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WCCA Meeting Minutes February 19, 2025

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

The meeting was attended by 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 January 15, 2025 General Meeting Minutes. Motion by Luling, second by Hintz to accept the Minutes as published. Motion carried. Minutes are always posted to the WCCA Website.

Treasurer's Report

- Report presented by Farchmin to Membership in attendance. A motion was made by Shook, second by Jorgenson to accept the Treasurer's report, subject to audit. Motion carried.
- Banquet Revenue \$27,094.42, Expenses \$17, 720.97, Profit \$9,373.45(37%).
 \$500.00 & \$520.00 in donations for Kids Fishing Clinics. Farchmin put this money put in a special account.

He also created a sub-account to offset inflation % for next banquet.

Communications

- Grant from DBCL/MarySusan for \$450.00 for the DBCL Kids Fishing Clinic. Motion by Luling, second by Hintz to award the Grant Money. Motion carried.
- Email from Ben Huessner passing on request from Muskego Fleet Farm for assistance on their Kids Fishing Day on July 12th. Lori Drzewiecki <u>mskpricing@fleetfarm.com</u>
- Ben Huessner advised that the WDNR urban pond stocking program, the WDNR fisheries program is currently reviewing all of our statewide stocking practices which includes the urban trout stocking program. As a result, they are planning on implementing a creel survey on urban ponds this coming spring. The data collected will provide insight on the angler use and relative success of the urban stocking program. As Laura Schmidt has previously mentioned, we will also be relying on our partners to provide numbers of kids attending clinics to further justify urban pond stocking efforts. At this time no decisions have been made to reduce future urban pond stocking efforts.

Committee Reports

DNR (news updates from dnr.wi.gov)

- DNR Webinar from January 22, 2025 has been recorded and is available on the DNR website. I did send a copy of the link to WCCA Membership. It explains the Spring Hearings on April 14, 2025 and Resolution Process.
- New DNR Secretary, Karen Hyun started on January 21, 2025. Has not been officially declared yet by NRB.

Kids Fishing Clinic

Dates for 2025 Clinics: GLSF 4/9/25, Wern Valley 4/26/25 see flyer on the WCCA website & DBCL 6/28/25.
 All dates confirmed. More info to follow as closer to the dates.

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Wincek

• Will attend the NRB meeting in Madison on 2-26-25. He will be questioning the NRB "how will it work with 8 Wisconsin Wardens covering 1000 sq. miles of the Wisconsin shorelines of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior and Green Bay without additional staff nor money to enforce the laws."

Diedrich

- As of February 18, only 45 Resolutions have been sent in to the DNR.
- WCCA has a photo release form that legally should be used for any photos we wish to use for the Website, etc. This is both for Children and Adults.
- Still need NRB approval, but here are three Resolutions that the WCC will be sending in for the Spring Hearings. #1 – Create a K9 Unit Program in the WDNR Law Enforcement Division, #2 – Create a Sandhill Crane Stamp to Help Farmers Experiencing Crop damage and #3 – Create Two-day Waterfowl Hunting Season for Active Military/Veterans.

Hintz

- Reference #3 WCC proposed Resolution this matter was discussed by the WCC Migratory Committee and they do not believe it will work. Not enough time and there could be 20,000 Active Military/Veterans trying to hunt in a new two-day season. Also, there are about 3,000 youth Waterfowl Hunters and their season should not be taken away from them.
- Migratory Committee meeting coming up on 02-27-25.

Farchmin

• Also, up for election as a Delegate for the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. Would like support from the Waukesha County residents WCCA Membership and members of their respective Clubs.

Luling

- He is up for election as a Wisconsin Conservation Congress Delegate. Would like support from the Waukesha County residents on the WCCA Membership and members of their respective Clubs.
- No upcoming meetings.

Scholarship

• Wincek was in contact with UWSP and they stand fast, that WCCA should make Scholarship donations and UWSP will pick the candidates. Decided by the membership in attendance that WCCA will publish at membership clubs and on our website that Waukesha County students apply for Scholarships directly through the WCCA. An Application and Rules form to be developed and voted on at the next WCCA General Meeting.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

• Jay Moore with the backing of the Dousman Gun Club will apply for a position for District #9.

2025 Banquet

- 148 attendees. 5 were comped their dinners.
- Next banquet is February 6, 2026 at Delafield Brewhouse already reserved.
- Should be tables of 10.
- Most ticket and dinner sales were cash or check. Only 9 used a credit card. (3% charge per transaction.)

Old Business

- Still need Sponsors and places for 2025 meetings. April, June, November and December still available.
- Final Reminder: Club/Individual Memberships were due in January. Membership forms are on WCCA Website.

PLEASE CONTACT: BOB WINCEK 414-217-9752 OR MARYSUSAN DIEDRICH 414-379-3770 TO SCHEDULE YOUR CLUB MEETING.

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 and Good & Welfare

- Flyers for the Kids Fishing Clinic are available to post at your Clubs. Check the WCCA website to make a copy.
- March 9, 2025, 100pm Washington County Sporting Group and Outdoor Club Gathering at West Bend Moose Lodge. Washinton County will be losing three WCC Delegates this year. Let your Clubs know that if any of their members reside in Washinton County they can apply for the positions prior to the April 14 Spring Hearing. Meet the current Delegates at the above event.
- March 29, 2025, 900am to 400pm at the New Berlin Ale House. Great Lakes Sport Fishermen Salmon School. Free Attendance. Go to glsfclub.com/thank-you-seminar for more information or check the WCCA website.

Next Meeting:

March 19, 2025 hosted by Wern Valley at Wales/Genesee Lions Club.

Motion to adjourn by Jorgenson second by Perock at 8:37pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

MarySusan Diedrich

MEETING SCHEDULE:

March 19, 2025 Wern Valley at Wales/Genesee Lions Club

April 16, 2025

May 21, 2025 Wales/Genesee Lions Club at Wales/Genesee Lions Club

June 18, 2025

July 16, 2025 Ojibwa Bow Hunters at Ojibwa Bow Hunters

August 20, 2025 Great Lakes Sport Fishermen – location TBA.

September 17, 2025 Daniel Boone Conservation League at Daniel Boone Clubhouse

October 15, 2025 Menomonee Falls Rod & Gun at MFR&G Club

November 12, 2025 (second Wednesday of the month)

December 17, 2025

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