

# CONSERVATION CONGRESS AWARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES- SATURDAY MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>-9:00AM SCHMEECKLE RESERVE CENTER

Interim chair Ed Harvey called the meeting to order at 9:00am

Members present: Ed Harvey, Scott Bestul, Jerry McNally, Richard Lane, Dale Compeau

Members excused: Don Liebmann, Darriol Sterckx Jr, Eugene Wiesner, Roger Reas

Members absent: John Kierstyn, Allen Hrudka, Virgil Van Asten,

DNR- Kari Lee-Zimmermann

Awards Committee mission statement was reviewed and no changes were made.

## **Awards selection;**

There were no nominations for Statewide Conservation Organization.

There were 5 Nominations for Outstanding Local Conservation Club.

There were 7 nominations for Educator of the year.

The scoring system was handed out and the committee members reviewed all nominations, all scores were tabulated, and the winners are:

The **Rusk Co. Wildlife Restoration Assoc.** was chosen as Outstanding Local Conservation Club of the Year. With an Honorable mention to Stanley Sportsman Club who won in 2008.

**Christine Jumbeck** – Fountain City, was chosen as Educator of the Year.

The awards form, and criteria were discussed, and for Educator of the year the 200 words or less would be dropped and replaced with “**1 typewritten page**”. Also discussed was if form could be an “**electronically fill in**” for ease in use for emailed nominations. Kari Lee will look into this.

Discussion was done on Outreach Committee ideas.

(1). Should we add a “Business Category” for businesses who support conservation efforts by donations, events, or by operating procedures “above or beyond” for conservation, or businesses that produce product that are conservation friendly. It was decided that all Awards committee members should get ideas to committee sec. Scott Bestul. If we can get criteria and form together before the January 2012 deadline of CC Chronicle a conference call meeting may be held to confirm.

(2) Promotions: After much discussion on how to get the word out on our awards the following motion by Dale Compeau. Second by Rick Wayne was made;

(1) Move next years meeting to a Sat in April to coincide with Rules and Resolutions meeting.

(2) Make Awards forms available to Co. Chairs to be promoted at annual spring DNR meetings.

(3) Contact “Wisconsin Outdoor News” about promoting awards along with promotions for Spring meetings.

Member matters;

Rick Wayne – follow up on Brian Brecka, fisheries Dept. for outstanding accomplishments and work with area kids.

Scott Bestul – will update scoring forms

Kari Lee will get info. To Ed Harvey on this years winners so he may contact them, and do the introduction at awards presentation at the Convention.

Motion to adjourn 12:12 pm Submitted Sec. Scott Bestul