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WCCA Meeting Minutes January 18, 2023

Bob Wincek, President called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. The meeting was sponsored by WCC at Wales/Genesee Lions Club.

The meeting was attended by 18 individuals, comprised of Club Delegates and Wisconsin Conservation Congress Delegates.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership was asked if there were any corrections or additions to the December 21, 2022 General Meeting Minutes. Motion by Daluga, second by Gray, to accept the Minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Correction: Vote for Vice-President was a tie. 6-6 between Ron Gray and Dan Luling. Al Shook, past President tossed a coin. Gray won the election. Wincek had said whatever vote was taken; Dan Luling told Wincek that he would accept the outcome. Diedrich made a motion to destroy the ballots. Second by Wincek. Presiding Officer (Shook) did not call for nor recognize the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report presented by Farchmin to Membership in attendance. A motion was made by Daluga, second by Gray to accept the Treasurer's report, subject to audit. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Notice from Paul Katzer that if Menomonee Falls Rod and Gun Club joined, they would have to find a New Delegate as Paul can no longer attend meetings, due to health issues. Farchmin to take note.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

DNR (weekly news update dnr.wi.gov)

Sent out warnings about thin ice.

Jeffrey Pritzel, DNR Deer Program Specialist advised there would only be one meeting a year for CDAC for public attendance. Any input from the pubic will be online. The one meeting will be late April or early May.

Kid's Fishing Clinic

Tackes advised Muskego Park & Rec still need indemnification and parental permission before kids fishing clinic. DNR states not their program so their insurance won't cover liabilities. Waukesha County Board would need to OK using their insurance since it is a County Park. Gray reports a "Fisheries Instructor Clinic" will take place on February 11 at 500pm at Greenfield Park.

Conservation Congress

Diedrich

There is a Spring Hearing Process Improvement Ad Hoc Committee Zoom meeting on Jan. 22. Will be discussing when Resolutions have to be sent in to WCC and the process for approving the Resolutions before submitted for the Online Only Input. Each County will only have their own County Resolutions on the online input. Submission for online Resolutions will begin the week of February 15.

Wincek

DLC meeting held Jan. 13-14. There will not be "Spring Hearings, as we knew them from the past. They will be called "Open Houses". Open Houses will be held during the week of April 3-7. Not sure when Waukesha County's open house will be yet, but you will have to show proof of Waukesha County residency. The only voting at the open house will be for delegates.

It is IMPORTANT that WCCA members attend the open house. There are several groups that will be attempting to become Delegates. Wincek and Farchmin are up for election this year. They need our support. Please notify your Clubs that they should show up for elections. More info at the next meeting. There will be Wildlife and Fisheries biologists at the open house to answer your questions and of course, your current Waukesha County Delegates will be there for meet and greet.

Hintz

Migratory Committee met and had public discussions on various Resolutions. Several Resolutions not in favor of Sandhill Crane Hunting. All were rejected by the committee. Congress and the DLC are in favor of Sandhill Hunt. Kentucky, Alabama and Tennessee issued 4.935 permits. 1,086 cranes harvested. In Wisconsin USDA issued 1,000 permits for crop damage. Unfortunately, USDA does not allow anyone to pick up the carcasses. Even if State bans Sandhill Crane Hunting, USDA will still issue permits. Trumpeter Swans are on the rise. When introduced to Wisconsin and surrounding States we only wanted 400. Since 1998 there are over 40,000 counted.

The Youth Conservation Congress has an outstanding program. 13 Wood Duck houses were donated for each youth in attendance for a past event.

Farchmin

Trout Committee met and discussed several Resolutions. One involved using artificial lures only and changing size limits based on northern vs. southern fishing areas. Mill ponds/trout streams have different water temps, possible legislation coming up in Legislation. Advanced

There were 13,500 Beaver Dams monitored and removed from northern waters. There is a push to raise the Trout Stamp fees. Need more money for restoration, stocking and habitat improvement.

Ford

Land Use Committee meeting. Discussed three Resolutions. One was to not allow anyone to pick up Morel Mushrooms along Mississippi. Rejected. Another was a maple syrup producer that wants to tap trees in State forests. Rejected as we can't screw in pegs for hunting, shouldn't mar trees for the sap. Third was about the expenses for Dog Trials. Training and Trial have separate fees. Would like to keep expenses down by only having one fee. Advanced by committee.

Scholarship

Check issued at UW Steven's Point was cashed.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

District 9 banquet will be in March. Won't have details until February meeting.

2023 Banquet

Shook reports 115 have signed up. Would like to get about 140. Raffle tickets: Keep half of your wingspan bucket raffle ticket. The rest of the raffle tickets you just put your Dinner banquet number on the back of the ticket.

Donation letter will be available if you need it for getting prizes for raffle.

OLD BUSINESS

Milwaukee Casting Club can host sponsors for Club meetings in June, July and August. Please let Gray know if you would like to utilize his Club.

Member dues are due! The form is available on the website. Print and mail in with \$25 for a business and/or Club.

http://www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com/1979/custom/62337

NEW BUSINESS

PFAS chemicals have been found in Wisconsin inland fresh water lakes, streams, etc. EPA is and has done testing. DNR will be sending out a notice about limited eating of the fish. Also affecting the Great Lakes white bass.

Grant request from DBCL for \$400 to offset the cost of stocking their fish pond for the upcoming May Kids Fishing Clinic. Fish stocking for perch and hybrid blue gills will be in excess of \$1000. Motion by Daluga and second by Jorgenson to grant the \$400 request. Motion carried.

Winchek would like to see youth from our County become involved in the Youth Conservation Congress for the WCC. He is challenging WCCA members to come up with two youth from our County.

Commercial fishermen have demanded that 50% of the Lake Michigan lake trout allowable harvest be their quota from the DNR. Per DNR legal advocates DNR is to be an advocate for ALL sportspeople. That means general public and Commercial Fishermen.

NEED SPONSORS FOR 2023 MEETINGS

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 and sign up. If you do not have a clubhouse available, efforts will be made to find a venue.

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. Get your information to Bob. Send in game pictures! Please go to the website to help increase the search engine ranking: <u>www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com</u>.

MEMBER MATTERS

Shook wanted Wincek to make sure to remove his (Shook's) name and WCCA position from Website, etc.

GOOD/WELFARE

Mark Krmpotich passed away. Funeral Service was January 14, 2023. Sympathy card sent to his widow.

Wincek having his right knee replaced March 6. Planning on attending Feb. and March WCCA meetings.

NEXT MEETING:

February 15, 2023 730pm, Tom Daluga sponsoring at Wales/Genesee Lions Club.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Zettlemeier second by Schmittinger. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 852pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MarySusan Diedrich, Secretary

MEETING SCHEDULE:

February 15, 2023	Tom Daluga, individual member, at Wales/Genesee Lions Club.
March 15, 2023	GLSF at Wales/Genesee Lions Club
April 19, 2023	Mapleton Hook & Shell at Okauchee Legion Post #399, N50W34750 Wisconsin Ave., Okauchee 53069
May 17, 2023	
June 21, 2023	
July 19, 2023	Women's Hunting and Sporting at Milwaukee Casting Club

August 16, 2023

September 20, 2023

October 18, 2023

DBCL at Daniel Boone Conservation League, 4694 Hwy 167, Hubertus.

November 8, 2023

December 20, 2023

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