

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Shooting Sports

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	10/29/2022	6:30 P.M.	Zoom
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Harold Drake at 6:30 P.M.
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Scott Gunderson-Bob Boyd-Mark Winkler-Gary Schwoch-Pete Theisen-Harold Drake-Steve Ninneman-Bill Lorenz-Nicole Gates- Gary Dieck- Emily lehl W.D.N.R. – Robert Nack W.D.N.R -.Kyle Zenz W.D.N.R.
EXCUSED	Dennis Vanden Bloomen- Scott Tubbs
UNEXCUSED	Robert Busher- Alan Pribnow-Tim Gorski
GUESTS	Jerome Donohue

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	The committee chair requested the order of the agenda items be changed to take up Item F “Y.C.C. shooting event” first since the Y.C.C. coordinator was participating in the meeting. Also, at the previous request from Bob Nack, to combine agenda items “C” and “I” as one.
ACTION	A motion was made to amend the agenda as requested by Scott Gunderson 2 nd by Gary Dieck. Motion carried on a voice vote

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	The current mission statement was read by the Committee Chair. He asked the committee members if there were any request for changes. There were none requested.
ACTION	Motion by Scott Gunderson to Approve the committee mission statement as currently written.2 nd By Robert Boyd. Motion Carried on a voice vote.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	There were no requests submitted.
ACTION	none

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. 2021/2022 RANGE GRANT PROGRAM

EMILY IEHL

DISCUSSION	Emil lehl Gave an update on the status of the 2022 Range Grant Application Process. She reported 16 Grant applications were received for funding in 2023. One was moved to other funding sources and one was dis- qualified since the project was already complete. Of the remaining fourteen applications one was for a new range and the remaining were for range updates. The total request for funding was \$716,000 thousand dollars. Available funding for this cycle is \$800,000 Thousand dollars. All projects requesting funding will be granted. The grant request for a new range is the first one in several years and involves the Village of Spencer. Due to available funding the project cap of \$75,000 thousand has been lifted for this cycle. Consideration is being given to raising the cost match for next year applicants to 80-20. The 2024 application dead line will be moved up to July 15 th so that approved projects can
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	start sooner. The scoring criteria for range grants was reviewed and some changes were made for this year's approval process. The changes were made in order to prioritize requests based on the quality and content of the project instead of size. One thing being worked on for next years application scoring is to re-define the "Open to the public" requirement section of the application. The department is looking for committee and others thoughts and suggestions regarding the "open to the public" definition. Committee comments: Steve Ninneman Commented that private clubs are staffed by volunteers so it is hard to predict open hours. Scott Gunderson commented on the \$800,000 available funding being much greater than the previous year at \$500,000. Question what the amount might be for the 2024 grants. Harold Drake commented that previous results from the W.C.C. delegate range survey indicated that there was a lack of knowledge about the Range Grant program and there were efforts made at the W.C.C. state convention to have information available. Did the committee want to do something in 2023? He also suggested the idea that a previous grant recipient could be lined up to do a presentation at the 2023 Convention about their experience with the grant process.	
ACTION	The chair will present the Idea to the D.L.C. at the January Meeting and will move forward with their approval.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Committee Chair	January D.L.C.	

B. STATE MANAGED RANGES

BOB NACK/EMILY IEHL

DISCUSSION	Discussion began with Bob Nack introducing himself to the Committee as the Department R3 Supervisor. He updated current efforts to promote the State Range Grant Program within Wisconsin and being invited to speak with other states about it. The proposed Shooting Range interview Questionnaire was discussed. Copies had previously been sent to committee members for review. Bob reported that the survey is a result of a joint effort with the Social Services department The interview script contains questions about range use, as well as, hunting questions and non -hunting range user questions. Warden staff will randomly interview public range users thru next year. He would like the committee to review the survey and submit any request for changes or additional questions to his attention. He reported the following on State managed ranges: Mc Miller: Upgrades currently being done include new fencing, lighting upgrades, archery range, sporting clays, improvements to 25 – 50 – and 100 yard ranges and new signage. The current lease agreement with the Wern Valley group is working well. Recreational shooters provide a lot of the P/R money that is available for the upgrades. Emily lehl provided pictures of the new Archery range. Yellowstone: Hours of operation have undergone some changes due to complaints from campers. There has been some local push back to the changes but they were deemed necessary. Columbia County: A new bullet catcher has been installed. Water erosion of berms has been addressed. New target stands are also being installed. Waushara County: Parking lot upgrade. Pestigo: He recently visited this range. Was closed due to lack of staff to manage and range use issues. A local group was formed to reopen and monitor the range. An automatic Gate is being installed.	
ACTION	Committee members to review Range use questionnaire and submit suggestions.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Committee Members	None specific	

C. RANGE ISSUES COMMITTEE

EMILY IEHL

DISCUSSION	Discussion was included as part of Master plan for shooting Sports under item" I"	
ACTION	none at this time	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A	N/A	

D. 3RD PARTY MANAGEMENT OF RANGES

BOB NACK

DISCUSSION	Bob Nack reported that ranges are managed in different ways. State owned and D.N.R. managed. State owned and managed by an outside group. State owned and managed by a 3 rd party under lease being run as a business. State owned and D.N.R managed with local clubs doing the upkeep. There are also County owned ranges being managed by warden staff. They are considering the possibility of more of the state owned and operated by a 3 rd party like the Mc miller Model. This also could be incorporated in the development of a Shooting Range Strategic plan	
ACTION	None taken. Informational only	

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A	N/A

E. STATE WIDE RANGE INVENTORY

EMILY IEHL

DISCUSSION	A copy of the latest updated range inventory from July of 2022 was provided to all committee members prior to the meeting for their review. There are currently 395 ranges on the list. Members were asked to review it as it pertained to their county or district and identify any known changes. Emil reported that there were a number of changes made the last 3 years as a result of the effort made by the Congress at its spring district meetings. She was satisfied with the results and felt that we could let this go for a year or two. She suggested the state could do a mailing to ask for updates if necessary. Harold Drake pointed out that there was still some information lacking. Only 78 of the 395 ranges were identified as public or private. Also, over 100 of the ranges have incomplete or outdated addresses. Did the committee want to act on these issues? Steve Ninneman commented that all ranges should be considered private unless otherwise already indicated as public. Scott Gunderson commented that we were way ahead of where we were 3 years ago and he was good with reviewing every 3 years.
ACTION	None taken. There were no committee requests for further action at this time.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A	N/A

F. Y.C.C. SHOOTING EVENT

KYLE ZENZ

DISCUSSION	Kyle Zenz gave an update on the Y.C.C shooting event that took place at the May 2022 convention in Wisconsin Dells. She reported that 10 Y.C.C. members participated in the event at the Reedsburg Outdoor Club. The participants participated in indoor archery and trap shooting. She provided pictures of the participants and thanked the committee for its efforts and participation that day. She suggested that the Y.C.C. committee might be interested in partnering again in 2023 if time allows. They will discuss at the upcoming Y.C.C. committee meeting. She will communicate with Harold Drake after the meeting date.
ACTION	The committee will look at options if the Y.C.C. decides they want to include a shooting event in their schedule. Steve Ninneman will look at options for clubs in the Oshkosh area as well as the availability of the Hortonville club he belongs to. Available shooting times as well as any associated costs.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Steve Ninneman	March 1 st 2023

G. FULL TIME SHOOTING SPORTS COORDINATOR

BOB NACK

DISCUSSION	Bob Nack reported that consideration for creating this position is still out there. Budget considerations allow for only a certain number of positions with in the department. Getting a new permanent position needs approval and would have to be part of the D.N.R budget request. Hopefully the position can be budgeted for and approved. He has no time line on when this might happen. It was suggested that this position could be a combination with an archery education specialist. Gary Schwoch commented that this is an important issue and efforts need to continue to make this happen.
ACTION	The committee chair will once again ask for support from the D.L.C. to advance this position.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Harold Drake	January D.L.C.

H. NR095 REVIEW COMMITTEE

BOB NACK

DISCUSSION	Bob Nack reported that every 3 to 5 years administrative rules come under review. He was asked to take a look at the language NR095 as it pertains to Shooting ranges. An informal working group has been put together look at the language and generate ideas and make recommendations for possible changes. They are just starting the process of review. Nothing to report at this time. He will keep the committee up to date as things evolve.
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ACTION	Informational only
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Bob Nack	None Specific

I. MASTER PLAN FOR SHOOTING SPORTS

BOB NACK

DISCUSSION	Bob Nack reported that an effort to establish a Master Plan for Shooting Sports has been considered for some time and will get underway shortly. The plan would include options for operating and managing ranges in the future and may include items such as a range issues committee which was listed as Item "C" on the agenda. Not a lot to report right now. He will keep the committee up to date as things evolve and a good draft is put together. That will be followed by a public comment period.	
ACTION	None Specific	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Bob Nack	None Specific	

J. FIREARM SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

HAROLD DRAKE

DISCUSSION	Harold Drake gave background information on the citizen resolution he submitted from the 2020 spring hearing. The Firearm Safety resolution passed locally and was forwarded by the D.L.C. as a spring hearing question in 2021. The resolution passed state wide by more than 2 to 1 in support. He outlined his effort to get local legislators to draft legislation to advance the effort by was told the political climate was not right and it would not go anywhere. He was looking for committee member suggestions on how best to advance the idea and who to contact legislatively. Scott Gunderson suggested that he would talk to speaker Voss to find out who the committee chairs for Assembly Sporting Heritage committee and Senate Sporting Heritage, Small Business & Rural Issues Committee will be for the upcoming legislative secession. These would be the best contacts to get the discussion started.	
ACTION	None by the committee	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Scott Gunderson	As information becomes available	

K. SCTP UPDATE

SCOTT GUNDERSON

DISCUSSION	Scott reported on the current status of the SCTP program in Wisconsin. Participation continues to grow from 2262 participants in 2017 to 3456 participants in 2022. The Waterford team continues to dominate at the state and National level. Committee members and other interested individuals should help promote the creation of teams at schools currently not participating. SCTP has individuals available to help interested schools get a program started. He will share the information with you. You can also find information on the SCTO web site.	
ACTION	Promote the sport	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Committee Members	None Specific	

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Pete Theisen: Supports Firearm Safety in schools. Gary Dieck: Supports Firearm Safety in school's . Would like to see committee members go to Madison in support.
ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to Adjourn by Scott Gunderson 2nd by Gary Dieck Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 P.M.
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SUBMITTED BY	Harold Drake in place of appointed secretary
DATE	12/17/2022