

DAC Minutes
October 23, 2014
Upper Mississippi River NW & FR, Onalaska

Members in attendance: John Martinson, Kirsten Engel, Joe Greene, John Mitchell, Jim Rutledge, John Kocourek, Steve Johnson, and Tom Zimmer

Members Absent: Werner Burkat

Others in attendance: Tyler Strelow, Barry Gilbeck, Anthonette Gilpatrick, Tanner Dunn, John Anderson, and Julie Amakobe

John Martinson, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:37 p.m.

First the Council reviewed the agenda.

John Mitchell made a motion to approve the agenda. Jim Rutledge seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Next the minutes were reviewed. Barry had some amendments to the minutes and these are as follows:

July 17, 2014, AmericInn

Page 1, 5th paragraph 5, the last sentence should read "DNR events or programs are different and at these events a DAC member can discuss the DAC's recommendations."

Page 2, 1st paragraph, "change keeping to "keep" general panfish....and also change "hunting" stamp to "fishing" stamp twice in following sentence.

Page 2, 2nd paragraph, add "Wild" to National Turkey Federation.

Page 3, 1st paragraph, delete the word "that"

Page 3, 3rd paragraph, Change "In wildlife areas to "There are certain areas"

Page 3, paragraph 4, change "accept to "support"

Page 3, paragraph 4, add "Other Power Driven Mobility Device (OPDMD) before the word permit.

Change "Power Driven Mobility Device or PDMD" to "Other Power Driven Mobility Device or OPDMD" throughout the minutes

Page 3, 7th paragraph, add "zone" after farmland.

Page 3, 8th paragraph clarify by adding 10-15 year olds (first time hunter education safety graduate).

Page 4, 3rd paragraph, Change "The law states" to "The DAC recommends". Also add after Class A, "Long Term B, Crossbow"

Page 4, last paragraph change "\$2,000" to "200,000".

Page 5, 1st paragraph, change "La Crosse" to "West Salem"

Page 5, 2nd paragraph, Change "Restrictive Bowman" to "Racine Instinctive Bowmen"

July 18, 2014 Yellowstone Lake Shooting Range

Page 7, 4th paragraph, Add "(2%" after 1:48 and add a comma after less than one

Joe Greene made a motion to accept the amended minutes. John Mitchell seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Next the Council discussed the Yellowstone Shooting Range. Anthonette led the discussion. She first discussed the ADA requirements, which are not a lot. Anthonette said that ADA Chapter 1010.1 specifies a circular turning space 60” diameter minimum with slopes not steeper than 1:48 (2%) shall be provided at shooting facilities with firing positions. At least 5%, but no less than one, of each type of firing position shall comply with 1010.1 (above).

Anthonette wants the Council to get the plans correct for accessibility. The stamped plans (engineering company) had some discrepancies to final construction.

25 foot pistol range – There are 8 stations and the station on the south end is accessible. The turning radius and slope meet requirements at this station. The height to the top of the shooting table is 33”. The plans call for 34”. Is this ok? ADA dining and work surfaces are 28” minimum to 34” maximum. Shooting outside of the established shooting stations is not acceptable (shooting hazard to others). A person can bring sand bags to assist with shooting. Jim suggested that the benches could be wider to rest elbows.

Anthonette recommended an adjustable height shooting table, however most WM properties may not have the capacity to keep these maintained.

Therefore, Joe Greene made a motion that the height of the shooting table shall be 34” to the top of the table with a knee clearance of no less than 27”. Kirsten seconded the motion and all were in favor. These are standards to be used by DNR when designing shooting ranges.

50 yard range – Anthonette indicated there were some issues regarding the access route to the target areas. DNR will correct these issues with porous asphalt or something similar. There are 6 stations, four are standing, and 2 are existing shooting tables. The shooting table height shall be 34” with a clearance of no less than 27”, the same as the 25 foot range. These are standards to be used by DNR when designing the 50 yard ranges.

100 yard rifle range – There are 8 stations, all have adjustable seats. Two of the eight are ADA shooting tables. Change the height for these two to 34” inches to the top of the table and no less than 27” knee clearance underneath. Present width is 3.5 feet. Barry suggested after discussing with Jim to add the arms/wings onto all the stations extending 18 inches long and 8 inches wide and angled off as the extension on the front of the bench. These extensions will be the universal standard for the 100 yard range only. Minocqua has these arms on all of the shooting ranges. If there was a 36” clear unobstructed space underneath, then the person shooting wouldn’t need the 18” by 8” extensions.

Joe Greene made a motion that all future ADA design specifications shall have shooting benches at a height of 34” and 27” minimum clearance on the bottom and will require a minimum of 25” toe clearance under the bench. There shall be a 36” width between shooting stations. In addition all stations on the 100 yard range shall have wings/extensions, 15” (changed from 18”) by 8”, on both sides of the shooting bench. John Mitchell seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Next on the agenda was the deer tagging topic. Tyler handed out the 2014 Deer Carcass Tags informational sheet. Tom indicated that the tags had specified locations for the doe tags. When someone, able bodied or disabled, purchases a gun deer license, he/she gets a buck tag and a farmland zone tag which is good for a doe only. The non-disabled is restricted to farmland zones only, the disabled can use the farmland zone tag statewide. Here is the link:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/dtrfaq.html>.

Jim made the motion that the DAC recommends that in 2015 and going forward that the farmland zone tags be valid statewide regardless of property designation for Class A and C permit holders. Joe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Next, Barry went over CAES updates:

- 1) Barry indicated the Department was considering changes to the disabled permit application to improve its efficiency and to assure it is completed correctly by customers. This change was not meant to fully change the form, but only draw attention to areas that were not being completed.

The changes being considered were:

- Relocating the renewal/new permit indicator box to assure proper length of issuance.
 - Finding a way to better highlight the temporary/permanent disability section to assure it is completed for type or permit to issue.
- 2) Barry updated the Council on the new licensing system which is being designed and will be a complete replacement of the old system. DNR is looking at all options for licenses. The new system will be Internet based. Having kiosks are also an option. The current system ALIS will be gone.
 - 3) The interest in the Class A permit is increasing, possibly due to the ability of disabled hunters with a Class A or C permit to harvest a doe in the Northern Forest Zones.
 - 4) Crossbow sales are going well; there is a lot of interest in it. Tom gave an example of a father and son and how one used a bow and the other a crossbow in a blind. Jim asked "Since Ohio has had the universal use of the Crossbow for a long time, how long is its season?" What was the effect of the crossbow on the gun deer season? Barry didn't know the answer to that question, but will check.
 - 5) The customer service staff have all been tested and trained on approving disabled permits. They are all on the same page. They are now using the SharePoint site to enter and complete applications for disabled permits. An applicant can mail in his/her application and it will be scanned into the computer and Customer Service can review it that way. This will assure that we are as efficient as possible in the review process. The application will be stored electronically within the SharePoint site.

Anthonette asked about turnaround time for the approval of a disabled permit. Barry indicated that the goal is three days maximum unless further review is needed.

Next on the agenda was the accessible pier at the Merrimac Ferry. John Mitchell was contacted because of his association with Adaptive Sportsman. He believes DOT (wayside) granted permission to do an accessible fishing pier near the Merrimac Ferry. DOT had been looking for grants to do this project. There was discussion whether DNR had to be informed and look at pier. It was noted that DOT only had to secure the necessary DNR permits. DOT can construct on its own.

Next Anthonette did her Accessibility Coordinator updates. First she discussed other power driven mobile devices (OPDMDs) and Monica's demonstration of the Action Trackchair. Jim said if battery operated, it will go 4 or 5 mph at the maximum. The OPDMD permit approval may not be necessary for these types of chairs, but then this needs to be restricted to the chairs like the Action Trackchair. Some other larger and faster chairs should not be allowed to bypass the PDMD permit approval. Anthonette wants to form a group to discuss OPDMDs. The manual code will need to be amended and completed. Jim recommended that the PDMD be battery operated and there should also be a speed restriction. Monica did not want a PDMD permit to be required. If required, Jim asked if one could get a 1 year permit in January.

Anthonette let the Council know that a man sent her a letter requesting his daughter, who has dwarfism, be given the right to hunt. Currently there is language on the license application form that restricts getting a license based on height. Her father made a custom rifle for her and it meets the federal requirements. She is interested in hunting and went to hunter safety. On the application form he exaggerated her height. She is less than 4 feet in height (the current height threshold). Can DNR get this changed? Barry will contact John King. It can be changed on the website, since the hunting law has no height restrictions.

John Mitchell was involved with a project along with DNR employee Brian Finch at Wautoma. DNR wanted to make properties more accessible for hunting. Adaptive Sportsman and National Wild Turkey Federation are going to help build the accessible blinds.

John Kocourek said he would like the gentleman's name and reference of what this project entails. John Mitchell will get back to him.

Anthonette said that she wants a volunteer with computer skills to help her revamp the Open the Outdoors Webpage. Anyone who would like to help should contact her directly.

Anthonette also said that she will be asking DAC members for help with responses to accessibility questions as they arise. This will really help her out especially if the questions are in regard to accessibility issues/problem in a member's vicinity.

A question came up regarding the age a child can hunt. The child (mentee) must be 10 or 11 years old and his/her mentor must be at least 18 years old and have a hunting (general) license. The mentor can use an approved PDMD permit to retrieve a deer if hunter is under the mentorship program. See "rules for mentor" on DNR's webpage.

Anthonette wants to show a video at the next in-person meeting. An ADA Wisconsin Legacy group is working on what Wisconsin wants to showcase, etc. The group is looking at historic documents and figuring out how to coordinate and disseminate the information. There will be an ADA Legacy bus touring the Nation and will end up at an Abilities Expo (closest one is in Chicago).

Tom discussed the e-mail he received from a gentleman regarding the disabled hunt. The issue that was brought to Tom's attention was resolved by Wildlife Management.

Next Tom discussed the filling of the vacant alternate position and Werner's position.

Joe made a motion to have Anthonette coordinate and advertise for the two open DAC member positions. Kirsten seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

The DAC and others met at 9:00 at the Holiday Inn Express to travel to Perrot State Park. The group was given a tour of Perrot State Park by Park Superintendent Jim Thompson and Lois Larson. Thank you Jim and Lois!