



Waukesha County Conservation Alliance

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WCCA Meeting Minutes May 15, 2019

President Al Shook called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm at the Milwaukee Casting Club. The meeting was sponsored by the Milwaukee Casting Club, who provided the refreshments. The meeting was attended by 17 individuals, comprised of club delegates, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and the DNR.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The annual report was filed with the federal government. Expenses included the \$50 renewal fee for the raffle A and B licenses and \$157 for WWF annual meeting travel reimbursement.

A motion was made to accept the report subject to audit. The motion was passed.

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.
- **Stevens Point (UWSP)** – Old Main Society sent a welcome.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **DNR** –
 - Nathan Holoubek –
 - Infrastructure – Big Muskego berm being redone to keep carp out; Benson dyke in Vernon Marsh rebuilt; Paradise Valley dyke rebuild (breach last year)
 - Large Scale – BWM strategic plan: public comments closed
 - Other – Sorting of roosters/hens completed at game farm, approximately 75,000 roosters; finished prescribed burn phase in Walworth County; spraying for invasive species in Walworth county (working with contractor); looking for volunteers to help with buckthorn removal; working on DNR plan for wild parsnip; breaking ground on Kettle Moraine Springs hatchery in 2-4 weeks
- **Kids Fishing Clinic** –
 - Ron Gray – Wrap meeting is tomorrow (Thursday, May 16) and final numbers will be relayed back in June.
- **Conservation Congress** –
 - Convention took place last week in Appleton
 - MarySusan Diedrich – Convention was good.
 - Preston Cole was the guest speaker, spoke for 30 minutes, included: direction for Scott Loomis to simplify regulations, concerns for the amount of ground water issues (\$1 million to fix water contamination); social media working, moving towards that direction for spring hearings;

- o taking the lead on CWD research, all states doing same study, work out plan between states; putting Wisconsin back in the wolf decision.
- George Meyer started *Sportsmen for Wetlands Coalition*, a free organization to join, all are invited.
- Tony Blattler was elected to his first term as vice-chair of the WCC.
- As a note – Tom Daluga is up in Poynette (MacKenzie Center) for the Midwest Outdoor Heritage Education Expo.
- o Bob Wincek – Kettle Moraine Springs' hatchery is raising cold water fish, such as rainbows.
- o Jeff Hintz – Bear management – dogs will allowed in area after training; Wisconsin foresters are still concerned about invasive species, such as the emerald ash borer, in transported firewood; there a root disease occurring in pine plantations; Japanese longhorn beetles are infesting maple trees

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Habitat Shoot/Fundraiser** – The raffled gun will be a Weatherby Orion O/U 12 gauge, 450 tickets will be available by the June meeting, 150 packs of 3, tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$20. **Mark your calendars! The shoot/fundraiser will be August 24th, at Wern Valley.** Need donations for the bucket raffles!!
- **Funds Awarded/Disbursed** – Awarded \$1,450 to various clubs and organizations last month.
- **Miscellaneous** – We need ALL club e-mail addresses!
- **Meetings** – As always, please consider having your club host a meeting. Each club needs to take a slot, please look at the schedule of meetings and sign up.
- **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! Please go to the website to help increase the search engine ranking: www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Sportsmen for Wetlands Coalition** – Started as a protest to “filling in wetlands”. George Meyer's idea was to form a permanent coalition for:
 - o Dissemination of information
 - o Take away power of “mayor” to swap qualification of land, e.g., swap, to cornfield, in order to build
 - o You can “purchase” wetland credits
 - o All has to go through DNR/legislature now
 - o The definition of “wetland” has changed in the last 40 years
 - o Motion put forth for the WCCA to become a member in the coalition; motion passed. Bob Wincek will be the contact.
- **Donation Request Form** – A grant form was created which includes stipulations for monetary awards. Reminder – the request must be received by the board three months in advance of the event/use of the funds.
- **Projects** –
 - o Nathan Holoubek and Al Shook spoke regarding the duck blind at Paradise Springs shifting and whether there were plans for another blind. Nathan was contacted by an Eagle Scout to rebuild the blind as a project. We would like to get in touch with the scout for a grant towards materials.
 - o Any interest in the WCCA building new duck blinds? There is a “plaque” of sorts stating “Donated by WCCA” – Ken Zettelmeier has 3-4” decals? Locations include off of Benson Rd, west of N or on facing the river, or adjacent to Rainbow Springs? Talk to your clubs.

- **Meeting Locations** – If you do not have a club house and were having your meetings at Wern Valley, any future meeting should be moved to the Wales/Genesee Lions Club instead, due to conflicts in evening activities at Wern Valley.
- **Dues** – Dues are due, the form is available on the website (<http://www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com/1979/custom/62337>). Print and mail in, it is \$25 for a business and/or a club.

MEMBER MATTERS:

- Bud Pogantsch – Wales/Genesee Lions Club would like to provide a Hunters Safety course but who to contact? Michelle Frazier’s name was given.
- Randy Farchmin – Take Aim at Cancer flyers were disbursed. This is a free event for cancer survivors/spouses/family. Volunteers are plenty, but could use more. The date is June 22, at Schultz Resort, Rod and Gun Club.
- Bob Wincek – The 20’ fish trailer is back at Bob’s this weekend. It will be at Daniel Boone in September, Ojibwa’s Youth Day and St. Jude’s on 5/23. Interested? Call Bob.

GOOD/WELFARE:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20.

NEXT MEETING:

June 19 – Menomonee Falls Rod and Gun Club

MEETING SCHEDULE:

July 17 – WHSA at the Milwaukee Casting Club
 August 21
 September 18
 October 16 – Daniel Boone at Wales Genesee Lions Club (tentative)
 November 13
 December 18

The following clubs do not have slot set in 2019: Mapleton, Dousman Gun Club, WCCA, Conservation Congress, Carter/Badger 10

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Oconomowoc, WI 53066

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Stand, Rifle and Pistol Range

Challenger Battery

262-547-3854
406 W. Sunset Dr.
Waukesha, WI 53189

Wales/Genesee Lions Club

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

Brookfield Wedding Cakes

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262-781-0488
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Brookfield, WI 53005
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