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# WCCA Meeting Minutes July 19, 2017

President Ron Gray called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm at the Stone Bank Sportsmen's Club. The meeting was sponsored by the Stone Bank Sportsmen's Club, who provided the refreshments. The meeting was attended by 18 individuals, comprised of club delegates, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and the DNR.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as published.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was accepted as reported, subject to audit.

\$1,270 is the current total for raffle sales. Any outstanding raffle ticket stubs and associated monies are due by or at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting as the drawing will be held at that meeting.

A question was raised as to any outstanding expenses, or any scheduled outlay of funds. At this time there are no planned expenditures. An allocation/allotment of funding/potential funding may be a good idea.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

• **DNR Weekly News Update** – A reminder that you can subscribe to this information via this link: <u>https://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi\_subscribe.html?code=WIDNR.</u>

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

• Kids Fishing Clinic – Notification has been received that two of the parks in Waukesha County are not available for two spring clinics and one winter clinic due to asbestos abatement: Menomonee Park and Mukwonago Park. Ron is going to ask Waukesha County to use Fox Brook and waive their "two-week" notification and assign it to the spring clinics in order to have it available this spring.

### • Conservation Congress –

- o Al Shook
  - The Conservation Congress' district meeting is 8/15. Discussion at the district meeting will include how many people got committee assignments; their feedback, etc., and a feedback from the DNR in wildlife management and law enforcement.
  - Throughout the summer there are various and many committee meetings due to the resolutions that came in, except for the migratory committee which meets earlier in the year (Wisconsin does not get their season limits until late February or early March).
- DNR –
- Ben Heusner
  - A forage issue (feed for the stocking walleyes and muskies) has occurred, which means most of the fish will be stocked out early.
  - Other items to note: no outreach at the State Fair this year; a drawdown of 6' may occur on Little Muskego starting in fall, over winter to eliminate milfoil; regulations and slot size Big

Muskego, Okauchee, Keysus and Phantom Lakes have been proposed; dredging is occurring in Paradise Springs; looking at stakeholder engagement – how the DNR engages their customers.

- Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
  - Don Camplin calendars are available for purchase. The cost has increased to \$30. Calendars may also be purchased on their website.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Signage** After a preview of the 2.5' x 4' banner, a motion was made and seconded to spend the remaining of the \$200-\$250 allotted in the June meeting on outdoor signage of varying orientation and sizes.
- **Business Memberships** A business membership is \$25 and an advertisement will be placed in the meeting minutes. All business memberships need to be confirmed.
- Website Send your club information to Al Shook 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. Get your information to Al. Send in game pictures!

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Christmas raffle will follow the summer raffle, tickets will be available at the August meeting for a drawing in December.
- Al Shook and Tom Daluga were in Madison for the public hearing of AB411, the open field doctrine. This bill wants to prohibit wardens from entering private property without reasonable suspicion. In Waukesha County, 96% of the property is privately owned. Therefore, if the wardens get an anonymous hot tip (25% of all tips are anonymous), they would not be able to enter private property without notifying the property owner. The bill's author was aghast at the sheer amount of private property a Burnett County warden went on for compliance checks.
- Al Shook has asked whether the Alliance members are in favor of testifying against the bill at its next public hearing. If so, he is requesting to be designated as representing the Alliance during the next public hearing. He also mentioned we should investigate attire, such as collared shirts with the Alliance's logo. We need to determine how many individuals are represented through the Alliance.
- Al Shook has asked if someone from the Alliance would volunteer to be on the Sporting and Heritage CDAC committee in Waukesha County for a three year term (you must either live, work or own land in Waukesha County to be eligible). Scott Montgomery volunteered to be on the committee. The first meeting will be on August 29 to go over decrease/increase/maintain the herd in Waukesha County. The population has been within 2% of when the program started in 2014, and the goal had been maintain.

### **MEMBER MATTERS:**

The Milwaukee Casting Club has a shooting event on the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and they are hoping to fund the Oconto River and the Accessability Group. Raffle tickets are available and can be purchased from Ron.

### GOOD/WELFARE:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

### NEXT MEETING:

August 16 – Badger 10 at the Milwaukee Casting Club

### MEETING SCHEDULE:

September 20 – WHSA at the Milwaukee Casting Club October 18 – WCCA at the Wales/Genesee Lions Club November 8 – Menomonee Falls Rod & Gun Club December 20 – Wern Valley



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