



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Dist. 6 Spring Mtg. 2021
Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	03/17/2021	7:00 PM	Zoom Virtual
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Stan Brownell at 7:03 PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Scott Pitta, Wayne Schmidt, Joe Stuchlak, Butch Roberts, Peter Helios, Tara Rueth, Robert Nicksic, Adam Liebersbach, Jerry Hemerley, Jeff Johnson, Maurice Amundson, Stan Brownell, Alan Balliet, Peter Theisen, Jessica Tomaszewski, Mike Nicholson, Jeffry Giese, Scott McAuley, Al Lobner.
EXCUSED	Al Peterson, Tyrone Larson,
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Dan Bauman, Cal Straub, Falon French, Kari-Lee Zimmerman.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	none

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	none

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	none

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Dist. 6 Department Updates

Dan Bauman

DISCUSSION	Dan opened with a Thank You for Stan Brownell's service over the years. Budgets are the main concerns for the department Secretary and the governor as well. Stewardship is getting reintroduced by the governor for some organizational sectors and departmental acquisition as well. The big focus seems to be clean air and clean water especially. DNR will be offering assistance to test private wells as well as municipalities. The department is in a hiring freeze. The hope is by July 1 they will have a better idea of the positions that can be filled.	
ACTION	none	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. Review WCC Questions

Al Lobner

DISCUSSION	WCC Questions were read and reviewed. There were no questions regarding the Environmental committee questions. Some of these questions have already been acted upon. Great Lakes Committee questions were next. Maurice informed everyone that the Great Lakes Plan is being worked on currently. Motorized recreational vehicles followed. Warm Water Committee questions followed with no questions as well. Deer and Elk Committee questions had no concerns by the members. Fur Harvest Committee had some questions with regard to the first Committee Question. All of these questions were answered by Scott McAuley and Mike Nicholson. Legislative questions were next. Maurice explained that counties would like to regain control of shorelines for lakes, streams and rivers. Turkey and Upland Game had some questions regarding dog training and trialing. The Bear Committee had one question regarding the Leash Law. Outdoor Heritage and Ed. Committee has a question regarding Kids Outdoors Passes at State Parks. Trout Committee question was explained by Maurice Amundson.
ACTION	none

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

C. Spring Hearing Logistics and Congress Business

Al Lobner, Kari-Lee

DISCUSSION	How the Department would accept resolutions was discussed, the number of delegates to each committee was reviewed and how county delegates are to be replaced should someone decide not to run. Delegate surveys were discussed and the timing for this was explained by Kari. Kari will also distribute the Press Release regarding the Spring Hearings notification. Tara Rueth from Clark county is the delegate to the YCC Committee so if anyone has someone who would be interested in being involved in the YCC please contact Tara. PR and Outreach items were discussed and Terri Roehrig and Justin Loehrke are the one's to contact should you have some of this information. Shooting Range Updates should be reported to Emily Iehl and her e-mail is emily.iehl@Wisconsin.gov. No Annual Convention will be held this year. If you know of someone who you feel should be recognized please let the Executive Committee know so that person is also considered. There will also be no LT Bear Hunt Tag this year. Other Learn to Hunt programs will also be canceled for this year.	
ACTION	none	
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Peter Thiesen asked if the wolf harvest would be a detriment to the next years wolf season. Only time will tell what the end result will be. Scott McAuley commented on how Adrian Wydeven was more transparent than our current wolf group or more forthcoming with information. Scott Pitta asked that everyone read the comments of Terry Hilgenberg regarding the WCC and Environmental issues. Maurice Amundson commented on the conservation vs. preservation of our wolf program. He also commented on the upcoming vacancy of our councilor position. Jerry Hemerley reminded everyone of the CDAC kickoff meeting. Butch Roberts commented on WCC question 26. Bob Nicksic reiterated his concerns regarding the wolf hunt. Joe Stuchlac mentioned he is on the CDAC committee for his county. Tara Rueth commented on the great job that Terri Roehrig is doing on the Public Relations for the WCC. Jessica Tomaszewski gave us some incite on what is happening with Outreach and PR as well. Wayne Schmidt gave kudos to Kari and Stan on the hard work they do and have done for our district. Jeff Johnson also gave his comments on the wolf hunt situation.
ACTION	none

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	8:25
SUBMITTED BY	Al Lobner
DATE	03/17/2021