

**WISCONSIN CONSERVATION CONGRESS**  
**DEER 2000 REVIEW AD-HOC COMMITTEE**  
**ELIZABETH INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**PLOVER, WI**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2009**  
**3:00 P.M.**

**Meeting called to order** by Chairman Robert Bohmann at 3:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Larry Bonde, Tony Janecek, Gerald Merryfield, Mark Noll, Al Phelan, Mike Riggle, Roger Sabota.

**Members absent:** Arold Ninneman

**Also present:** Kurt Thiede, CC Liaison; Dr. Tim VanDeelen, Professor of Wildlife Ecology-UW Madison.

Motion by Larry Bonde, seconded by Gerald Merryfield to approve agenda

**Tim VanDeelen**

Presentation on 2008 SAK Audit

Discussion on what may have happened in 2008

Discussion on what new studies and survey work could be done to better gauge herd estimates in the future. Tim believes that research into the buck recovery rate used in SAK could be done to make the SAK more accurate.

Discussed asking the Natural Resources Board to earmark \$0.15 - \$0.20 per Archery License and Gun Deer License sold for Deer Research.

**Mark Noll – Mike Riggle**

Update from NRB Alternative Committee July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Review of packages brought forward from that meeting. Survey will be put out to the Public on those packages. Notice of the survey will be paper publications and radio spots. August 1, 2009 meeting of NRB Alternative Committee will narrow packages down to two. Mark will attend that meeting.

## **Discussion**

4 day December Hunt

9 day – 16 day Hunt

What user groups on the NRB Alternative Committee are pushing from their group.

## **Chairman Bohmann**

Conservation Congress has the right to form own package through delegates if none of the packages garner enough support.

Motion made by Gerald Merryfield, seconded by Al Phelan to move forward with proposal from July 7, 2009 conference call and Hunter Incentive package to all Conservation Congress delegates in the form of survey to include:

16 day season w/early opener

16 day season w/traditional opener

9 day – 16 day season w/early opener

9 day – 16 day season w/traditional opener

Hunter Incentive #2 First buck without EAB requirement: Hunters are authorized to harvest their first buck per year (bow or firearm) without EAB requirements, authorization for an additional buck requires harvesting a doe first (bow or firearm). For example, a person with a valid bow hunting license could shoot their first buck with a bow, then shoot a doe (with a bow or firearm and the license for the weapon they choose to use) and then be authorized to harvest a second buck (using either a bow or a firearm and the license for the weapon they choose). Similarly, a person with a valid firearm license could shoot their first buck with a firearm, then shoot a doe (with firearm or bow and the license for the weapon they choose to use) and then be authorized to harvest a second buck (using either a bow or a firearm and the license for the weapon they choose). Weapons must be used during the appropriate weapon-specific seasons.

## **Member matters**

Larry Bonde – update deer range measurements

**Other Business**

Next meeting – Conference call, August 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Roger Sabota, seconded by Gerald Merryfield at 7:35 p.m.

Stan Brownell, Deer 2000 Review Ad-Hoc

Committee Secretary