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WCCA Meeting Minutes **August 19, 2026**

Luling, Vice-President called the meeting to order at 733 pm. The meeting was sponsored by Ojibwa and held at Ojibwa.

The meeting was attended by 9 individuals, comprised of Club Delegates and Wisconsin Conservation Congress Delegates. Quorum was declared.

Secretary's Report

Membership was asked if there were any corrections or additions to the

July 15, 2026 General Meeting Minutes. Motion by Figurski, second by Behmke to accept the Minutes as published. Motion carried.

Minutes are always posted to the WCCA Website.

Treasurer's Report

- Report presented by Farchmin to Membership in attendance. A motion was made by Zettelmeier, second by Figurski to accept the Treasurer's report, subject to audit. Motion carried.
- Suggested by Farchmin that we keep an endowment for \$5,000 to \$10,000 in a separate account for special requests. No motion, just a suggestion. Should discuss at September meeting.

Communications

- WCC Representatives get a list of DNR meetings, open to the public, every Wednesday. Luling suggested that the Secretary send the email/list to the Membership, if they would be interested in attending. Secretary will forward starting Week of September 24, 2026.
- CDAC will start taking applications in October 2026 for positions on the CDAC Council for all Counties in Wisconsin. Wincek & Diedrich are Chair/Vice-Chair for the Waukesha County WCC Delegation and are automatically on the CADC Council. The Sportsman Club position is vacant at this time. Perock has an interest. But if there are interests from anyone else for any of the positions let Wincek or Diedrich know.

Committee Reports

DNR (news updates from dnr.wi.gov)

- None at this time.
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Kids Fishing Clinic

- Clinic at DBCL will be Saturday, June 26, 2027. A Co-chair from DBCL has shown interest in assisting with running this program at DBCL. Diedrich happy about the back-up.

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Wincek

- Jeff Hintz has officially resigned as a Waukesha County Delegate to the WCC. He has been accepted on the Adams County vacant seat in Adams County, which is where he has moved. He has retained his seat on the Migratory Committee.
- Jay Moore has applied and been accepted for the seat that Jeff Hintz vacated on the Waukesha County Delegation. He has been assigned to the Turkey and Upland Bird Committee.

Diedrich

- Report of 40 EHD (epizootic hemorrhagic disease) deer found in Washington County. For those that don't know this is a fatal viral disease of white-tail deer caused by biting midges (no-see-ums) Infected deer may show, excessive salivation and foaming of the nose and mouth, weakness, lying in or near water to cool down or drink. It is known to not infect humans. Some of these deer have been found in Waukesha County. None beyond the 20-mile marker that DNR uses for new cases. Per DNR at the District meeting, there are approximately 80 EHD cases reported. If you find a possible EHD deer call 608-267-0866 to report it to the DNR.
- Legislative Committee meeting was virtual on August 13. 630pm. 9 Resolutions, 1 automatically rejected, as not written by Resolutions standards, 2 Rejected as their Resolutions were already in the works with DNR and 5 Advanced. The most important one is Mandatory Wearing a PFD on Kayaks, Paddleboards, etc from Labor Day to Memorial Day. This is in hopes of preventing cold water deaths. Passed in 5 other States and there has been a decrease in deaths.

Farchmin

- All Warden staff has now been outfitted with tasers and body cams. 11 new recruits from Dec,- Mar. for final training and 12 more have been hired.
 - Off Road fatalities – 93% had were not wearing a helmet on and 73% not wearing seatbelts.
 - Root River Facility had 2600 fish returned. Saturday in October there will be an open house at the Root River Facility.
 - Discussed the DNR plans for the Scuppernong Marsh and Wetlands of Muskego Lake.
 - Pleasant Prairie now has a Data Center in the works and they are adding Springs to their land with DNR approval.
 - The Fish & Wildlife Service on the National Level have given a Roadless Rule Summary for entry to public for more access to areas for fishing and hunting.
 - WCC assigned Farchmin to the Wolf Committee and Trout Committee. He is no longer on the Land Use Committee.
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Luling

- Great Lakes Committee Meeting on August 20. Wincek not able to attend. The Resolution that will be discussed is a Stamp Fee Increase for Great Lakes Trout & Salmon Fishing Cold Water Fish Hatcheries and Rearing Stations.
- It was to start this year, but DNR is holding off until October of 2027 and as well as 2028 and 2029 to have a drawdown of 5' (each Year) for Tichigan and Waterford due to the amount of muck that needs to be dredged. This will start at the Dam near Waukesha and will affect Vernon Marsh as well as, other Marshes in this area. Birds migrate to this area every year. Birds won't return to the marshes if the water isn't there.

Scholarship

- Discussion on awarding Scholarships to outside of Waukesha County students. Explanation of lack of applications this year and possibility of awarding to area surrounding Waukesha County and with the recommendation of a WCCA member. Zettelmeier not in favor of this change. Further discussion at September meeting.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

- Calendars will be available when Wincek comes to next meeting

2026 Banquet

- Date set for February 5, 2027. Doors open at 500pm, dinner at 630pm. Don't have a cost yet, until we know if vendor will raise the price.
- Get Door Prizes together NOW! Check for the local sales on outgoing sporting equipment, hit up restaurants and shops for gift certificates, etc.
- Waiting for list from Shook about which firearms should be considered for the raffle. Last year firearms purchased through Freedom Arms.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- The Youth Conservation Congress will be volunteering their time at the August 21-22, 2026 Waterfowl Hunters Expo at the Sunnyview Expo center in Oshkosh, WI. Flyer was posted on WCCA Website. Passed around Flyer for all to read.
 - Bodacious Blade Show at DBCL this weekend. August 22 & 23. 10am-5pm both days. \$10 entry fee. Experts in making better quality knives, foraging demonstration by experts among other demonstrations. Asked if there would be a "How to Sharpen a Knife Demonstration". Yes, there will be two demonstrations on knife sharpening.
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BOB WINCEK 414-217-9752 OR MARYSUSAN DIEDRICH 414-379-3770 TO SCHEDULE YOUR CLUB MEETING.

Meetings – As always, please consider having your Club host a meeting. Each Club needs to take a slot. Please look at the schedule of meeting dates available and sign up. **If you do not have a clubhouse available, efforts will be made to find a venue. January & February meetings cannot be held at the Wales-Genesee Lions Club as they are starting a Corn Hole League on Wednesdays at their facility.**

Website – Send your club information to Bob Wincek to be placed on the WCCA website. Even if you don't have a website, your information: meeting date/time and club location, can be visible through the WCCA's website. A club or business of the month will be on display. Send in game pictures! Please go to the website to help increase the search engine ranking: www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com.

Member Matters and Good & Welfare:

Nothing new to report.

Next Meeting:

September 16, 2026 by DBCL at DBCL.

Motion to adjourn by Farchmin, second by Zettelmeier at 826pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, MarySusan Diedrich

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE:

October 21, 2026 Jane Schmittinger at Wales Genesee Lions Club

November 11, 2026 **second Wednesday** New Berlin Trap & Sportsmen Club at New Berlin Trap & Sportsmen Club.

December 16, 2026 Monches Fish & Game will sponsor the meeting at Menomonee Falls Rod & Gun Club.

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