Minutes
Rules and Resolutions Committee

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Schmeeckle Reserve
Stevens Point, WI

Monday, April 27, 2009

A Meeting called to order at 9:08 AM by Co Chair Tony Blattler

B Roll Call by Secretary Dick Koerner
Present Larry Bonde, Tony Blattler Dick Koerner, Ken Anderson, Dick Baudhuin James Houck, Wade Jeske, David Larson Pete Petrovske, Frank Reith, Ray Smith Bruce Thomae, Larry Vanderhoef

Excused - None
Unexcused None

Introductions - Each person stated his/her name and county or position
DNR Representation:
Kurt Thiede, Kari Lee Zimmerman Tim Andryk, Holly Robertson and Tom Van Haren

Discussion and Action Items

A Review Approved Study Committee Mission Statements. It was agreed each study committee should review their mission statement and read their mission statement at the start of their meeting.

Tony Blattler read the mission statement for the Rules and Resolutions committee

B Discussion and assignment of 2009 County Resolutions

Kurt Thiede noted that he could not send the resolution packet to the committee ahead of the meeting as 7 resolutions from Marathon County were not in and 2 resolutions from St. Croix County came in late - one made it today as a handout

It was agreed that when Marathon County Resolutions arrive Kurt Thiede will contact Larry Bonde, Tony Blattler and Dick Koerner for assignment agreement to a study committee

Kurt handed out 2 spreadsheets, a master that includes all 202 resolutions and a second one that includes only those

resolutions that passed with no duplicates
This is the spreadsheet we used to work thru the resolutions

Here is a summary of all resolutions

- 202 Resolutions introduced
- 176 Resolutions Passed
- 26 Resolutions failed
- 110 Resolutions the committee will work through to assign to a study group
- There were 69 duplicates introduced around the state

Assignment of Resolutions April 27 2009

Air Waste & Water	2
Bear	1
Big Game	22+1
Executive Council	5
ER & LE	6
Forestry	1

Fur Harvest	5
Great Lakes	3
Legislative	5 +2
Migratory	7
Outdoor Heritage	9
Public/Private Lands	7
Trout	3
Turkey	1 +1
Warm Water	12
Total assigned	89 + 4 = 93 Total

* Note - the + 4 is Marathon County by Kurt + Co. chairs

Advanced to DNR Fisheries 2 (+3)

Rejected 3

Returned to Author 5

Send to Floor of Congress May 8/9 2

C Review of 2009 Exec. Council Action on Proposed Code of Procedure Change

1. Executive Council Election
Provide every delegate with in a

district with an individual vote, cast by secret ballot, for the Councilors in their district. The vote must be 50% + 1 or we go to a run off ballot. This was ratified at the last convention.

2. A request by the Rules and Resolutions Committee that a resolution that meets the requirements of Sections X.A. to C. and passes with two-thirds (2/3) majority support in the county or counties that it was presented in, shall be advanced by the assigned Committee as a statewide advisory question unless the assigned committee can provide defensible justification for not advancing the resolution -

This request was turned down by the executive council

D. Discussion of the Open Meeting Law as it pertains to recording votes on action items

Discussion on Do we record a roll call vote by committee

If a vote is called for and we have a voice vote we only need to record the question or motion as passed or failed, after the motion and second

However if someone on the committee requests a roll call vote on any action item that request has to be made before the vote is taken.

A show of hands vote is not the same as a roll call vote where when requested ahead of time each member will announce a yea or nay vote and that vote is recorded as to who voted and how he/she voted and will be in the minutes on who voted yea or nay.

Member matters

Ken Anderson said the author must be present at the spring hearing for local resolutions

Wade Jeske said we should have a hand vote on questions

Ray Smith asked Kurt when would it be the best time to set up his committee

Frank Reith said we should get copies

of the resolutions ahead of time

Larry Vanderhoof would like a list of all committee meetings
Larry also said if a chair or Co chair has to notify authors of the fate of their resolutions why not the Executive council let the County Chairs know the fate of county resolutions

Wade Geske said he has a good repoure with local wardens as they help him to write resolutions

Ken Anderson said Question 60 + 61 on muzzleloader Deer Seasons brought out the best and worse - Both were defeated statewide
Ken said we should coordinate the proposed Free Fishing Weekend (winter) with Michigan and have both the same time or they will have boarder problems.
Ken also added a fish Question passed statewide but was rejected in Vilas Co. How do I vote?

Larry Bonde said he took on the Challange of the Code of Procedure Changes
Larry said he believes in term limits as

new people create new ideas

Tony Blattler said his challenge is to make the system better but comes with frustration. He wants to improve the congress

Dick Koerner told the committee to go to the next room after the meeting to see the Conservation Hall of Fame. with wood plagues of a likeness of our Conservation leaders. With Herb Behnke's introduction recently.

Dick Koerner also mentioned FDL county ran out of ballots at the spring hearing and they asked all people without a ballot to mark up their questionaire and turn them in and the votes were transfered from the books to the ballot. 100 ballots had to be marked up.

Motion to adjourn at 2:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Dick Koerner Secretary