

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Executive Council

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	05/21/13	10:00 am.	Fitchburg
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Rob Bohmann
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Joe Weiss, Rick Olson, Al Brown, Dave Larson, Marcell Wieloch, Ben Loma, Bob Ellingson, John Aschenbrenner, Kevin Smaby, Al Suchla, David Puhl, Stan Brownell, Dale Maas, Arlen Split, Dave Miller, Larry Bonde, Mike Rogers, Lee Fahrney, Ken Risley, Al Phelan, Al Shook, Rob Bohmann, Josh Hennlich
EXCUSED	Mike Kuhr
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Tim Andryk, Kari Lee-Zimmermann

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Motion by Hennlich to approve. Second by Puhl

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

ROB BOHMANN

DISCUSSION	Convention discussion – took in \$3917.00 in bucket raffle, \$2620.00 in gun raffle. Youth Conservation Congress interest is up. Good feedback. Applications available on-line. Find mentors. Assign youth to the mentors committee. 2 grants issued for 200.00 each to Pardeeville and Plymouth for Youth Outdoor Expo.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. WCC LIAISON'S REPORT

KARI LEE-ZIMMERMANN

DISCUSSION	Strategic Plan and Mission Statement approved. Putting together a new brochure about the Congress. Look at getting Congress material out to Hunter's Safety classes. Will accomplish once printed brochure is approved.	
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**C. REVIEW VOTES OF THE STATEWIDE DELEGATION –
DNR ADVISORY QUESTIONS. WCC ADVISORY
QUESTIONS. SPRING HEARING LOGISTICS,
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND MISSION
STATEMENTS. ASSIGNED RESOLUTIONS**

LEE FAHRNEY

DISCUSSION	<p>Questions 1 – 40 passed. (question 6 dealing with trolling – Vilas county made motion to amend the motion to advance saying basically that all counties and lakes that currently allowed 3 line trolling to remain 3 lines. All counties voting no to trolling will go to 1 line trolling on lakes that were previously closed to trolling. This was seconded by Sawyer County and carried. Question 41 failed. Questions 42 -44 passed. Question 45 amended to allow for a reduced price for youth 17 and under. Question 46 – 47 (did not act on these - already in place. Questions 48 – 66 passed. Questions 67 – 68 failed. Questions 69 – 72 passed. Question 73 failed. Questions 74 – 81 passed. Question 82 failed. Questions 83 – 87 passed. Question 88 failed. Question 89 – 99 passed.</p> <p>SPRING HEARING LOGISTICS – Complaints (Chairs not following script. Election procedures – 2 year vs. 3 year timing. Some ballots were destroyed in a county. Delegates telling constituents how to vote. Delegates MUST excuse themselves from the front table if commenting on questions. Shotgun resolutions must have an author present (or someone willing to act as the author) in order to present a resolution.</p> <p>Bonde: we must have a procedure and guidance for dealing with “mass mailings”. Make sure info is accurate.</p> <p>Bohmann: look at COP changes to address above complaints.</p> <p>Bonde: Historian will have Congress positions published and distributed to counties prior to next years spring hearings.</p> <p>Andryk: only hearing related material should be on registration table.</p> <p>Kari: have wardens enforce procedures at hearings,</p> <p>Phelan: did not allow superfluous info into the building at hearing. Have wardens count ballots.</p> <p>Maas: still many problems with resolutions. Address at spring and fall district meetings. Come up with a power-point to re-enforce Kari's mailings. Keep integrity of process moving forward.</p> <p>Weiss: election procedures need to be revisited and revised in COP.</p> <p>Shook: people aren't confident in their ability to run a meeting properly. You can declare for election without being nominated.</p> <p>Olson: need more manpower to run meetings, especially in counties with larger turnouts.</p> <p>Wieloch: do we have leeway on start times for hearings?</p> <p>Kari: have registration start earlier. Publish in press release. Ballots should be kept for 30 days.</p> <p>Risley: communication lacking within DNR on how the hearing is run.</p> <p>Loma: prepackage info to hand out to public as they enter hearing (saves time).</p> <p>Andryk: put in hearing notice to come early to register.</p> <p>Kari: maybe we re-think when elections happen.</p> <p>Brownell: are we setting ourselves up for opposition to question our procedure? Think about election timing.</p> <p>Phelan: different strategies for getting people nominated and elected. Sportsman tend to leave before hearing is over. Elections first, everyone gets to vote for delegates.</p>
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Maas: uses trusted volunteers as well as delegates to determine residency of public voters.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND MISSION STATEMENTS

Executive committee will review mission statements for the "new" committee's and bring back to chairs before their meetings, then back to executive council in January.

Bohmann: put committee assignments in the hands of districts this year. Meet with committee chairs and secretaries for briefing. Minutes to reflect action. Did resolution pass or fail. Why did it fail? Put reasons in letter to author.

Kari: required to have action taken. List of rejection for resolutions.

Bohmann: review Warm Water Mission statement request to include "great lakes" fish (traditional warm water species) for consideration under their jurisdiction.

Shook: motion to reject Warm Water request to alter mission statement to add "Great Lakes". Second by Smaby. Motion to reject carries.

Bohmann: will have committee assignments out by the end of the week.

Shook: volunteers for chair of legislative committee.

Miller: volunteers for vice chair.

Olson: volunteers for chair of land Use committee.

Miller: volunteers for chair of Rule Simplification Ad Hoc committee.

Smaby: volunteers for vice chair.

Brown: volunteers for chair of 10 year fish and wildlife committee.

Ellingson: volunteers for chair of Environmental committee.

ASSIGNED RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 190113: Motion to approve by Fahrney. Second by Hennlich. Motion fails by voice vote.

Discussion involved: accuracy of statement? Not enough info. What kind of bait, how much? Day or night? Maybe should go to another committee.

Bonde: motion to advance to Fur Harvest. Second by Maas. Motion carries.

Resolution 440313: Motion to approve by Miller. Second by Risley. Motion fails by voice vote.

Discussion involved: dangerous concept stepping on freedom of expression. COP addresses our duties and responsibilities already.

Resolution 470313: Motion to reject by Puhl. Second by Shook. Motion to reject passes.

Discussion involved: loss of revenue is a concern. No discretion to turn it down. We're not motivated by money. Legislature would not take it seriously.

Resolution 060113: motion to reject by Shook. Second by Hennlich. Motion to reject passes.

Resolution 300113: motion to reject by Shook. Second by Hennlich. Motion to reject passes.

Resolution 440413: motion to advance by Phelan. Second by Wieloch. Motion to advance passes.

Resolution 570313: motion to advance by Loma. Second by Rogers. Motion to advance passes.

Resolution 640313: motion to advance by Loma. Second by Phelan. Motion fails.

Discussion: Motion to withdraw by Loma passes. Motion to reject by Maas. Second by Hennlich. Motion passes. Motion to combine this question with the previous two that were advanced by Phelan. Second by Smaby. Motion to combine passes.

Resolution 110113: motion to advance by Ellingson. Second by Hennlich. Motion subsequently withdrawn by Ellingson. Motion to table until Jan. council meeting by Shook. Second by Aschenbrenner. Motion carries. Subsequent motion to have executive council go on record to keep McKenzie Center open. Second by Phelan. Additional friendly amendment to keep open until a contract is accepted by Phelan. Motion passes.

	<p>Resolution 110213: motion to advance by Loma. Second by Fahrney. Motion fails by voice.</p> <p>Discussion involved: DNR wildlife staff already researching sites. 1 -2 months to finalize preferred site. Mute point.</p> <p>Resolution 040213: motion to advance by Shook. Second by Hennlich. Motion passes. Discussion involved referring this to another committee already in place. Motion made to reconsider by Maas. Second by Phelan. Motion passes. Motion to advance to 10 Year Fish and Wildlife Ad Hoc by Maas. Second by Brownell. Motion carries.</p> <p>Resolution 110313: motion to reject by Phelan. Second by Aschenbrenner. Motion to reject passes.</p> <p>Discussion: more ranges needed. Don't ban public hunting grounds. State trails bought with hunt and fish money. DNR will lose more control over their property.</p> <p>Ben Loma will write a question combining resolutions 440413 and 570313 and submit to Kari.</p>	
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Larson: cheat sheets for delegates explaining Roberts Rules.</p> <p>Maas: schedule future meetings on Saturdays. What happens with vacancies on committees?</p> <p>Bohmann: no extra seats for districts. All districts have assigned slots.</p> <p>Split: term limits on committee's? Leave it up to districts. Can Spring Hearings be held in different places within the county each year? Yes.</p> <p>Hennlich: would like Milwaukee county meeting place moved. Handicap accessible.</p> <p>Shook: review your county operation now on how to run meetings.</p> <p>Aschenbrenner: don't agree with term limits. Lose too much experience.</p> <p>Phelan: need another wolf committee slot. Believe in term limits.</p> <p>Suchla: wants to meet with DNR personnel. Conference call monthly.</p> <p>Risley: what's course of action with Strategic plan? Outreach committee charged with implementation.</p> <p>Fahrney: Strategic Plan will be tweaked</p> <p>Maas: it should be on executive council agenda each meeting.</p> <p>Miller: group e-mails referencing how to vote on questions are unethical</p> <p>Rogers: questions future budgets for additional exec council meetings.</p> <p>Fahrney: recommends conference call in the fall.</p> <p>Bohmann: sat meetings are helping a lot with reducing expenditures.</p> <p>Loma: motion to reconsider first two resolutions on gun rights (060113 and 300113). second by Phelan. motion passes. Discussion by Maas to incorporate into one resolution. Motion to advance by Loma. Second by Phelan. Motion passes.</p> <p>Phelan: requests 3 delegates on Warm Water committee. Bohmann: No.</p> <p>Smaby: Secretary of a committee should get another committee so he/she can participate. We can allow that.</p> <p>Brownell: executive committee will write 10 year Fish and Wildlife and Land Use mission statements. Finish them at committee meetings this fall. Would like to see alternate funding for the McKenzie Center.</p> <p>Puhl: no or little media coverage at the convention and meal tickets were a problem (accountability). Had trouble in his county with committee assignments. Suggests the need for a hunting with dogs committee. Dog issues come from a variety of constituents. Rejects another exec council meeting in addition to those we already have. Too many counties were not present on Sat. of convention. We need to address that.</p> <p>Fahrney: Sat. Attendance at convention troubling. Consider name change of exec council/committee to avoid confusion. New position of Public relations on Exec committee will set measurable objectives. Look at a "tree" for communicating congress info on a timely basis. Agrees with term limits. Move</p>	
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	<p>experience around.</p> <p>Bohmann: Puhl volunteers for dog liaison positions. 18 wildlife species committees need to be filled. Rob will call.</p> <p>Bonde: welcome to new councilors. Kari will send out convention survey results from Laurie Groskopf. Be careful how you speak in public. Funding for stewardship motion was out of order at the convention.</p> <p>Bohmann: recognized the work put in by Kari and Adam</p> <p>Maas: have a checkoff on license purchases to fund the youth outdoor expo. Legislators were pursuing this.</p> <p>Phelan: Kroll report committee's are active.</p>
ACTION	Motion to adjourn by Phelan. Second by Suchla. Motion carries

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	04:30:00 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Joe Weiss, secretary- executive committee Wisconsin Conservation Congress
DATE	05/29/13