

**DNR'S DISABILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
COUNCIL PURPOSE/MISSION**

To advise the Department of Natural Resources on matters pertaining to the accessibility of all department programs and services by persons with disabilities.

- To draft recommendations to the Department for legislation, administrative rules, or department policy.
- To identify and evaluate needs of persons with disabilities and to communicate them to the Department.
- To help to increase public awareness and sensitivity to the needs of persons with
- To communicate with individuals and other organizations dedicated to similar purposes.

**MEETING MINUTES
DISABILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
FRIDAY MARCH 17, 2023
Virtual meeting conducted via Microsoft Teams**

Members Present: Keith Pamperin, John Martinson, Kristen Engel, John Mitchell, Calvin Richtig, Andrea Frisch (All members joined virtually).

Members Absent: Shannon Columb

Others Present: Nick Zouski, Shannon Holt, Deanna Sell, Barry Gilbeck, Ellen Tatro, Bret Daul, Dan Olson. (All online)

Guest presenters: Terry Bay and Jeff Pritzl (Both online)

Chair Martinson called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Introductions: None

Next the Council reviewed the agenda.

Keith made a motion to approve the agenda. Calvin seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The Council next reviewed the meeting minutes from December 16th, 2023.

Keith made a motion to approve the minutes from December 16th, 2023. Calvin seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

*****There was a change in order of the agenda items so that the presentation on the Potawatomi Tower could be emailed to members and those joining by call-in and were unable to see the screen share.**

Customer Service and Licensing from Barry

2023 License Sales

- License sales began on March 1. 2022 licenses are valid until March 31. New licenses are valid upon purchase.
- Customer Service and Other DNR staff attend the Milwaukee Sport Show last week and successfully assisted with licenses, park stickers and questions.
- Bear drawing was completed, and post cards went out in the mail to customers the first week of February.

Anatomical Gift Registry – 2021 Wisconsin Act 220

- Customers are now offered the opportunity to sign up for being an anatomical gift donor when purchasing a hunting, fishing, or trapping license.
 - o Who may register to become a donor through the DNR?
 - Wisconsin Residents
 - 15 years or older or emancipated minors
 - o DNR will transmit the information to the DOT to add the customer to the registry of potential donors. The DNR is simply collecting the data and forwarding it for this registry.
 - o There is ability to sign on license purchases and the Go Wild Conservation Card now has a line that can be signed as well.
 - o The DNR will also provide customers with a separate pocket-sized donor card.
 - o Donor registry is not a requirement to apply or purchase a license
 - o How to register to become a donor through the DNR.
 - Sign your license document or Go Wild Conservation Card
 - Online/Agent: Select the registry when applying for or purchasing a hunting, fishing, or trapping license
 - Print and fill out the Donate Life Pocket Card and indicate they wish to be a donor
 - o Further information on this program can be found on the Dept. of Health Services website.

Bonus Turkey Sales

- Remaining harvest authorizations will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Each zone will have a designated sales date with sales starting at 10:00 a.m. and running through midnight each day. These sales will be held for five consecutive days with customers able to purchase one harvest authorization per day. Remaining harvest authorization for all zones will go on sale on the sixth day (one per day).

The scheduled sales dates for the **2023** spring turkey season are:

- **Zone 1** - Monday, March 20
- **Zone 2** - Tuesday, March 21
- **Zone 3** - Wednesday, March 22
- **Zone 4** - Thursday, March 23
- **Zone 5** - Friday, March 24
- **Zone 6** - no permits
- **Zone 7** - no permits
- All remaining bonus authorizations go on sale on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 10 a.m.

Cost is \$10.00 for residents and \$15.00 for the nonresidents. Please note that at the time you purchase you will be required to purchase a spring turkey license and stamp.

One per day per customer, until they are sold out or the season ends.

Recreational Vehicle Registrations

- Two rounds of renewal emails and post cards have been sent to all recreational vehicle owners needing to renew their boat/vehicle this spring.
- Customer Service staff are processing all registrations as they come in and are up to date.
- Over 15,000 renewals were processed last week.

Wisconsin Conservation Congress – Spring Hearings

- Slightly different format to include open houses
- Voting will still be Online -
 - The online questionnaire will be available through a link on this webpage from **April 10 at noon through April 13 at noon.**
- Elections for WCC delegates will take place during the [WCC/DNR Open Houses](#) which will be held **April 3-6** around the state.
- All fish, wildlife and advisory questions are posted on the DNR website.

Legislative update:

- Fiscal estimates for the following bills submitted to Management & Budget:
 - [23 SB 68](#) – Resident lifetime fishing license, lifetime fishing trust fund
 - This bill creates a resident lifetime fishing license and provides for the establishment of a lifetime fishing trust fund.
 - [23 SB 44/AB 71](#) – Disability rating for veterans to qualify for license authorizations, admissions fee exemptions
 - This bill establishes a 50 percent disability rating for disabled veterans to qualify for certain hunting, fishing, and trapping approvals issued by the Department of Natural Resources and for exemptions from certain admission fees. Under current law, the qualifying disability rating is either 50 or 70 percent depending on the approval or exemption.
 - Reduced fee conservation patron license (from \$165 to \$65) or reduced fee annual fishing license (from \$20 to \$3)
 - Becomes effective March 1, 2024
- These bills are not law yet.

Potawatomi Tower presentation from Terry Bay:

- Location: Potawatomi State Park near Sturgeon Bay, overlooking where Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay meet.
- History:
 - Constructed in 1931 one year after the park was established
 - Tower was constructed by volunteers
 - It was designed similar in size and style to Eagle Tower at Peninsula State Park (Built in 1909)
 - The main support timber poles were obtained from the western United States
 - The tower consists of three platforms supported by a total of 5 main wood poles.
 - The highest observation platform is 75' above the ground
 - Tower closed since 2018 due to structural safety concerns
- The condition of the tower was evaluated under three independent reports between 2018-2020. Significant deterioration was found on columns supporting the tower, all three platforms and the stairs. Photos are provided that show how the tower has begun to shift and the buckles that support the tower have started to crush the lower legs.
- Public information meeting was held in the fall of 2022 to gain feedback to determine interest in continuing to have a tower or demolish it for safety reasons. The overwhelming public response was that they wished to continue to have an observation tower at Potawatomi State Park. The DNR hired engineering and architectural firm, GRAEF, to put together concept designs.
- Criteria for concept designs included:
 - Repairing existing tower or new tower must reflect the historic character of the current existing tower.
 - All visible structural elements of the tower should be made of wood or resemble a wood product.
 - The tower must be fully accessible (at all observation levels) to all park visitors of all abilities.
 - Concepts for the tower cannot compromise existing site access by vehicles or pedestrians.
 - Concepts shall maintain the current 75-foot observation level of the tower.
 - All previous evaluations and assessments should be considered in the concept plans
- Four Options to ensure tower is Accessible to all were considered in the report.
 1. Linear Ramp (similar to Eagle Tower)
 2. Helical Ramp
 3. Passenger elevator
 4. Hill Climber
- Each accessible option would work with tower restoration or a new tower. The passenger elevator and 'Hill Climber' were not considered viable options due to the high initial and on-going maintenance costs.
- Concept Selection: A public information meeting was held January 12th, 2023, to present the following concepts

- New Tower Helical Ramp
 - New Tower Linear Ramp
 - Restoration of Tower Helical Ramp
 - Restoration of Tower Linear Ramp
- The public was asked to fill out a survey with preferred option. Restoration of the Tower with a Helical Ramp was the concept that won the preferred vote.
- Restoration of the Tower with a Helical Ramp is the recommendation that the department made in its capital budget request. The governor also recommended it and his project budget. It comes in at a cost of \$6.6 million. That proposal is in front of the State Building Commission next week for approval and the Building Commission would either approve it or deny it to go forward to the full legislature for enumeration within the state budget and that would transpire on or before July.
- If approved, the DNR would move forward with design and finalize the concept beginning in summer of 2023; project would be bid summer 2024 with estimated completion in 2025.
- Terry opened the floor for questions and discussion ensued.
- DAC members wanted clarification that the ramp would be the accessible portion, but the original tower would still not be accessible. It was confirmed that the platforms would remain the same size that they currently are with the chosen project, Restoration of Tower with Helical Ramp. The viewing platforms currently do not meet the dimensions outlined by ADA for turning radius.
- DAC members were unhappy that the full tower and ramp were not 100% accessible per the design specs by the engineering firm. One of the criteria for concept design (to Architectural Engineering company, GRAEF) was: “The tower must be fully accessible (at all observation levels) to all park visitors of all abilities”.
- DAC members disapproved of the amount of money being spent on a project that was not universally accessible and not ADA compliant, and that the plan to preserve the historic tower and add a ramp cost more than completely rebuilding a new universally accessible tower and ramp.
- Concern was expressed about the size of the platforms and the capability to handle more visitors that would likely be attracted by the project and that there would be space for wheelchairs and additional people. It was requested that if the project moves forward, viewing cutouts (viewports) be included in the design plan along the ramp and viewing platform so that there were different areas where the railing is different heights to offer equitable and unobscured view for all users.
- The point was made that now that the tower has been deemed historic, if restored, it must be with the current dimensions and platforms will not be ADA compliant at any point moving forward. The DAC feels that all elements of the tower should be ADA compliant and the only way to accomplish that is with a new tower; these two concepts are in opposition to one another.
- It was pointed out that on this tower there are legal challenges for even having to provide accessibility to the tower. There are legal challenges that it is a historic structure, and the historic structure does not have to comply. The DNR has not taken that position and the governor supported the Restoration of Tower with Helical Ramp project in his budget recommendations. The DNR objectives were to make the tower fully accessible to all,

however there are challenges to that that that now that the tower is deemed historic, and the historic society has made it very clear that they don't feel that the tower must be accessible because of its historic designation.

- The comment was made that having the ramp up to the tower, doesn't make the tower accessible. Only the ramp is accessible. The two are not the same because the view is not equitable. ADA requires an equitable and unobstructed view.
- DAC chair, John Martinson, requested that the previous motion from September 2020 was read. It states:

Calvin made a motion the DAC support the original DNR statement made on February 12, 2020, regarding the decommissioning of the Potawatomi tower structure. If, however the tower is repaired, it must in accordance with the ADA. If DNR opts to reconstruct, this too, must be in accordance with the ADA. Kirsten seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

DNR statement made on February 12, 2020: "The department legal team determined that all three options outlined in the report would require the tower to be physically accessible in accord with the Americans with Disabilities Act. As such, the department has made the decision to deconstruct the existing tower and work with partners, including the Sturgeon Bay Historical Society, and the public, to explore a future, accessible observation opportunity at the park according to the park's existing master plan."

- Concerns were expressed that by disapproving of this project, it could turn into an all or nothing situation, and perhaps it would be better to have an accessible ramp, rather than no access at all. These concerns circle back to budget and the fact that tearing down the tower and replacing it completely is more cost effective. DNR representatives pointed out that the currently proposed project of restoring the ramp costs more than the new tower option, and therefore the proposed budget amount was adequate to cover either project.
- DAC members wish to make sure that it is publicly known that any repair and restoration options to the historical tower are not ADA compliant.

*****Chair Martinson tabled the Potawatomi Tower discussion until after lunch to allow for the next guest presenter.**

Deer Hunt for PWD: Jeff Pritzl- Survey Update

Preliminary Summary of Permit Holder Survey

- Emailed to over 4000 individuals
- 2382 people opened the email and about half completed the survey, resulting in 1126 responses.
- 29% of respondents have participated in a sponsored hunt in the past. 17% of all respondents participated in 2022.
- 68% were in favor of extending the youth hunt.
- 76% were in favor of supporting a statewide deer hunt for people with disabilities.
- Expected participation in the statewide hunt: 65%
- Expected participation in a land-owner hunt hosted during the statewide hunt: 51%
- Expected participation in a sponsored hunt taking place outside the statewide hunt: 48%
- Even with a statewide hunt available demand for additional hunting opportunities would remain higher than current participation rates in the sponsored hunts. Jeff Pritzl said, “Opportunities would remain higher and it's interesting that when we go down to the next question series of questions that said why they applied for a disability permit, the number 3 ranking response that's almost 60% of was to participate in the October Deer Hunt. That's way higher than, that's triple, of what the actual participant rate is. So that too would indicate that there are people out there that for whatever reason, have an interest in the October hunt but haven't participated. So expanding the opportunity you know whether it's both respondents events or on your own in a statewide event that support of course for both on the number one reason they said they got the permit, you know 69% to get access to the antlerless tag that's available statewide and almost the same group said you know they take advantage of being able to hunt from a stationary vehicle, and half to use the mobility device on state property. When we asked them what was the biggest barrier to not participating in the October hunt, you know, the top one was you know, 35% they need assistance and processing deer, which I think that that can and can be addressed and it shouldn't be the main limiting factor. But the other one that that rises up is you know, a third (33%) said because they can't hunt on their own property. So, again identifying that there that there is a demand for that.
 - There's more to look at here, but this is just kind of a first look at what the participation rate was and the indication that, yeah, we essentially if I could describe it or if Ben could describe it in a nutshell if we provided statewide Hunting opportunity, we would triple the participation rate of permit holders participating in an October hunt. So again, there's multiple scenarios we could talk about down the road, whether that it was an exclusive statewide event paired with the Youth hunt or a hybrid or, you know, whether it's less days, but we preserve both weekends.
 - One of the things we don't have here yet because it requires a little bit more analysis and they were asked, which days and how many days did they participate? So, I can tell you that on the general bell curve that 80% of the people that did participate last year, 80% participated on opening day, on the opening Saturday. That dropped to 70% on Sunday. Not surprisingly, an upside-down Bell curve during the weekdays, bottoming

out on Wednesday and Thursday at over 25% and then it recovers on the second weekend but only up to like 40% participate on the 2nd Saturday and then it drops back down to just 1/4 on the final day.

- There's nothing written up or provided yet for the sponsor survey because we're doing a follow up with them. About half of the sponsors replied to the e-mail invitation to do the survey and so we're now sending out a hard copy mail survey to the other half of the sponsor that did not respond. So, we'll get a little more, hopefully some more information and see if it just lines up with what we already have. Jeff went on to say that "Ben was able to tell me was that if there was a statewide hunt where disabled hunters could hunt, wherever they wanted, it looks like about 77% of the ones who've replied so far have sponsors said they would continue to offer their sponsorship. So, we could lose 1/4 of the sponsors there, but 2/3 of them said that if there was still the opportunity to provide sponsorship outside of a statewide event, they would do so. So in theory we could see some loss in sponsorship, but given that half of the participants had would had indicated oh there they would be on their own we we'd also lose they'd be fine being on their own and going to you know on their own properties they'll be some demand also shifting away from the sponsors and so we still would probably be OK in meeting that but there is indication that and outside of the survey we talked about if we can make sponsorship easier and more streamlined hopefully we could build sponsors and the information we're getting so far would suggest that that is indeed worthy and worth doing. So, we'll continue to work on that end of it too. But certainly, we were able to capture one of the questions we had was you know if we create expanded this opportunity how many people would potentially take advantage of it. And with what we have so far it seems like the general description would be that we could triple the participation rate in in permit holders that would participate in some form of an October hunt".
- Jeff also went on to say, "As we explore what the possibilities are, then on a side note, I will tell you this, this interest in hunters being able to hunt on their own property continues to grow. I mean, we saw the attention that it got last fall, but I've been made aware that it for the spring hearings coming up this April or next month. There's at least one citizen resolution being entered and what can happen during the spring hearings is anyone in their own county can introduce a rule proposal and it will get voted on in their county and if it gets a positive vote it will move on to the Conservation Congress for further consideration and could possibly grow from there. So, I'm aware that at least one county, there's a citizen resolution being introduced in their county to expand opportunity for disabled hunters to be able to hunt on properties they have access to themselves. So, you know we're going to see more of this kind of interest being expressed. So, it's we're just trying to be ahead of that and collect some good information. So that's where we're at right now".
- Jeff also added, "Sometimes what happens with these citizen resolutions is there can be a bit of a campaign by an interested party or two that reaches out you know to a network and say hey, I'm going to introduce it in this county, can you introduce it in this county and let's kind of do a group thing and we will see the same resolution in multiple counties but the only one I'm aware of".
- Currently known Citizen proposal is in Buffalo County.
- Jeff went on to say, "by virtue of even one county dealing with this it will be this is an issue that we will get on the radar of the Conservation Congress who has equal footing

with the DNR on being advisory to the board with potential rule changes. And so, depending on you know if they see this and embrace it it'll just be you know more discussion on the on the stuff that we've already been talking about". Nick asked what if they don't embrace it and if it could negatively affect this? Jeff replied, "Potentially, I don't see that happening but we'll get, we will get a bit of a litmus test on that this year because we do have the question going forward in the spring hearings to just expand the youth hunt without any reference to that could also lead to the possibility of you know providing that opportunity for disabled hunters as well you know and frankly I think if it would if the question would have been worded you know we're proposing to expand the youth hunt to four days and also make this opportunity available for disabled permit holders. It probably would get garner more support than it does just as a youth hunt but that's the way it went forward and we'll so we'll get a bit of a sense of if there's support for that expanded opportunity and even if that doesn't get support doesn't mean it's dead, because it could come back, you know, in a future year under a slightly different proposal like I just described, where it might be, you know, youth and disability permit holders which they might look at it more favorably then".

- Jeff concluded by saying, "this is certainly not any kind of a one and done, and whatever comes as a result of these surveys is going to dictate the direction of anything. It's just informative to help us know if we're on the right path or not. If actual rule changes go forward, there would be public hearings and public input gathering where both the permit holders the sponsors and of course even the general public if they were interested, would show up the actual express their support or lack of for any number of options we might be exploring".

LUNCH BREAK 11:53 -12:30pm

POTAWATOMI TOWER DISCUSSION CONTINUED

- Vice-chair Engel opened discussions.
- Customer Service Representative, Barry Gilbeck, found the tower platform dimensions in the GRAEF Potawatomi Tower Concept Report.
 - First platform: 20 ft by 20 ft.
 - Second platform: 16 ft by 15 ft.
 - Third platform: 14 ft by 13 ft.
- DAC members were upset that all four tower design options were presented to the public as fully accessible when the designs that include the original tower are not fully accessible and ADA compliant. DAC members feel that the public was misled, and the presentation should have been more deliberate in pointing out that options including restoring the existing tower were not fully accessible and not ADA compliant. They feel that the public meeting was not well publicized, and these factors skewed the results of the online voting for project design.
- There was clarification that the helical ramp will lead to all three platforms and will allow access to each platform, though platforms themselves are not fully ADA compliant.

- DAC members expressed concerns that the public was not educated/ misled regarding the accessibility of the tower platforms and would like the record to stand clear that the proposed ramp will be fully ADA, and a new tower will be fully ADA, but restoring the current historic tower, the tower and viewing platforms will not be fully ADA.
- The terminology on the concept design specifically says, “Tower must be fully accessible (at all observation levels) to all park visitors of all abilities”. It doesn't say ramp. It doesn't say part of the project it literally says the tower must be fully accessible and that's in their criteria for concept design.
- It was confirmed that a person in a wheelchair could get on to each platform at each level with a wheelchair. The tower platforms are not in compliance with current ADA guidelines because users of mobility devices may not be able to fully access all the way around the stairwell and there may not be a full 60 inch turning radius. There is enough room for them to be on the platform with an unobstructed view in a wheelchair, but they may not be able to access one side or make a 360 degree turn around.
- Discussion ensued on terminology of Accessible vs Fully Accessible vs ADA Guidelines.
- It was suggested to be stated as ADA compliant, as opposed to fully accessible. The DAC wants to prioritize ADA compliant as far as our recommendation. It was further recommended that when making motions the DAC use the phrase “meet or exceed accessibility standards provided by the ADA”.
- DAC discussed another motion: “The DAC recommends in the future, the DNR replaces the use “fully accessible” with “in compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act””. Nick suggested use of “Fully accessible as defined by ADA standards”. That discussion was tabled due to time constraints.
- **Andrea made the following motion, Kirsten seconded, all were in favor.**
Motion: The WI DNR Disability Advisory Council (DAC) recommends the construction of a New Potawatomi Tower with all areas of the tower in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as the historic restoration of the Tower is not in compliance with the ADA, and not accessible to all visitors of all abilities. The DAC recommends the DNR proceed with construction of a new tower with ADA accessible tower platforms and helical ramp. Moving forward the DAC requests that the council be updated and consulted in a timely matter on the steps of the tower project including planning and development, design, and other stages of construction.
- Many references were made to materials that can be found on the Potawatomi State Park site : [Observation Tower | Potawatomi State Park | Wisconsin DNR](#). This is where the Potawatomi Tower Concept Report from GRAEF engineering and architectural firm, as well as the video recording and PowerPoint presentation from the Public Information Session on January 12th, 2023, can be found. At the conclusion of this information session the DNR recommended the design option for building a New Tower with a Helical Ramp and opened public voting on the four options. The option that received the most votes was Repair Existing Tower with Helical Ramp.

Budget Process Overview: Deanna Sell

Background

- The state operates under a biennial budget, which is passed by the legislature every other year.
- State agencies submit budget requests to the Governor and the Department of Administration (DOA).
- The DOA State Budget Office develops a budget based on the Governor's recommendations and the requests from state agencies.
- The Governor presents their budget to the state legislature for its consideration.
- The DNR operating budget and Capital Budget are requested and approved every two years, called the Biennial Budget.
- 2023-2025 is the upcoming budget for the state and is currently entering the legislative process.

Timeline and Process

The 2023-2025 Biennial budget process started in the summer of 2021 and the request was submitted to DOA in October 2022 and the Governor in December 2022. The planning, submission and approval of the Capital Budget is a long process with several key milestones.

- **August – November 2021:**

Preparation for the 2023-2025 Capital Budget kicked-off within in the DNR programs. This process included identifying projects for consideration in the budget planning process.

- **February 2022:**

Draft projects list for the 2023-2025 budget were sent to the Facilities and Lands (F&L) Budget section for consideration and budget preparation. F&L prioritized projects department-wide, assigned funding sources, and began drafting the required documents for the Capital Budget submission.

- **September – December 2022:**

The 2023-2025 Capital Budget request was submitted to the Department of Administration (DOA), then was submitted to the Governor.

- **February 2023:**

The Governor releases recommendations for the 2023-2025 budget, which includes the Capital Budget, Operational Budget, and special initiatives for the state.

- **February – July 2023:**

The 2023-2025 Biennial Budget enters the legislative approval process.

**Budget process is currently at this milestone.*

- **July 2023:**

The 2023-2025 Budget will hopefully be passed and signed by the Governor in July.

Summary of DNR 2023-2025 Capital Budget Request

The Capital Development Budget provides DNR the funding necessary for maintaining and improving public access and public recreational facilities on DNR-owned lands.

- Major emphasis on infrastructure maintenance and protecting the investment already made in Department properties and facilities
- Funds were requested and are needed/prioritized to ensure upkeep of existing department-owned buildings, related utilities and systems as well as roads and parking lots.

The Department has substantial property holdings and associated facilities and infrastructure that require maintenance, repairs, and replacement to maintain department operations and public access.

- 2,800 buildings with a replacement value of approximately \$740 million.
- 30 dams and 1,099 water control structures
- 900 bridges
- 2,000 miles of linear trails
- 4,800 miles of roadways
- 6,300 campsites
- 2,700 parking lots
- 746 public boat access sites
- Water and wastewater infrastructure, including but not limited to:
 - 410 wastewater systems (drain fields, mound systems, holding tanks and dump stations)
 - 300+ water and wastewater lines
 - 559 wells

There are four main priority categories for capital development projects (A, B, C, D).

A - Health, Safety & Security

B - Repair & Maintenance

C - Enhancement to Existing Facility

D - New Construction

Projects and funding sources are prioritized using these categories, focusing on addressing health, safety and security projects and repairing/replacing existing critical infrastructure at DNR properties.

Accessibility Coordinator Updates: Nick Zouski

- Anytime you are out and about and doing things on state properties if you could take some pictures when you're doing these things, that would be very much appreciated. We're always looking for pictures.
- OWGG- Out We Go Green Saturday May 13th. At Ottawa Lake in KMSF-SU and Scuppernong Trail head & dog trial grounds. Last year over 2000 people attended. They have different hiking, biking, fishing, and archery demonstrations and other exhibits. We have invited accessibility vendors such as United Cerebral Palsy and are hoping to have demonstrations of the terrain hopper chairs and accessible kayaks and adaptive bicycles.

- Peninsula State Park is looking for some wheelchairs to be able for visitors to borrow for use on Eagle Tower.
- Hunting Blinds: Nick and Deanna have been working with the Parks Department to get each park to add a tab in the recreation section of their web page to include another category for accessibility. This would take the user to a list of equipment the park has on site for use with instruction to call the property for more information.
- Recruitment: Nick is working with Terry and the Secretary's office to try to push out a press release throughout the state to collect a bigger pool of candidates.
- Adaptive Shooting: Request for organization to partner with for adaptive shooting events and/or clinics.
- Outdoor WC: The DNR is looking at different options for powered outdoor wheelchairs. One type is the terrain hopper which will be at the Out We Go Green event. There are several friends' groups throughout the state looking at obtaining an option and the term 'track chair' has been the general terminology used, this does not however mean that is necessarily the type that will be chosen.

Members' Updates

- John Martinson –<https://adaptivesportsmen.org/>
- John Mitchell – Calendar of events for Adaptive Sportsmen
<https://www.schultzgunclub.com/news-events/special-interest-groups/adaptive-sportsmen-inc/>
- Kirsten Engel - none
- Calvin Richtig -none
- Keith Pamperin – Challenge the Outdoors (CTO) enjoyed a fun Holiday Party January 28th with good food raffle prizes and free bowling. On February 5th CTO partnered with Options for Independent Living to experience and learn about Sled Hockey. On February 10th CTO members enjoyed a Green Bay Gamblers Hockey win. CTO is looking forward to its Annual Sporting Clays Fundraiser Shoot at J & H Hunt Club in Navarino. We are hoping for good weather and several hundred shooters.
- Andrea Frisch –none

Keith moved to adjourn the meeting. Calvin seconded. All present in favor.

Chair Martinson adjourned the meeting at 3:13 pm.