

WCC EX. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
BARABOO
MAY 26TH 2009

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHR. ED HARVEY AT 10:05 A.M. ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN WITH 22 COUNCILORS PRESENT. RICH KIRCHMEYER, JOE WEIS, RAY SMITH, AL BROWN, ROGER SABOTA, MIKE RIGGLE, WADE JESKE, MARK NOLL, MARC SCHULTZ, DAVE PUHL, STAN BROWNELL, DALE MAAS, DICK KOERNER, ED HARVEY, JOHN EDELBLUTE, MIKE ROGERS, LEE FAHRNEY, KEN RISLEY, AL PHELAN, AL SHOOK, ROB BOHMANN, AND JIM WROLSTAD. EXCUSED WERE JO ANN KUHARSKE AND AROLD NINNEMAN

DNR PERSONNEL PRESENT WERE; KURT THIEDE, KARI LEE-ZIMMERMAN, SCOTT LOOMANS, TIM ANDRYK, MIKE STAGGS, PETE DUNN AND TOM HAUGE.

OTHERS PRESENT: DR. RICHARD BOURIE, SCOTT MCCAULLY

THERE WERE NO REPAIRS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA.

SEC. KIRCHMEYER GAVE A REVIEW OF THE VOTING FROM THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DNR QUESTIONS.

QUESTION #42 WAS DISCUSSED QUITE EXTENSIVELY. (ALLOWING THE USE OF DOGS FOR FALL TURKEY HUNTING STATE WIDE)
PUHL COMMENTED THAT WE SHOULD SUPPORT THE STATE WIDE VOTE WHICH IS NOT TO FORWARD THE QUESTION TO THE NRB.
MAAS SUPPORTS AND WONDERED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE 9 COUNTIES THAT HAVE 1 YEAR LEFT ON THEIR EXPERIMENTAL SEASON.
SHOOK THINKS THE DNR SHOULD EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON WHAT THIS REALLY DOES TO AFFECT TURKEY HUNTING AND TO CHANGE THE OUTLOOK ON HUNTING TURKEYS WITH DOGS.
ROGERS THINKS JOHN FRIES (AUTHOR OF QUESTION) NEEDS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AND IF THE HUNTING IS DONE PROPERLY WILL HAVE VERY LITTLE EFFECT ON THE RESOURCE.
JESKE THOUGHT THE DNR SHOULD DO SOME STUDIES AND OR SURVEYS TO FIND OUT JUST HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD HUNT BY THIS METHOD.
LOOMANS RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT THE STUDIES SO FAR SHOW THAT THERE IS SO LITTLE PARTICIPATION THAT IT IS IMMEASURABLE ON THEIR IMPACT ON THE FALL TURKEY HUNTING SEASON.
PUHL SUGGESTED MAYBE THE NRB NEEDS TO EXTEND THE PRESENT ZONES TIME AND COME TO SOME SORT OF OTHER COMPROMISE FOR THE REST OF THE STATE IF THEY WANT TO IMPLEMENT THIS HUNT.
HAUGE SAID THE DNR IS PREPARING TO PRESENT THIS QUESTION TO THE NRB TOMORROW.
RIGGLE THINKS WE NEED MORE DATA TO SUPPORT OUR POSITION.
FAHRNEY WHAT IS THE DNR'S HURRY TO PUSH THIS HUNT FORWARD?

LOOMANS THE TRIAL AREA SUNSETS NEXT YEAR SO WE DON'T WANT TO LOOSE WHAT WE ALL READY HAVE. RISLEY YOU NEED A TRAINED DOG TO HUNT BY THIS METHOD; THE DOG NEEDS TO BE UNDER CONTROL AND CAN'T JUST BE RUNNING AROUND.

HARVEY STATED AGAIN THAT THERE ARE SO FEW PEOPLE USING THIS METHOD THAT THEIR EFFECT IS IMMEASURABLE. THIS QUESTION DID FAIL BY A SMALL MARGIN STATE WIDE.

QUESTION #48 ESTABLISH AN ANTLERLESS-ONLY DEER SEASON WITH PERIODICAL BUCK SEASONS AT WILDCAT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION.

SECRETARY KIRCHMEYER THEN GAVE A REVIEW OF THE CONVENTION VOTES BY THE DELEGATES.

QUESTION # 66 ALLOW BOW HUNTING DURING THE 9 DAY GUN DEER SEASON.

PHELAN: THIS HAS BEEN VOTED ON AND SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLE AT THE SPRING HEARINGS AND THE DNR STILL DOES NOT FORWARD IT TO THE NRB.

HARVEY: WE NEED SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED ON WHY SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS ARE NOT FORWARDED AND ACTED UPON, IT WOULD TAKE LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO ALLOW THE USE OF ARCHERY EQUIPMENT WHILE HUNTING ON A GUN DEER LICENSE IN THE 9 DAY SEASON. THE PROPOSAL TO BE ABLE TO HUNT DURING THE 9 DAY GUN DEER SEASON WITH ARCHERY EQUIPMENT WHILE USING AN ARCHERY LICENSE HAS MORE PROBABILITY OF BEING SUPPORTED BY LEGISLATORS AND THE PUBLIC RATHER THAN ALLOWING AN ARCHER TO PURCHASE A GUN LICENSE AND BE ABLE TO HUNT THE 9 DAY GUN DEER SEASON.

KIRCHMEYER: IF YOU ALLOWED AN ARCHER THE ABILITY TO PURCHASE A GUN LICENSE AND USE ARCHERY EQUIPMENT THEN ARCHERS WOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO HARVEST 2 BUCKS WITH ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND THAT WOULD DRIVE A BIGGER WEDGE BETWEEN ARCHERS AND GUN HUNTERS.

NOLL: MOST GUN HUNTERS DON'T WANT ARCHERS IN THE WOODS AT THAT TIME.

SABOTA: FELONS WOULD BE ABLE TO HUNT DURING THE 9 DAY GUN DEER SEASON THIS WAY THEY COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE GUN HUNT.

KIRCHMEYER: FELONS CANNOT BE NEAR FIREARMS SO THEY CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE 9 DAY GUN DEER SEASON.

AL PHELAN MADE MOTION TO FORWARD AND SUPPORT QUESTION # 66 FROM THIS YEARS HEARING RATHER THAN LAST YEARS QUESTION. 2ND WAS MADE BY SHOOK MOTION CARRIED.

THIEDE LISTED THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COMMITTEE LIAISON. PUHL WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A LIAISON DOESN'T SHOW UP TO A

MEETING? WHAT IS A CHAIR SUPPOSED TO DO? ONE LIAISON WANTED TO VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS BEING DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE.

THIEDE SUGGESTED THAT THE RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE GO OVER OUR CODE OF PROCEDURES AND DEFINE WHAT A LIAISONS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE.

PHELAN COMMENTED THAT SOMETIMES IT IS HARD TO FIND A QUALIFIED LIAISON FOR SOME COMMITTEES.

PUHL: WHO APPOINTS LIAISON TO A COMM? COMM. CHAIRS NEED TO KNOW WHO THEIR LIAISON ARE SO THEY CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THEM ON WHAT THEY NEED TO BRING OR NEED TO KNOW BEFORE A COMM. MEETING

THIEDE: USUALLY DNR DEPT. BUREAU DIRECTORS APPOINT LIAISONS.

MAAS: SOMETIMES A COMM. MAY NEED MORE THAT ONE LIAISON.

HARVEY SAID IT IS THE COMM. CHAIRS RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THE LIAISON HAS PROPER INFORMATION BEFORE A MEETING.

THIEDE HAS A LETTER PREWRITTEN INFORMING LIAISONS OF RESPONSIBILITIES THAT GOES TO ALL OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS, SECRETARIES, AND LIAISONS BEFORE EACH COMM. MEETING.

NOLL: YOU SHOULD INCLUDE YOUR LIAISON IN ON WHEN YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A MEETING TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY CONFLICTS WITH THAT DATE OR TIME.

PUHL: SUGGESTED THAT THE EX. COMM WILL HANDLE ALL PROBLEMS UNTIL THE RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE CAN DEAL WITH THE ISSUE AND MAKE THE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS AND THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADOPTION BY THE DELEGATES.

ANDRYK SUGGESTED THAT THIEDE ADDS THIS INTO THE DNR MANUAL CODE.

STAGGS: MAKE SURE WHEN YOU NEED A LIAISON THAT BUREAU DIRECTORS ARE NOTIFIED OF THE NEED AND WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM.

THIEDE WILL MEET WITH BUREAU HEADS TO DISCUSS DUTIES AND OTHER EXPECTATIONS OF A LIAISON.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAAS TO HAVE THE RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMM. WORK ON DEFINING A LIAISONS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. 2ND WAS MADE BY SHOOK. MOTION CARRIED.

[ADDED 6/10/2009....HERE IS THE FINAL RESOLUTION APPROVED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING...1) KURT WILL DRAFT UP SOME INTERIM GUIDANCE, APPROVED BY THE EXEC. COMMITTEE, TO SEND TO LIAISONS LATER THIS MONTH; 2) THE RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE DRAFT UP AN AMENDMENT TO THE WCC CODE OF PROCEDURES THAT WOULD ESTABLISH THAT DNR STUDY COMMITTEE LIAISONS ARE NOT VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND THAT THEY ARE TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WCC LIAISONS THAT ARE ESTABLISHED IN DNR MANUAL CODE; 3) CONCURRENTLY, KURT WOULD WORK WITH HAUGE, STAGGS AND STARK TO DRAFT A MANUAL CODE

THAT DEFINES DNR LIAISON DUTIES. THE RR COMMITTEE AMENDMENT WOULD BE RATIFIED BY THE EXEC. COUNCIL IN JANUARY 2010, AND BY THE FULL DELEGATION IN MAY 2010.]

KURT GAVE AN UPDATE ON SOME OF THE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE GOING ON. SEN. DECKER'S BILL WAS GIVEN SOME VERY STRONG CRITICISMS.

RIGGLE SAID HE DEFIANTLY WAS NOT HAPPY WITH HIS SEN. (DECKER) HE JUST WANTS TO DO WHAT HE AND HIS BUDDIES WANT.

WEISS MADE A MOTION TO OPPOSE ANY LEGISLATIVE ACTION THAT DOES NOT HAVE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE PROCESS AND OR SPRING HEARING APPROVALS. 2ND WAS MADE BY SABOTA.

ROGERS: THE TURKEY COMM. DOESN'T SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION THAT DECKER IS GOING TO PROPOSE ON THE SPRING TURKEY SEASON.

KOERNER: WHO IS DECKER? HE IS THE SENATE MAJORITY LEADER SO HE HAS THE POWER TO FORWARD WHICH BILLS GO BEFORE THE SENATE.

MOTION FAILED.

RIGGLE MADE A MOTION THAT CHR. HARVEY DRAFT A LETTER TO BE SENT TO ALL LEGISLATORS ABOUT OUR DISPLEASURE IN THEM FOR PASSING FISH AND WILDLIFE RULES WHEN THERE ARE ALREADY PROCEDURES IN PLACE FOR FISH/WILDLIFE RULE PROMULGATION THAT INVOLVE THE PUBLIC. 2ND WAS MADE BY FAHRNEY MOTION CARRIED.

THE NRB IS FORMING AN ALTERNATIVE EAB COMMITTEE THAT WILL LOOK AT DIFFERENT WAYS TO KEEP OUR DEER HERD UNDER CONTROL. THE WCC IS ALSO GOING TO FORM SUCH A COMMITTEE TO FIND ALTERNATIVES TO EAB, REEVALUATE WORK AND INFORMATION FROM DEER 2000, AND THEN RECOMMEND EAB ALTERNATIVES TO NRB WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE 2010 DEER HUNT. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE 7 DELEGATES TO BE ON THIS COMM.

HAUGE SAID THE DNR SUPPORTS THE WCC TO FORM A COMM. DEALING WITH EAB ALTERNATIVES.

RIGGLE COMMENTED THAT THE WCC REPRESENTS ALL THE HUNTERS OF THE STATE NOT JUST A SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER. BEING THAT WE HAVE DELEGATES FROM ALL COUNTIES AND THEY REPRESENT MANY SMALL CLUBS AND LARGER STATE ORGANIZATION WE ARE A GREAT VOICE FOR THE SPORTSMEN OF WISCONSIN.

PHELAN: THE DEER COMM., WHICH HE REPRESENTS, THE WCC HAS COLLECTED SOME DATA WHICH MOSTLY HAS NOT BEEN FULLY AGREED UPON YET NOR HAS EVERY THING BEEN FULLY PROCESSED AND READY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW. SOMEONE FROM OUR COMM. SHOULD ALSO BE ON THE NRB COMM.

WEISS: WHY ISN'T THE BIG GAME COMM. DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE DON'T THEY DEAL WITH DEER ISSUES? YES BUT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE AND NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY. JESKE NOTED THAT PEOPLE IN HIS AREA ARE HAPPY WITH ADVANCED EAB.

PUHL MADE A MOTION THAT THE EX. COMM. APPOINT AN AD-HOC COMM. TO THE BIG GAME COMM. (ALTERNATIVE EAB COMM.) THIS COMMITTEES CHARGE IS TO DEAL WITH ALTERNATIVE EAB ISSUES, AND THE OTHER ISSUES OUTLINED BY CHAIR HARVEY. 2ND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY AL PHELAN. MOTION CARRIED.

HAUGE SAID THE WCC SHOULD THINK ABOUT ANOTHER IMPORTANT ISSUE WHICH IS THE USE OF LEAD FISHING LURES, LEAD BULLETS, AND LEAD SHOT. MAYBE THE WCC SHOULD HAVE AND AD-HOC COMM. TO THE AIR WASTE AND WATER COMM. THE COMMENT WAS MADE THAT THIS COMM. HAD TABLED A QUESTION DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE UNTIL MORE INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

EDELBLUTE THINKS TRAP RANGES WOULD BE AFFECTED MOST IF LEAD SHOT WAS OUTLAWED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BOHMANN FOR THE AIR WASTE AND WATER COMM. TO LOOK INTO THIS ISSUE. 2ND WAS MADE BY WEISS. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 12:45 P.M. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION BY BOHMANN. 2ND WAS MADE BY WEISS MOTION CARRIED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND THE MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 1:40 P.M. TO RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION BY SABOTA 2ND WAS MADE BY ROGERS. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KIRCHMEYER TO CREATE A FREE STANDING WCC FOUNDATION WHICH IS A NON-PROFIT, NON-STOCK, WISCONSIN CORPORATION WITH AN INTERIM BOARD CONSISTING OF ED HARVEY, AL SHOOK, AND JOHN EDELBLUTE. 2ND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MAAS. MOTION CARRIED WITH 1 VOTE IN OPPOSITION.

DR. RICHARD BOURIE A VET FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (DATCP) ADDRESSED THE EX. COUNCIL AND ANSWERED ANY QUESTIONS THE MEMBERS HAD. HIS TALK WAS VERY INFORMATIVE ON CWD, FENCING, ESCAPES, AND ALL PARTICULARS DEALING WITH CAPTIVE CERVID FARMS.

WEISS: HAS ANY CASE OF CWD TRANSFERRING TO HUMANS BEEN FOUNDED? NO.

KOERNER: HOW LONG WILL THE CWD PRION STAY IN THE SOIL? DON'T KNOW FOR SURE. MAAS HOW LONG MUST A FENCE STAY UP AFTER A FARM HAS BEEN TESTED POSITIVE FOR CWD?. USDA SAYS 5 YEARS.

WEISS: HAS THE POPULARITY OF FARMS DECREASED OR INCREASED? WESTERN HUNTS ARE COSTING MORE AND MORE AND THEY CAN'T GUARANTEE A TROPHY ELK SO IN STATE HUNT DEMANDS HAVE BEEN INCREASING BECAUSE OF SUCCESS RATES, TROPHY QUALITY ANIMALS, AND COSTS.

RIGGLE COMMENTED THAT THEY ARE NOW REQUIRING THAT ALL FARMS EMBED CHIPS INSTEAD OF EAR TAGS WHICH ARE BEING LOST OR BEING REMOVED FOR PICTURES AND MOUNTING OF THE ANIMALS SHOT. DNR IS ASKING FOR THAT DOUBLE GATES BE USED ON ALL FARMS TO HELP CUT DOWN ON ESCAPES.

WEISS: WHAT ABOUT BAITING AND FEEDING AND CWD? BAITING AND FEEDING ARTIFICIALLY CONCENTRATE DEER WHERE AS FOOD PLOTS DON'T CAUSE THAT BIG OF A DEAL EVEN THOUGH THEY DO BRING DEER INTO CLOSER PROXIMITY OF EACH OTHER .

BROWN: DO YOU THINK CWD WILL EVENTUALLY SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE STATE. NO!! WE DON'T KNOW WHERE CWD FIRST ORIGINATED OR WHERE OR HOW IT ORIGINALLY CAME TO BE AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

THESE RESOLUTIONS WERE ASKED TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE EX. COUNCIL BY THE RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMM.

RES. #030409 TRAINING OF DOGS IN BEAR MANAGEMENT ZONE C.

KIRCHMEYER READ A LETTER FROM THE AUTHOR TO THE COMM.

JESKE: PEOPLE IN HIS AREA HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT TRESPASSING AND TRAINING OF HOUNDS IN A AREA THEY CAN'T HUNT.

RISLEY: WE SHOULD INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW HUNTING FOR BEAR WITH HOUNDS IN ZONE C. BEAR RUN IN CIRCLES AND DON'T LEAVE THEIR HOME RANGES PERMANENTLY. THERE ARE BEAR HUNTERS WHO LIVE IN ZONE C THAT HUNT BEAR WITH HOUNDS SO WE SHOULD LOOK AT THE WHOLE PICTURE.

SHOOK MADE A MOTION TO ADVANCE THE QUESTION TO THE SPRING QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE SPRING HEARING. 2ND WAS MADE BY KOERNER.

SHOOK IS CONCERNED ABOUT WHERE THIS IS GOING, BUT THE PEOPLE NEED TO VOTE ON THIS ISSUE.

RIGGLE IF WE DON'T FORWARD THIS QUESTION TO THE SPRING HEARING THE AUTHOR MAY APPROACH THE LEGISLATORS.

ROGERS: YOU CAN RUN THE SAME BEAR WEEKEND AFTER WEEKEND AND THEY WILL RETURN BACK TO THE SAME AREA. WE MAY NOT LIKE SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT COULD COME OUT OF THIS QUESTION.

PUHL SAID THAT IF WE FORWARD THIS QUESTION THAT THE WI BEAR HUNTERS ASSOC. WILL REQUEST THAT THE WHOLE STATE BE OPENED UP TO HOUND HUNTING OF BEARS.

KOERNER REMOVED HIS 2ND ON THE MOTION.

JESKE MADE A 2ND TO THE MOTION. MOTION FAILED.

JESKE MADE A MOTION TO FORWARD THIS QUESTION TO THE HUNTING WITH DOGS COMM. TO POSSIBLY LOOK AT ANY ALTERNATIVES TO HOUND TRAINING ON BEAR IN ZONE C. 2ND WAS MADE BY PHELAN. MOTION CARRIED.

RES. # 510209 10 YEAR OLD YOUTH HUNTING PROPOSAL.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KIRCHMEYER FOR THE WCC TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH MENTOR BILL. 2ND WAS MADE BY PHELAN.

KIRCHMEYER EXPLAINED WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT THE WCC SUPPORTS SUCH A BILL BE AS WE FULLY SUPPORT ALL ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN THE OUTDOORS AND THE NEED TO RECRUIT THEM AT A YOUNGER AGE..

WEISS DOESN'T LIKE THE YOUTH MENTOR BILL.

JESKE SAID ALL THE HUNTER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS IN HIS AREA SUPPORT THIS BILL.

SABOTA WILL SUPPORT LOWERING THE MINIMUM AGE TO HUNT.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS. A LETTER WILL BE SENT TO ALL LEGISLATORS LETTING THEM KNOW THE WCC SUPPORTS THE YOUTH MENTOR BILLS.

RES. # 690409 RIFLES ALLOWED FOR GUN DEER HUNTING IN WAUPACA COUNTY. MOTION WAS MADE BY KOERNER TO FORWARD THIS QUESTION TO THE 2010 SPRING HEARINGS AS A WCC ADVISORY QUESTION. 2ND WAS MADE BY NOLL. MOTION CARRIED.

KURT ASKED THAT ALL DISTRICT COUNCILORS SET UP DISTRICT MEETINGS THE FIRST 2 WEEKS OF AUGUST.

AL BROWN GAVE A REPORT ON WOLVES AND THE ISSUES THAT THE COMM. IS DEALING WITH. ESTIMATED POPULATION IN THE STATE IS BETWEEN 644 TO 699 WOLVES.

KIRCHMEYER: IF MY MEMORY IS CORRECT BACK IN THE EARLY 80'S TO MID 80'S THE DNR SUGGESTED THAT THE STATE COULD ONLY HOLD AROUND 80-100 WOLVES BECAUSE OF HABITAT. WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT ORIGINAL AGREEMENT ON THE TOTAL POPULATION GOAL?

MCCAULLY: AT WHAT POINT IN THE POPULATION ESTIMATE DO WE SAY WE HAVE REACHED A POPULATION THAT WE NOW CAN IMPLEMENT A HARVEST SEASON.

RIGGLE THE DNR DOESN'T REALIZE THE EXTENT THESE PREDATORS ARE BEING DONE AWAY WITH NOW.

PUHL IS THE WCC DRAWING UP A WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN NOW FOR THE CHANCE THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO HAVE A HARVEST SEASON ON WOLVES.

ROGERS THINKS THAT THE DNR HAS TO EXPAND THE AREA IN WHICH THEY COUNT WOLVES BECAUSE THEY ARE STEADILY MOVING FARTHER SOUTH ALL THE TIME.

NOLL: THE BEST THING FOR THE FUTURE OF WOLVES IN THIS STATE IS TO IMPLEMENT A HARVEST SEASON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE INSTEAD OF US WASTING A NATURAL RESOURCE.

ANDRYK (LAWYER OF THE YEAR) COMMENTED THAT THE COURTS AWARDED THE ANTI-HUNTING GROUPS \$230,000 TO FIGHT THE BATTLE OF DELISTING WOLVES. WE NEED THE US CONGRESS TO STEP IN AND DECLARE THAT THE EASTERN TIMBER WOLF IS DELISTED IN WI. MICH. AND MINN. SO WE CAN IMPLEMENT A HARVEST SEASON.

SABOTA WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THE WOLF IS STILL CONSIDERED A TROPHY ANIMAL .

BROWN THE ANTI'S MAIN INTENT IN THEIR LAWSUIT IS THAT THEY WANT TO RESTORE WOLVES TO ALL OF THEIR ORIGINAL HABITAT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE PUHL FOR THE WCC TO SUPPORT A DEFINED WOLF POPULATION LEVEL WHICH ONCE THIS THRESHOLD IS REACHED WILL MANDATE A HUNT TO BE IMPLEMENTED. THE POPULATION LEVEL ONCE IT REACHES OR EXCEEDS THE 500 THRESHOLD WOULD MANDATE A HARVEST SEASON. THERE FORE BEING THAT THE POPULATION IS CURRENTLY ALREADY IN EXCESS OF 500, WE RECOMMEND THAT ALL NECESSARY ACTION BEGIN TO BE PUT INTO LEGISLATION AND RULES BE PUT IN PLACE TO MAKE A PUBLIC HARVEST POSSIBLE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. 2ND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY FAHRNEY. MOTION WAS PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MEMBER MATTERS:

SHOOK: WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LIST OF ALL COMM. NAMES IN THE ANNUAL BOOK.

KIRCHMEYER: WOULD LIKE THE ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA BE PUBLISHED IN THE ANNUAL BOOK.

PHELAN: DEER MANAGEMENT MEETINGS THAT WILL BE COMING UP. BE SURE TO ATTEND AND OR COMMENT ON THE ISSUES.

MAAS: THE YOUTH EXPO WAS A GOOD SUCCESS.

KOERNER: YOUTH CONGRESS WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND HOW WILL IT FIT IN.

NOLL: DNR DEER COMMITTEE AND EAB ALTERNATIVES ARE VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR THE WCC TO DEAL WITH.

PUHL: SHOULD COMM. STILL LOOK AT HOLDING COMM. MEETINGS ON SAT. YES, BECAUSE IT SAVES THE WCC FROM HAVING TO PAY FOR OVER NIGHT STAYS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOOK TO ADJOURN AT 4:50 P.M. 2ND BY SMITH. MOTION TO ADJOURN CARRIED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

RICHARD KIRCHMEYER SEC.