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WCCA Meeting Minutes January 17, 2024

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

The meeting was attended by 19 individuals, comprised of Club Delegates and Wisconsin Conservation Congress Delegates. Quorum was declared

Moment of silence for Dave Zettelmeier, past member, who passed away on January 4, 2024.

Secretary's Report

Membership was asked if there were any corrections or additions to the December 20, 2023 General Meeting Minutes. Motion by Jorgenson, second by Gray to accept the Minutes as published. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

- Current paperwork for the Articles of Incorporation is filed and copies received from the State.
- So far, \$8,530 received for banquet tickets.

Communications

- Grant request from Ben Heussner from DNR for \$1500 to be used to restock channel cat fish for a Wounded Warriors event on Upper Kelly Lake. Event is for Spring 2024. Motion by Shook, second by Daluga to award \$1500.00 for this project. Motion carried.
- Grant request from MarySusan Diedrich to help sponsor a Fishing Clinic for Kids and Adults to be held June 9, 2024 from 9am to 1pm, at Daniel Boone Conservation League Pond. Requesting \$350 to off set costs for fish stocking. GLSFC and Monches Fishing Club also assisting. Motion by Perock, second by Zettelmeier to award \$350.00 for this project. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

DNR (weekly news update dnr.wi.gov)

Ben Heussner, DNR Fish Biologist was guest speaker.

- Walleye numbers are up on all lakes and panfish moving up.
 - Staffing is lower all over the State and the DNR wants to reduce staffing by 5 more. At this time there are 2 vacancies available in Horicon.
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DNR report (cont'd)

- Finalizing reports for 2022 season. In process of planning the 2024 season for Lac La Belle and Okauchee lakes.
- Reviewing stocking quotas.
- Currently there is a 50" limit on Muskies in Waukesha County.
- Scuppernong – Trout Unlimited is putting in the effort for improvements.
- Very little budget for running DNR events at the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel Sports Show.
- There is a minimum 18" minimum size for Walleyes on Pewaukee Lake due to overstock.
- Discussion on Walleye stocking for Fox River, especially on the Pewaukee Lake side. Walleye for Tomorrow is addressing the issue.
- Discussion on water pumping from Fox River and Milwaukee/Waukesha water intake & output.

Kids Fishing Clinic

- DNR Ice Fishing Clinic on 2-17-24 in the following Milwaukee County parks: Greenfield, McCarty, Scout Lake, Dineen & McGovern.
- DNR Regular Kids Fishing Clinics on 4-13-24 are at the following Milwaukee County parks: Greenfield, Dineen, McGovern, McCarty, Mitchell, Scout Lake, Sheridan, Washington. Washington County will also be hosting a Kids Fishing Clinic at Regner Park.
- WCCA and Wern Valley will host a Kids Fishing Clinic at their North Side West, Trout Pond in April. Date (either April 20 or 27) and Times TBA at February meeting.
- Fishing Clinic at Daniel Boone Conservation League will be June 9, 2024 9am-1pm. This will be a Learning Clinic for Kids and Adults. WCCA, Great Lakes Sportsmen Fishing Club, Monches Fishing Club and DBCL will sponsor this event.

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Diedrich

- WCC District Leadership Council meeting – 7 Advisory Questions from Fisheries and 5 Advisory Questions from Wildlife Division (1. Would you Support when quartering deer in field leave non-edible parts behind. 2. Would you support North & South Woodcock Zones. 3. Would you support more bonus tags for Fall Turkey in Zone 6 & 7. 4. Would you support removal of Land Owner preference for Spring Turkey. 5. Would you support single racoon season start date.
 - Wolf – Wolf Rules - NRB approved Oct 25. Gov. approved Nov. 8. Sporting Heritage in State Assembly reviewing them now and should have an answer in Feb. Go to DNR website, Wolf Page for complete rules. 29 dogs killed – mostly bear hounds. So far, \$121,635.95 paid out in compensation to farmers. DNR has until March 30th to complete 500 surveys on wolf population. 100 done now, but without snow they are behind. 80 collars deployed only 20 worked. Software problem.
 - Bears - 3,005 harvested. Down 25%, mostly due to acorn crops!! Proposed 2024- Zone A 1,075 with 1730 licenses to be sold. Maintain from 2023. Estimated, 7710 pre hunt. WCC recommending 1,250 should be taken with 1730 licenses. Zone B – 850 with 1515 licenses, Maintain. Estimated 5,512 pre hunt. WCC recommending 950 with 1690 licenses.
 - Elk – Summer of 2023 355 in Northern zone with 87 calves – 1 mortality (bear). 160 in Central Zone with 34 calves – 11 mortalities (mostly vehicle accidents). 21,000 applicants 8/8 tagged
 - Deer – harvested as of 1/2024 statewide, showing Bucks up in southern part of state due to rut and well below in northern area. Does are lower all over state. Not making any changes for 2024 as yet.
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Wisconsin Conservation Congress (cont'd)

- YCC – 40 members/9 alumni. May 8th Hazelwood, May 15-16 Poynette and Trappers workshop July 17-20. WCC will pay after class for those that register for the workshop.
- Spring Hearing 4/8/24 6-9pm In person or on-line input on DNR & WCC Advisory questions. If there are any Resolutions for this County, you can also have input in person or on-line. All questions and Resolutions for this County will only be presented verbally. 2024 Resolutions MUST be presented by author or their designee or they will not be included for 2024 input. Paper ballots will be available at the Spring Hearing, but no booklets. Location TBA.

Wincek

- Advised of an upcoming Great Lakes Resolution to turn down the commercial fishing request for harvesting Lake Trout on Lake Michigan. Will be presented at the Spring Hearings.

Hintz

- No Report

Farchmin

- No one from District 11 is on the Land Use Committee. He would be willing to work on that Committee.

Luling

- Warm Water Committee had a meeting January 9, 2024. Discussed the Advisory Question at Spring Hearing allowing the opening of Musky Fishing in the Northern zone at the same time as Regular Fishing Season opens.

Scholarship

- Motion by Zettelmeier, second by Farchmin to award two (2) \$1000.00 Scholarships to UW Stevens Point in the Environmental/Fishing/Wildlife/DNR Law Enforcement program. Motion passed.
- Five (5) applications received and attendees at the January Meeting reviewed them and selected two (2) recipients, Connor McKenzie and Claire Tiarks. Wincek to notify UWSP.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

- No meeting this past month.
- Rick Lazarczyk has been quite ill and is presently in rehab for the next 3-4 weeks.

2024 Banquet

- 99 have signed up for the banquet so far. Due to no mail delivery during snow storm and MLK Day, date for receiving RSVPs extended by 2 days.
 - Still need small items for bucket raffle. Need some other raffle ticket colors. Ordered by Luling.
 - Wern Valley donated a 10-bird hunt valued at \$300.
 - 2:00pm – 3:00pm will be set up.
 - Suggested to arrive early to get good parking spots.
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Old Business

- Ron Gray was nominated last month for the 3-year Director position vacated by Kevin Frasier. Hearing no other nominations, Motion by Luling, second by Daluga to cast one unanimous vote for Ron Gray to fill the position. Motion carried.
- Kevin Frasier was the backup for the Treasurer. Since Kevin is no longer an active member are there nominations for the position? Jane Schmittinger volunteered to fill the position. Motion by Diedrich, second by Pogantsch to fill the position. Motion carried (18-1)

New Business

- **Club and Business Memberships are due.** The form is available on the website. waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com
- Print and mail in with \$25 for a business and/or club membership.

**NEED MEETING SPONSORS/LOCATIONS FOR 2024.
PLEASE CONTACT:
BOB WINCEK 414- 217-9752 OR MARYYSUSAN DIEDRICH
414-379-3770**

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: www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com.

Member Matters and Good & Welfare

- Lake Koshkonong Icebreaker Tournament is February 3, 2024. 7am check-in, 3-4 pm, weigh-in, 4-6pm check-in for Banquet.

Next Meeting:

February 21, 2024 Great Lakes Sportsmen Fishing Club at Wales/Genesee Lions Club.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Zettelmeier, second by Jorgenson. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:10pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
MarySusan Diedrich, Secretary**

MEETING SCHEDULE:

March 20, 2024 Wern Valley at Wales/Genesee Lions Club
April 17, 2024 WHO Club at Wales/Genesee Lions Club
May 15, 2024
June 19, 2024 MFR & G at Menomonee Falls Rod and Gun
July 17, 2024
August 21, 2024
September 18, 2024 Daniel Boone Conservation League at Daniel Boone Conservation League
October 16, 2024
November 13, 2024 (**Second Wednesday of the month**)
December 18, 2024

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