

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Migratory Committee

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	8/2/2014	09:00	Elizabeth Inn, Plover, WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chairman Allen Shook at 09:00
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Art Malin, Richard Alvin, Wayne Norling, Robert Reidner, Rick Koenig, Michael Lane, Dave Kowalkowski, Ray Heidel, Alan Suchla, Tim Morgan, Eugene Muench, Taylor Hennlich, Todd Cook, Paul Gettelman, Dick Koerner, George Robinson, Mitch Fisher, John Edelblute, Lee Schroeder, Jeffrey Scott, Ronald Earnest, Allen Shook, Josh Hennlich, Aren Feuling-JrWCC, Kent Van Horn-WDNR, Tyler Strehlow-WDNR, Taylor Finger-WDNR
EXCUSED	Alan Harrison
UNEXCUSED	Troy Klessinger
GUESTS	None

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	M/S-Gettelman/Morgan to accept agenda, passed voice vote

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	No changes needed
ACTION	none

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	none

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. WATERFOWL HABITAT AND POPULATION STATUS REPORT

KENT VAN HORN

DISCUSSION	Waterfowl populations and habitat in good condition putting us in a Liberal season framework. Season proposal: 60 day season – 6 ducks, no more than 4 mallards (only 1 may be a hen), 3 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, 2 pintail and 1 canvasback. 5 mergansers, not more than 2 hooded. Coot daily bag of 15. Opening day shooting hours begin at 9:00am. +Heidel wants to open ½ hr before sunrise +J. Hennlich wants to open ½ hr before sunrise
ACTION	M/S – Scott/Koenig to advance season proposal – passed voice vote

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Shook	8/13/14

B. YOUTH HUNT

VAN HORN

DISCUSSION	Proposal: dates for youth hunt Sept. 20 and 21 2014
ACTION	M/S – Edelblute/Earnest – to advance – passed voice vote
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Shook	8/13/14

C. NORTH ZONE SEASON DATES

VAN HORN

DISCUSSION	Proposal: Sept. 27 – Nov. 25 + Fisher prefers longer split between early teal season and regular season, supports a statewide opening day, prefers an Oct. 4 opening date.
ACTION	M/S – Morgan T. Hennlich- to advance proposal- passed voice vote
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Shook	8/13/14

D. SOUTH ZONE SEASON DATES

VAN HORN

DISCUSSION	Proposal: Sept. 27 – Oct. 5 & Oct. 11 – Nov. 30 (5 day split). Alternative dates: (Oct. 4 – Oct. 12 & Oct. 18 – Dec. 7) +Edelblute-to late water frozen before end of season. + J. Hennlich – mallards with late goose season. + Cook – mallards with the geese late in the season, good field hunting. + Morgan – adjust dates for hunters in each zone.
ACTION	M/S – Hennlich/ Morgan – adopt alternative dates for South zone – passed voice vote
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Shook	8/13/14

E. MISSISSIPPI RIVER ZONE SEASON DATES

VAN HORN

DISCUSSION	Proposal :Sept. 27 –Oct. 5 & Oct. 15 – Dec. 4 (9day split) Alternative: (Oct. 4 – Oct. 12 & Oct. 18 – Dec. 7) +Morgan- would like a longer split. + Heidel – La Crosse County would prefer a 12 day split and end on Dec. 7 + J. Hennlich – graph from Kent shows Nov. 30 as last high harvest day, Sept. 27 better opening day. + Fisher – knows a party that has been hunting the Mississippi river the last 40 yrs. 2013 was worst opener they have had. + Gettelman – 2013 opener Mississippi river had teal that couldn't fly, not opposed to changing length of split, prefers an Oct. 4 opening date. + Morgan – Opened Sept. 21 in 2013, week later this year, important to note what bordering states set for opening date, they also open ½ hr. before sunrise. + J. Hennlich – Agrees with Morgan, also fisherman may be an issue.
ACTION	M/S – Gettelman/Fisher for alternative dates – motion failed 10yes – 10 no vote.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Shook	8/13/14

DISCUSSION	+ Heidel – new proposal: Sept. 27 – Oct. 5 & Oct. 18 – Dec. 7 12 day split. + Does Minn. Close at 4:00pm? Van Horn- Yes +Morgan – favors new proposal, more rest for birds with longer split, had a great 2 nd opener in 2013. + Suchla – great 2 nd opener in 2013 + Schroeder- not a duck hunter, opening earlier doesn't provide more ducks.
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	+ T. Hennlich – Lots of hunters on the river in Nov. longer split rests the ducks and extends the season. + Heidel – likes longer splits, 2 nd opener better with longer split. + Gettelman - Call question. + Shook – no, more recognized for discussion. + Van Horn – 2013 ducks arrived later than normal statewide, uncommon occurrence. + Robinson – lose a weekend with longer split. + Suchla – gain a weekend in Dec. + J. Hennlich – could be frozen on Dec. 7. + Kowalkowski – still can hunt in other zones and hunters gain a weekend. + Morgan – lose that weekend with a 9 day split.	
ACTION	M/S – Heidel/Scott – Open Sept. 27 – Oct. 5 12 day split Oct.18 – Dec. 7- passed voice vote	
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Shook	8/13/14

F. EXTERIOR ZONE GOOSE SEASON

VAN HORN

DISCUSSION	Proposal: 92 days total. Daily bag of 2	
ACTION	M/S – J. Hennlich/Earnest – adopt proposal – passed voice vote	
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Shook	8/13/14

G. NORTH ZONE GOOSE

VAN HORN

DISCUSSION	Proposal: Sept. 16 – Dec. 16	
ACTION	M/S – Malin/ Robinson – adopt proposal – passed voice vote	
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Shook	8/13/14

H. SOUTH ZONE GOOSE

VAN HORN

DISCUSSION	Proposal: Sept. 16 – Oct. 5 & Oct. 11 – Dec. 21	
ACTION	M/S/ Edelblute/ J. Hennlich – to reject proposed season dates – passed voice vote	
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	NA	NA

DISCUSSION	+ Earnest – split between early season and regular season.	
ACTION	M/S – Edelblute/Fisher Sept. 16 – Oct.12 & Oct.18 – Dec. 21 – passed voice vote	
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Shook	8/13/14

I. MISSISSIPPI ZONE

VAN HORN

DISCUSSION	Proposal: Sept. 27 – Oct. 5 & Oct. 15 – Jan. 5	
ACTION	M/S – Heidel/Morgan – to reject proposal – passed voice vote	
	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	NA	NA

DISCUSSION	none	
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ACTION	M/S – Heidel/Edelblute – run Mississippi zone goose season concurrent with duck ending on Jan. 8 – (Sept. 27 – Oct. 5 & Oct. 18 – Jan. 8) – passed voice vote	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Shook	8/13/14	

J. HORICON ZONE GOOSE SEASON

VAN HORN

DISCUSSION	Proposal: 2 periods. Daily bag of 2. 10 tages per hunter.	
ACTION	M/S – Koerner/Malin – to adopt proposal – passed voice vote	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Shook	8/13/14	

DISCUSSION	H1 – Sept. 16 –Oct. 26	
ACTION	M/S – Hennlich/Cook – adopt proposed dates – passed voice vote	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Shook	8/13/14	

DISCUSSION	H2 – Oct.27 – Dec.16	
ACTION	M/S – Feuling/Earnest – adopt as proposed – passed voice vote	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Shook	8/13/14	

K. EARLY GOOSE SEASON

VAN HORN

DISCUSSION	Sept. 1 – Sept. 15 daily bag of 5	
ACTION	M/S – Gettelman/Lane – passed voice vote	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Shook	8/13/14	

DISCUSSION	Early goose shooting hours ½ hr before sunrise to sunset. + Earnest- question No proposal for snow geese or other geese. + Van Horn – these seasons are already on the books. + Robinson – seeing more snow geese last few years.	
ACTION	M/S – Fisher/J. Hennlich – to adopt – passed voice vote	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Shook	8/13/14	

L. RESOLUTION 52-04-14 CANADA GOOSE HUNTERS' PUNCH CARD & CALL IN SYSTEM

DISCUSSION	+ Strelow- very citations issued for violations, non-issue	
ACTION	M/S – Cook/Morgan to reject- passed voice vote	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Shook		

M. RESOLUTION 52-0514 PLACEMENT & REMOVAL OF WATERFOWL DECOYS FROM WATER ON PRIVATE PROPERT

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Van Horn – legislative change needed, would need to change state water regulations. + Koerner – has been discussed in the past, no definition of private water. + Morgan – no restrictions on waters in Iowa, would be better if it was on all waters not just private. + Strelow – Public Trust Doctrine does not allow obstructions in water ways. + Norling – Louisiana allows decoys to be left in the water, many states do. + Robinson – needs legislative action, already passed in 2011. + Shook – resolution needs action taken. + Suchla – suggest advancing and send it back again. + Fisher – mat affect only a small amount of waters but they do exist, give ot back to the legislators, will it be an issue with law enforcement? + Lane – people could create their own refuge area. + Gettelman – intent was to to move along, already addressed in 2011, affects a small number of people, like atlatl. + Van Horn – if question is advanced make it clear that this is a legislative issue not a WDNR issue. 	
ACTION	M/S – gettelman/Koerner – to advance – passed voice vote	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Shook		

N. RESOLUTIONS 40-01-14 & 50-02-14 CHANGE ZONE BOUNDARIES FOR DUCK SEASON

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Heidel – Mississippi Zone not seeing added pressure, resolution calling for zone boundary changes without input. + J. Hennlich – there were 3 options for zone changes in 2011, vote was to keep zones the same, the zones we have now were not presented at the spring hearings. + Shook – zones have been discussed for many years with the Migratory Committee. + Gettelman – doesn't matter where boundaries are there will always be added pressure at boundary line areas. + Fisher – haven't had 5 years of current zones, need to wait and see, more public input needed, to rearly to vote on changes. + Koenig – controversy over zone change last time between Mississippi zone or a Lake Michigan zone. + Van Horn – EIS process for setting waterfowl regulations may change, 2016 next opportunity for zone changes. + T. Hennlich – hunts Mead wildlife area, not far from zone boundary, issues with hunters from out of the area coming to hunt+ Morgan – rejection appropriate for now, more discussion needed. + Reidner – worked on hwy. 10 boundary in the 80s, hwy. 64 to far north. 	
ACTION	M/S – Heidel/Fisher to reject - passed voice vote	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Shook		

O. RESOLUTIONS 41-02-14 & 50-03-14 DUCK SEASON START TIME

DISCUSSION	<p>Background information provided by Van Horn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + J. Hennlich – Dec. 6 meeting committee members wanted 1/2hr before sunrise opener, 600,00 deer hunters do it. + T. Hennlich – landings are busy all season long. + Morgan – 45 years of duck hunting, Minn. No running lights required-no problem, scouting is missed opportunity, MN. & Iowa hunters shooting while WI hunters have to watch. + Heidel – what is law enforcements opinion? + Strelow – confusing with different opening hours, wi. Hunters complain about Iowa & Min. hunters shooting. + Fisher – hunters still go out in the dark with 9am & noon openers. 	
ACTION	M/S – J. Hennlich/Morgan to advance – passed voice vote	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

Shook	
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Koenig – Opening date should be the same every year. + Heidel – concealment issue, still unable to use deadfalls and stumps as concealment, would like to see a change. + Strelow – doing research on what other states do, new policy office, changes may be coming. + J. Hennlich – keep late season field hunters in mind when setting regulations. Are splits allowed during the dove season? + T. Hennlich – why was canvasback bag lowered to 1 bird? (Response from Van Horn – mathematical modeling to have desired spring breeding population), early teal season handled poorly, weren't allowed to discuss season options. + Malin – what happens to rejected resolution?comm. chair responds to author. + Muench – pleased to be on Migratory Committee, on WCC for 32 years. + Reidner – what is the schedule for regulation setting if changes are coming? + Gettelman – what is the canvasback daily bag for the central flyway? (Van Horn – same for the whole country), likes the Horicon zone change, didn't like the procedure for Mat early teal season meeting. + Koerner – likes resolution now instead of in Nov. + Fisher – prefers a stewide opening day, reason for zone changes was for different season date options. + Van Horn – Teal season is experimental for 3 years. + Shook – thanks for attending, from now on 1 meeting a year, as to May meeting, Tim Andryk attended may meeting to make sure Robert's Rules were followed.
ACTION	NA

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	1:30 pm
SUBMITTED BY	Todd Cook
DATE	8/29/14