



Waukesha County Conservation Alliance

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WCCA Meeting Minutes October 21, 2015

President Ron Gray called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the Ojibwa Bowhunters' clubhouse. The meeting was sponsored by the Ojibwa Bowhunters, who provided the refreshments. The meeting was attended by 21 individuals, comprised of club delegates, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the September 16th meeting were accepted as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was read and approved, subject to audit.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **DNR Weekly News Update** – A reminder that you can subscribe to this information via this link: https://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi_subscribe.html?code=WIDNR, A few items of note:
 - Eagle plates have taken off
 - Grants are available for hunter education programs
 - Online mobile apps are available to find public hunting areas
 - Electronic registration is up and running
- **DNR** – Matt Groppi accepted a transfer to the Lake Michigan station in Milwaukee County. In addition to Lake Michigan, his new area will include the harbor, the rivers and Mequon. The e-mail is the same, but his phone number will be changing to 414-750-0143. We wish Matt well in his new position.
- **CDAC (AI)** – A new oversight committee of four individuals was created to set up governance documents and address membership issues. In 2016, there will be a two week window to review the 2015 harvest data. The first meeting will be between March 14th and 17th or between March 21st and 24th, with the follow up meeting being between April 18th and 24th.
- **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation** – Calendars are available from Tom Bodin, Every Monday and Friday, a gun is given away and every other Wednesday, a \$250 Cabela's gift card. There are 2500 calendars total and each calendar has four possible winning numbers. The winning number will correspond to the Wisconsin Pick 4 lottery draw for that day.
- **Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (George Meyer)** – The Wisconsin DNR has authorized the Highway 83 boat launch, and its expected completion date is 10/15/2018. There are still many questions. As an FYI, Waukesha County's pledge of \$250, 000 was only for a launch that had full year round access.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Conservation Congress** –

- Tom – On the legislative committee, the following items occurred: the senior citizen proposition failed; three scientific DNR were proposed; gift certificates (for licenses) were approved, a license increase was approved, and registration on non-motorized watercraft was approved.
- Mark – Lake Geneva’s northern pike population is declined due to tapeworms.
- **Kids Fishing Clinics –**
 - Unable to procure Fox Brook due to rental issues. Ron was requested to waive Waukesha County’s liabilities for the clinics. This is something new as the clinics are held in conjunction with the DNR. Ron did not sign any waivers. At this time, we do not know of any pending issues with that, as it does not follow Milwaukee County.
- **Bylaws –**
 - Reviewing articles of incorporation, a couple items:
 - The constitution states if the Alliance is dissolved, assets would transfer to the NRB; however we can change where they are distributed.
 - We need the definition of “member”, whether it’s a club or a delegate
 - We can restate via online, putting the details in the bylaws.
 - A majority of membership (delegates) can change bylaws.
- **501 C(3) –**
 - Waiting to get bylaws/constitution straightened out before continuing effort.
- **Wisconsin Wildlife Federation –**
 - Gordy – Committee Chair, Inland Lakes: with the Fisherees, Wildlife and Parks, looking for clubs to take up slack, but need changes to allow this to happen; in regards to the Rapide Croche Lock and Dam on the Fox River and gobies, an invasive species, the proposal is to allow greater than 52’ boats into Winnebago, and provide a system that would lift boats, spray them with 110 degree water and drop them back in (it’s noted there are 185-186 invasive species today); Waukesha county has the starry stonewort, and there is no known eradication but they are attempted to drudge (vacuum); high capacity wells are still an ongoing issue.
 - Action items: if a goby is caught in the Fox River, catch and free; there is a Rest Lake land sale; on the Chippewa Flowage, a 12 acre bog is being looked at to move (however, it may be a ceded area and that may prevent its movement); Pink versus Orange – the Federation is not opposed or for the addition of fluorescent pink as a legal color for the gun deer season, they would like to see the study.
- **Banquet –**
 - The banquet will be held on Friday, February 5, 2016, starting at 5 PM. There are a number of items being discussed: raising the ticket price, doing a 2/\$90, providing an early bird registration by December 31, eliminating the door prizes, replacing them with four winners of \$25 Visa card. It is expected we will have two pistol tables, two long gun tables, two bucket raffles (44 tickets/\$20 or an arm spread for \$20), 3 to 4 card raffles for funny money, 20 gauge/9MM or crossbow, and potentially a balloon raffle.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Business Memberships –** A business membership is \$25 and an advertisement will be placed in the meeting minutes. All business memberships need to be confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Club/Business Memberships** – Ron and Randy are working through all current memberships in regard to dues.

MEMBER MATTERS:**GOOD/WELFARE:**

Roger Schmitt has passed away after a long bout with cancer. His memorial service was held at the Legion Post 449 in Brookfield on October 25th.

For those members with health issues, we wish them well.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20.

NEXT MEETING:

November 11 – Menomonee Falls Rod & Gun Club

MEETING SCHEDULE:

December 16 – Wern Valley

January 20 – Conservation Congress at Wern Valley

February 17 – Monches at Wern Valley

March 16 – Wales/Genesee Lions Club

April 20 – Ojibwa

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Waukesha, WI 53189

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Waukesha, WI 53189

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262-968-4140
W31400 Hwy 83 P.O. Box 201
Genesee Depot, WI 53127
Hall Available. Call for more info.

Brookfield Wedding Cakes

262-781-2253
14440 Lisbon Road
Brookfield, WI 53005

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American Legion Post 449

262-781-0488
3245 North 124th St
Brookfield, WI 53005
Taco Thursdays, Fish Fry Fridays,
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