



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 District 11 Fall Meeting
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	08/01/2023	7pm	DNR Service Center, Sturtevant, WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Rob Bohmann at 7PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Kenosha - Eugene Altwies, Colton Greenhill Milwaukee - Brian Haydin, Barbara Dahlgren, Pete Papageorge, Jason Gonzales, Jerome Donahue Racine - Rob Bohmann, Trent Tonn, Scott Taylor, Noah Wishau, Scott Gunderson Waukesha - Bob Wincek, MarySusan Diedrich, Randy Farchmin, Jeff Hintz, Dan Luling DNR - Ben Huessner, Laura Schmidt, Maureen Newman, Brandon Smith, Alex Beting, Taylor Meinholz, Mike Hirschbeck, Marty Johnson, Mike Thompson
EXCUSED	Kenosha - Dave Lois, Stephanie Blazich
UNEXCUSED	Kenosha - Steve Kenesie
GUESTS	

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Approved.
ACTION	n/a

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	n/a
ACTION	n/a

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	n/a
ACTION	n/a

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. DNR Staff Updates

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Ben H. - several vacancies coming up. 2023 lake surveys primarily in Walworth County. Evaluating panfish regulations. Trout habitat at Bluff and Whitewater creeks. Statewide 4 new habitat advanced technicians (biologists) have been hired. Attended summit for walleye rehabilitation. Habitat work on Scuppernong Springs sponsored by TU. Golden and Nagawicka walleye surveys had good results. Acoustic study on Oconomowoc Lake. One musky migrated 17 miles. Hatched 6.5 million walleye into Koshkonog system. Looking at cuts in walleye stocking in SE region and other areas.</p> <p>Laura Schmidt- Lake Michigan. Staffing commercial and sportfishing position open due to retirement. Implemented electronic reporting for charters. 5000 trips recorded to date. Yellow perch spawning surveys showing increase to 210 fish. Stream surveys on Menomonee and Milwaukee rivers. Career fair at Havenwood State Park geared towards high school for natural resource careers. TAC for whitefish has been set.</p> <p>Mike Thompson - SE region secretary's director. Ozone air quality sampling taking place at Chiwaukee Prairie. Economic development - Microsoft Data Center construction will start in October.</p> <p>Marty Johnson - new wolf plan was released today. Randy Johnson is main contact. Dealing with brush and controlled burning. Waterfowl banding has started. Band on Tuesdays/Thursdays. Volunteers are welcome. CDAC council memberships renew this fall. Deer observation program has started. Summer game bird observations. Bong - closing on 120 acres from Kenosha Unified School District. Pheasant stocking goal 75,000 birds. Up to 81% hatch survival. CWD surveillance similar to 2022. Projected statewide sample size is 19,000 heads. Waukesha - 11/319 positives, Milwaukee - 0/20, Racine 2/40 Kenosha 1/29. No EHD reports.</p> <p>Brandon Smith - secured permanent position for state owned shooting ranges. Angler R3 activities 70 events in Madison and Milwaukee areas. 2023 7 new conservation wardens. 4 have started, 3 this fall. Next recruit class will</p>
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	start in January. Uptick in ATV and UTV fatal accidents. Snowmobiles - 16 fatalities. Fatal boating accidents have decreased.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
n/a		n/a

B. Guidance for upcoming committee meetings

Rob Bohmann

DISCUSSION	Rob B. Opening statement for all committee chairs. Read resolutions ahead of time and leave personal agendas at home.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
n/a		n/a

C. WCC Advisory Assignments

Rob Bohmann

DISCUSSION	Review Resolutions from your district. WCC advisory committee evaluation forms - important feedback for managing changes if needed. Delegate reimbursement Unexcused absences	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
n/a		n/a

D. WCC Outreach

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Presentations available for WCC delegates Sharing WCC press releases, events, social media, etc.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
n/a		n/a

E. Youth Conservation Congress

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Trent Tonn: learning to hunt event at Sandhill Nature Center. Calumet county camp 8/13. Banding ducks, Ledgeview Nature Center visit, Onion River TU habitat work. Aug 26th Wisconsin Waterfowl Expo. Learn-to-hunt event in October at Sandhill Nature Center.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
n/a		n/a

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Marysusan D. - quarterly meeting with (Daniel Boone, Great Lakes Sportfishing Federation, WCC) meeting with Adam Payne. Spring hearing open house. Need more input to DNR. Bob W - 1300# fish donated to Hunger Task Force from Brew City Tournament. Jerome D. - Daneen Park fish fry. Jason G.- BHA Rendezvous Aug. 6th Brian H. need better cooperation from Milw. county for fish donations from fishing tournaments, i.e. Brew City. Scott G - MOHEE Ruth Ann Lee now exec direct for OHEC. Milw OHEC had 700 kids. Poynette OHEC 1700 kids . 79 schools represented. 2024 OHEC May 8 Milwaukee, May 15, 16 Poynette. Reported on Wisconsin results for SCTP Nationals at Cardinal Shooting Center. Disabled deer hunt Oct 14, 15.	
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	Trent T. - learn to hunt event in December Jeff H. - LTH waterfowl this fall. Waterfowl Expo Aug 26 needs volunteers. Rob B - WCC is relevant as long as WCC gets input from citizens
ACTION	Motion to adjourn Haydin, 2nd Gunderson.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	9:15pm
SUBMITTED BY	Eugene Altwies
DATE	08/01/2023