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WCCA Meeting Minutes August 21, 2024

Bob Wincek, President called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting was sponsored by Ojibwa Bow Hunters at Ojibwa Bow Hunters Club.

The meeting was attended by 17 individuals, comprised of Club Delegates and Wisconsin Conservation Congress Delegates. Quorum was declared

Secretary's Report

Membership was asked if there were any corrections or additions to the July 17, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. Motion by Steve Payne, second by Al Shook to accept the Minutes as published. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

\$3,000 CD matures at the end of the year.

Communications

• Bill from Go Daddy website to pay for WCCA Domain. (\$289)

Committee Reports

DNR (weekly news update dnr.wi.gov)

- CDAC per Pritzel, Waukesha County had approval from the NRB to become an All-County Metro Unit.
- Northern Counties, due to shortage of deer, may be going to State Zones in some Counties, not by County. Watch for changes in Deer Hunting Regulations.

Kids Fishing Clinic

 Bob Knak from DNR will be contacting Waukesha County requesting that Fishing Clinic participants not be charged for entry to parks.

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Wincek

- WCC District meeting was held on August 12th. 4 Waukesha County Delegates in attendance, MarySusan had an excused absence.
- Fisheries is spending money on the Commercial Fishermen, not to DNR projects.
- Mike Thompson, DNR SE Director advised we have a \$26 million deficit at the DNR. Money should be coming from License sales, fees, Pitman-Robertson Fund.
- Some Midwest States are enacting a ½% sales tax to fund their DNR .programs.
- Great Lakes Committee In-Person Meeting canceled due to lack of a quorum. Will be having a Zoom meeting in October.
- Bob is hoping that we can get Delegates and citizens to go to Madison, after new Legislators are elected and in session to personally point out the lack of funding for the DNR
- Wildlife & Fisheries programs.

Diedrich

• Legislative Committee met on August 20, 2024via Zoom. 8 Resolutions were reviewed. 5 Advanced 3 rejected. WE had more than enough for a quorum.

Hintz

- The Midwest States (MN< IA< NB and MO are going to have a sales tax for the general public to go towards the Arts, etc. Taxpayers want a say where their money is going.
- 3-4 Legislators came to a duck banding project to see what it is all about.
- Turkey and Upland Game Committee learned that WI has the 4th highest Spring Harvest. The Fall numbers are the top yearly rising population.
- Grouse numbers are up. No Sharp-tail hunt this year. Population has risen, but the DNR wants one
 more year of study.
- Some talk of a Crane Hunt due to crop damage. Costs \$2 million for tags to offset costs spent on crop damage. Can't touch the birds after they are down. Thought an application fee would help offset costs, but first year is usually high in applications, then drops off since only so many tags can be issued.
- Study done at Sandhill where a GPS was put on a turkey. Found the hen travelled 20 miles since winter.

Farchmin

No report. His committee meetings haven't started yet.

Luling

- Warm Water Committee Zoom meeting on August 12th. No DNR Liaison at meeting so no report from DNR.
- 12 Resolutions. Advance 76. Rejected the Spawning Walleyes at Pentenwell.
- DNR Budget cut want to cut stocking of Walleye and Muskies. Narrowly passed.

Scholarship

School just starting. No letters yet.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

 New calendars are out. \$20 each. Wincek has a box along to sell them. Added prize this year -\$1000 cash each month.

2025 Banquet

- Keep looking for prizes for the bucket raffle. We usually get that stuff for free so all ticket sales are a profit.
- November the "Save the Date" cards will go out.
- December letters will go out and you can purchase dinner and raffle tickets in advance.
- Special raffle has a few items already: Kettle Moraine Golf Course package for 4 with carts, Lake Michigan Fishing Trip and guided fishing on Pewaukee Lake. (Showed pictures of Jane Schmittinger's 47-inch fish)

Old Business

- Ojibwa Youth Day, July 27, The Outdoor Heritage Trailer was there.
 225 people with roughly 150 kids.
- Great Cancer Shootout at Wern Valley, July 27 photos on WCCA website.
- New Berlin Trap & Sportsmen Club Chairity Shoot, Aug. 3 No report

New Business

None

PLEASE CONTACT: BOB WINCEK 414-217-9752 OR MARYSUSAN 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

October 12, open house at Root River Steelhead Facility.

Next Meeting:

September 18, 2024 Hosted by Daniel Boone Conservation League at Daniel Boone Clubhouse.

Motion to adjourn by Gray, second by Payne at 829pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

MarySusan Diedrich

MEETING SCHEDULE:

October 16, 2024 WHSA at Wales/Genesee Lions Club

November 13, 2024 (Second Wednesday of the month) Schmittinger at Wales/Genesee Lions Club

December 18, 2024 Great Lakes Sport Fishermen at Wales/Genesee Lions Club

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