

**Deer 2000 Ad-Hoc Committee
Conference Call
Wednesday – April 21, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Rob Bohmann at 7:04 p.m.

Members present: Rob Bohmann, Stan Brownell, Larry Bonde, Tony Janecek, Gerald Merryfield, Mark Noll, Mike Riggle.

Also present: CC Chairman Ed Harvey, Kari Lee-Zimmerman and WDNR Keith Warnke.

Update from Keith Warnke on whitetail deer research proposals:

- 1.2 million dollars to be invested in research
- Buck recovery rate – predation-hunting
- Fawn recruitment – habitat – food source – predation
- 30 buck collared – 30 does – 30 fawns
- Deer ear tagged (not visible by hunters)
- Does carrying fawns (how many)
- Units selected Northern forest (13, 14, 19, 20) (farmland units 62b, 63a, 65b, 66)
- Methods – deer traps – darts
- Develop more data on age of harvested deer
- Develop new website to boost hunter involvement and volunteer access
- Department purchasing equipment
- Deer traps are being purchased
- Department will involve partners (hunters – citizens – clubs)

Committee comments:

Mike Riggle: is department asking for money from clubs and organizations?

Larry Bonde – handling deer is a unique responsibility.

Ed Harvey – how important it will be to involve citizens as co-workers on this project.

Larry Bonde – will there be good clubs and organizations in the units selected?

Gerald Merryfield – will local wildlife biologist get together with Congress District members in units selected for research?

Mark Noll – how can citizens from away get involved in study units from a further distance?

Mike Riggle – has concerns using darts (hopes it would be last resort).

Rob Bohmann – school students could build deer traps as projects in local areas as well as scouts and other youth statewide

Gerald Merryfield – will project be started mid to late summer and could information be out for fall district meetings?

Larry Bonde – would like mapping of tagged deer harvested in research units.

Mark Noll – will studies be moved to other units in the State?

Members thanked Keith for his time and involving the deer 2000 Ad-Hoc Committee and the Conservation Congress as partners in the deer research project.

Motion by Gerald Merryfield, second by Larry Bonde to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Deer 2000 Ad-Hoc Committee Secretary
Stan Brownell