

DAC MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2010  
THE WATERS OF MINOCQUA  
MINOCQUA, WISCONSIN

DAC members in attendance: Vice Chair Tom Zimmer, John Mitchell, John Martinson, John Kocourek, Joe Greene, Dale Petkovsek, Steve Johnson and Jim Rutledge.

DAC members excused absence: Werner Burkat.

Others in attendance: Dan Jacoby, Andy Janicki and Kelly Frawley

Call to Order

Vice Chair Zimmer called the meeting to order at approximately 9:54 a.m. Zimmer welcomed Petkovsek and Martinson as full members of the board.

Approve/Amend Agenda

Request from floor to add discussion on Property Award, timing of agenda/minutes and motorized access on State lands form. Motion by Rutledge, second by Greene, to approve amended agenda. Carried.

Approve/Amend Minutes

Motion by Kocourek, second by Greene, to accept minutes as amended. Carried.

Alternate Position Candidate

Janicki discussed appointment of alternate to the DAC. Janicki presented the application of Kirsten Engel for consideration.

Kocourek commented that the past policy of having one person on the council that works directly with persons of disabilities is a good policy and should continue. Kocourek believes the remainder of the council should be reserved for persons with a disability.

Greene commented that he agrees with Kocourek's position and the DAC's past practice.

Mitchell commented that the council should be cognizant that the DAC has two members that represent independent living centers.

The DAC reviewed the application for the alternate position on the council.

Johnson commented that having a candidate that focuses on accessibility to state parks may be an asset.

Zimmer stressed the importance of remaining diversified and cautioned the council not to become too heavily represented by members of independent living centers. Zimmer commented that the DAC may wish to look to the northern region of Wisconsin where representation is lacking.

Petkovsek commented that the council is not represented by a female. Maybe the DAC should keep that aspect in mind when considering the candidates.

Rutledge commented he would like to see candidates with a broad range of interests and experience. Open-mindedness is a critical aspect. The DAC has been criticized in the past regarding being “heavily” laden with hunting and fishing interest.

Zimmer commented the open position will serve as an alternate. Appointment to this position allows the candidate to determine if serving on the DAC is in his or her interest. The position also allows the DAC to determine if the alternate is qualified to serve on the council.

Greene commented that representing the service agency he cannot appreciate the challenges a person with disability may have.

Johnson commented the DAC should be looking at the most qualified candidate. The DAC should not eliminate someone from consideration because they may represent an independent living center. Johnson believes the DAC has the opportunity to reach out in the northern region to find someone with a broad base of experience either with disability or with a child with a disability.

Zimmer commented that the DAC should look to carry two alternate members.

Kocourek recommends inviting an interested candidate or candidates to a meeting to see if their interest meets expectations of serving on the council. Motion by Kocourek, second by Greene, to invite candidate(s). Carried.

Motion by Zimmer, second by Rutledge, for staff to check if the DAC is allowed a second alternate. Zimmer discussed if the DAC can do a specialized search to find a candidate from the northern region. Janicki commented that he could post or place a link on the website for candidates.

#### Letter from Senator Holperin

The DAC wishes for Vice Chair Tom Zimmer and at some point a DNR representative visit the site and provide a recommendation to the DAC.

Rutledge commented that if the site has the potential to be made accessible the DNR should consider.

Motion by Rutledge, second by Johnson, to have Vice Chair Zimmer follow up and view the site.

#### Official Statement on Disabled Hunts

Janicki provided a status report.

The DAC recommended that Warden Mesman be the contact regarding this issue.

#### New Laws from Legislative Session

Janicki updated the DAC on recent legislative actions. No action taken by the council.

#### DAC Role in Future Cabin Development

Johnson discussed that the North American Squirrel Association (NASA) plans to develop a rustic cabin at Perrot State Park. Janicki and Johnson contacted the property manager. NASA will assist in financial and labor support to move the project forward. Janicki commented the Department will go through the necessary channels in hopes of moving this project forward. Janicki has an accessibility budget that can assist in the development. DNR representatives in the Central Office have indicated the Department may establish a policy for placement of cabins. This may delay potential movement for building a cabin at the park.

The DAC believes the DNR should promote an accessible cabin in every park facility. The DAC agreed to invite representatives of the DNR Park Bureau to discuss the Council's role in future cabin development.

#### Property Award – Mitchell

Mitchell commented that the Loew Lake Wildlife Area placed four accessible turkey hunting blinds. Blinds are wooden. Two were done by the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association (WWA). The sites are reserved for eligible disabled hunters. Mitchell would like to have the DAC consider selection of awards at a future meeting.

#### Form for Vehicle Access on State Lands

Janicki reviewed a draft form identified as "*Motorized Vehicle Application and Permit for Disabled Non-Hunting Purpose on State Lands.*"

Mitchell and Johnson commented that the application and permit should meet the same standards and requirements as those for the disabled hunter.

Zimmer questioned why the same standards must apply if this is for non-hunting purposes.

Rutledge is concerned regarding deviation from the current hunting standards when considering non-hunting. The applicants should meet the conditions of a Class A, B or C applicant.

Petkovsek commented temporary permits are issued for a time certain. Meeting that standard for a temporary permit may not necessarily translate to this application. Care should be taken to reflect that concern. An expiration date should be determined.

Janicki commented the license would be time specific and likely end in October or November. The timeframe would be dictated by the property manager.

The consensus of the DAC was to follow the Class A, B and C permit language.

#### Timing of Agenda/Minutes

The DAC would like to have agenda prepared and reviewed the Monday of the prior week of a scheduled meeting.

#### Next Meeting Location and Agenda

Agenda items: Bear Permit Transfer for Terminally Ill; ATV/UTV Access to Lake Bed due to Mobility Issues; and, UTV Statewide Status, County Approval & Process.

#### Member Updates

Johnson: WWA and a property owner in Rockland area are constructing ponds to attract waterfowl. The WWA is working with NASA on hunting platforms.

Rutledge: Wisconsin Paralyzed Veterans (WPV) trap shoot is July 23-26 in Green Bay. The pistol shoot will be on Monday. WPV will sponsor 25 youth at the event.

Mitchell: Adaptive Sportsmen, Inc. (ASI) is having shooting picnic July 31<sup>st</sup> in Muskego. October bow hunts will be held in Clintonville and Baraboo. A Boy Scout is working on Eagle Scout project for an accessible blind in the Bong Recreation area.

Jacoby: Gypsy Lake – DNR looking to provide accessible hunting and viewing blinds. Foresters will allow for a few shooting lanes.

Martinson: ASI will hold a fishing competition on June 13<sup>th</sup> on the Madison chain of lakes. The group targets power chairs due to use of pontoons. A Pheasant Hunt is scheduled on November 6<sup>th</sup> at Smith's Pheasant Crest Hunting Preserve in Oxford, Wisconsin. Martinson received a request from hunter for a rule change to allow a bear hunting permit holder an exemption to donate said permit to a terminally ill youth. Martinson questioned whether a person with mobility issues can access water through the use of an ATV or UTV. Jacoby commented there are rules against driving on the lake bed. Jacoby commented that enforcement is at law enforcement discretion.

Greene: No comment

Petkovsek: Petkovsek commented that volunteers are preparing for the fall Special Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities. Petkovsek is estimating the program will have over 100 participants. 13,000 acres are currently available and accessible for the hunt – down approximately 1300 acres.

Janicki: Janicki is looking to survey and inventory accessible blinds and piers statewide. Janicki is working with Linda Olver to consider opening state wildlife areas to disabled hunts. Opening state wildlife areas would provide land versatility for disabled hunters and possibly allow the DAC to revisit the ability of hunters to participate in more than one hunt. The property manager of the area would then become the sponsor.

### Adjourn

Motion by Johnson, second by Martinson, to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. Carried.