirror Lake Cabin in the Woods (accessible cabin) flyer. The anniversary celebration will be on a Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Next on the agenda were the customer service updates.

First, Barry provided updates on the Go Wild system. They are as follows:

Most agents are functional. Snowmobile, ATV and Boat registration renewals are available at all locations.

With carcass tagging, there is a change.

- He discussed how the new tags would work.
  - o How to complete them. A hunter can now write the date on the tag and put tag back in his/hers pocket and then drag out the deer, or turkey, etc. One does not have to put the tag on the animal (harvested game) as long as you are with the game.
- The Council was informed of how they can be used and the fact that the carcass tag does not need to be attached to the animal until you are separated from the harvested animal. Therefore, if you will not be with the game, then you have to attach the tag to the game.
- There are no back tags.
- Disabled Permits
  - o Are part of each person's electronic record. Personal IDs are not available for these permits at this point, but an applicant can purchase a Go Wild Card for \$3.50, which is good every year (access to your electronic record.) Having a Go Wild Card and/or a driver's license will show the Class A, B, C is in your electronic record, so you don't have to carry a separate permit.
  - o Class D to be added – These are not on the electronic record yet, therefore the permittees will have to carry the letter. As soon as they come in with their letter (that was issued) they can get an electronic record.
- What can be carried for a license
  - o Go Wild Conservation Card
  - o Driver's license
  - o Paper Copy
  - o PDF saved to Smart Phone
- Registrations
  - o Barry presented the avenues for obtaining recreational vehicle registration
  - o He also discussed what is currently being processed

Trolling Permit Legislation

- Passed both houses
- Governor is scheduled to sign bill April 21, but could be sooner
- The disabled permit application will be updated if it passes

## Transfer to Youth or Disabled

- We will be adding this to the applications
- Act 98 2015

2015 Wisconsin Act 98 was recently signed into law by Governor Walker, expanding the eligibility for receiving the transfer of an awarded permit. 2015 Act 98 is effective November 13, 2015 and expands permit transfer eligibility in two ways:

1. Allows an awarded permit to be transferred to a disabled person. A “disabled person” is defined as a person who holds a Class A, Class B, Class C, or Class D permit issued under s. 29.193. The permits that may be transferred include bobcat hunting and trapping permits, otter trapping permits, fisher trapping permits, wild turkey hunting licenses, sharp-tailed grouse hunting permits, Class A bear licenses, elk hunting licenses, wolf harvesting licenses, and Upriver sturgeon spearing licenses.
2. Allows a Class A bear license to be transferred to a service member or a person awarded the Purple Heart medal. A "Service member" means a person who is serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces. There is no requirement the service member be a resident or be on furlough or leave.

Former limitations on transfers remain. The person receiving the transfer must not have been previously received a transfer of that type of approval and must be eligible to use the approval. A person transferred an awarded permit shall retain all previously accumulated preference points for that type of permit. According to statute, applications for transfer must be received no later than 15 prior to the start of the season (however, workloads may allow our CSRs to accommodate transfer requests that come in closer than 15 days prior to the start of the season – if we can make it happen, we will!).

New Forms and web site coming soon! We have two new forms to facilitate permit transfers. We modified the youth transfer form to add transfers to disabled persons - the new form is 9400-607, Transfer of Awarded Approvals to Minors and Persons with Disabilities. In addition, we developed a new form specifically for the Class A bear license, as this type of approval may also be transferred to service members and persons awarded a Purple Heart. This form is 9400-608, Class A Bear Transfer Application. Please note the transfer forms will contain all the specifics of eligibility, documentation requirements, and how to submit.

And last but not least, Adrienne Casper and Jennifer McDonough are developing a new “Awarded Permit Transfer” web page! This new page will provide all the information you could possibly want on permit transfers in one convenient location. We’re putting the finishing touches on this web site and anticipate it will be available very soon.

Barry is to get Anthonette SB 298 legislation.

Next Anthonette gave her updates. The updates she had were the PDMD’s which are tabled and potential DAC meeting locations. She thought Navarino Wildlife Area (WA) versus Crex Meadows WA is a better location for our next meeting. Navarino WA wants DAC to make some recommendations on proposed construction projects. Crex Meadows WA is in Master planning right now. Therefore, Navarino is a better choice. Several possible dates were discussed.

Originally the June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> dates were suggested to be changed to June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> were also discussed as possible dates. Nick will send out a Survey Monkey asking for preferred dates.

The next agenda item was the Members' updates.

Jim R. - On July 30<sup>th</sup>, the National PVA will hold a trap shoot in Green Bay. There is space for 15 youth shooters.

Steve – NASA continues to be very busy. The annual NASA banquet will take place on Wednesday, April 27 at the La Crosse Center. We are expecting over 600 guests, and expect to surpass \$200,000 in net revenue. Approximately 121 firearms will be raffled off, as well as bows and crossbows. On May 1, the NASA tri-toon boat, the SS Squirrel III, will begin providing services to persons with disabilities, disabled veterans and elders over the age of 72. All of NASA's services are free of charge, and family members and friends can join as long as the person meets its target group. Over the past few years, NASA has provided rides from May 1 through September 30 to an average of 3500 persons each year. NASA has been doing a lot with disabled veterans over the past 2 years, and it will hold its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual turkey hunt the 5<sup>th</sup> season. NASA's goal is 30 individuals, and it will be based out of the Super-8 in Sparta, but hunting throughout the region. NASA will also have its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual BASS tournament on Lake Onalaska, coyote hunts, and also has an annual pheasant hunt for the vets at Woods and Meadows in Warrens. NASA has been working on a large project over the past few years which is the construction of the NASA Memorial Park located on the shores of Lake Onalaska. This park will be dedicated to veterans and persons with disabilities. The park is fully accessible with a large shelter/gazebo, accessible picnic tables, grill and pathways which are located adjacent to the NASA accessible fishing pier and landing. Dedication is anticipated to be held the end of May. Sometime this fall, NASA will be conducting additional disabled deer hunts outside of the DNR annual hunts held in early October. NASA is working with the DNR, City of Onalaska, City of La Crosse and County of La Crosse to conduct 2-3 managed hunts at the County landfill. NASA will also be having another Hixton Forest hunt which is coordinated with the City of La Crosse and DNR to control the urban deer population in our largest City park/forest. Watch the NASA website for applications for these hunts, or contact Steve to have your name put on the NASA mailing list.

Joe – no updates.

Cathryn – no updates.

Keith – no updates.

John Mitchell – On June 11<sup>th</sup>, Adaptive Sportsman will hold a 3D archery shoot at Horicon Marsh Bowmen. On August 6<sup>th</sup>, it will hold a shooting picnic at Schultz Rod & Gun Club in Muskego. On October 14-16, it will have a bow hunt in Clintonville.

John Martinson - Adaptive Sportsmen will hold a Fishery event on May 28<sup>th</sup> in Madison and a Sporting Clays event on August 20<sup>th</sup> at Montello Gun Club.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18th and 19th and will be a property review. Anthonette asked about Bong, but the Council had already been there. John Martinson suggested Mead Wildlife Area. This is tentative and Anthonette will follow up.

**Not officially part of the minutes—**

**Update--Based on the number of people available, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> are the dates selected for the next DAC meeting and tour at Navarino Wildlife Area.**

**Joe Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.