Disability Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Dreyfus University Center, Room 235
UW-Stevens Point
1015 Reserve St
Stevens Point, WI 54481

August 17, 2012

Members Present: Chairman Tom Zimmer, Jim Rutledge, Vice Chair John Martinson, Werner Burkat and Dale Petkovsek. Via teleconference: John Mitchell

Members Absent: John Kocourek, Joe Greene, Kirstin Engel and Steve Johnson

Others Present: Christie Ciolkosz, Tyler Strelow, Carl Mesman and Andy Janicki

Chair Tom Zimmer called the Disability Advisory Council (DAC) meeting to order at 10:17am. John Mitchell requested the addition of future plans to the Badger Ammunition Plant (now the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area). Janicki stated where the master plan for this area can be found on the DNR website and how to comment. **Motion and second to approve agenda. Motion carried.**

**Motion and second to approve the minutes of the March 2012 meeting. Carried.**

**Accessible Shooting Ranges**

Jim Rutledge mentioned the need for disability access for shooting ranges statewide. He also mentioned that the DAC toured the McMiller Range several years ago and that the DNR was making it more accessible. Janicki stated the updated 2010 ADA now has standards for firing positions at shooting ranges. There was discussion on proper bench height and the need to accommodate left and right handed shooters. It was concluded that sandbags would work best to adjust the table height for various users.

**Class D Permit**

Carl Mesman detailed the proposed administrative changes to the new Class D permit. **Motion and second to provide same privileges to Class D as Class A permit holders. Carried.**

**Hunting Proposal Letter**

Zimmer informed the council of his conversation with Mr. Matt Denis and referred everyone to the letter that Mr. Denis submitted. Mr. Denis is proposing that the disabled gun deer hunt coincide with the youth hunt each year. This item was tabled for the next meeting so that DAC members can discuss with their constituents.

**UTV Update**

Tyler Strelow gave an overview of the new UTV law that recently passed through the state legislature. This is the outcome of the 3-year pilot program that proved successful and gives UTV users similar privileges as ATV users.

**WCPD Accessible Campsite Proposal Update**
Janicki informed the council of the meeting between DNR staff and members of the WI Council on Physical Disabilities (WCPD) concerning their letter on accessible campsites. Work on this will continue until changes are adopted into DNR policy.

**Deer Trustee Meeting Update**

Zimmer informed the council of his comments made on behalf of the DAC regarding disabled hunting issues at the Deer Trustee meeting.

**Member Updates**

Members discussed scheduled activities and events relevant to those with disabilities and their respective organizations.

**Motion and second to adjourn at 2:56pm. Carried.**