



## Waukesha County Conservation Alliance

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**A banquet meeting will be held at 6:30 PM prior to the November meeting.**

**A board meeting will be held at 7:15 PM prior to the November meeting.**

### WCCA Meeting Minutes October 17, 2018

President Al Shook called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the Ojibwa Bowhunters. The meeting was sponsored by the Stone Bank Sportsmen's 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 September meeting were accepted as published.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Awaiting the fundraiser check from Wern. The funds for the raffle were received.

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](https://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi_subscribe.html?code=WIDNR).

#### **Miscellaneous** – Some things to note:

- The DNR launched a new application, Hunt Wild Wisconsin, available on most mobile devices.
- Bark River is closed due to reconstruction of the WIS 67 bridge, not sure who signed the permit without stakeholder involvement. It is now open again.
- DOT will be holding hearings in the next couple weeks regarding updates to Hwy 18.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **DNR** – Ben Heussner
  - School Section Lake – dam failed last spring, been drawn down all year. Proposing to close fishery to protect existing fish during ice fishing. Dec 1 – May 4. Public meeting November 13 at Ottawa Town Hall. Does not expect a lot of opposition.
  - Will be attending WCSFO meeting tomorrow and updating the council regarding how the fishery stands. He did request info from the bureau director:
  - Other Notes:

- Fishery updates statewide: 40 positions have been filled statewide in the last two years and Ben is leading the staff development team (new employee orientation/training).
  - Project on Granite River (driftless area) – habitat work
  - Was involved in Root River facility open house, egg take starting next week
  - Just finishing up Strawberry Creek egg take for chinook in Sturgeon Bay
  - Couple management plans upcoming: trout, sturgeon, Lake Superior
  - Task force: property management/fishery guidance
  - Heavy equipment task force: eliminated quite a bit of equipment, now down 50% and need to get rid of 8 more by 2020. Harder to operate, but they are moving into rental and privatizing heavy equipment operation.
  - Statewide aquaculture and fish farms management - AB 160
  - Lake Superior Fishing Agreement
  - Walleye fishing has a great future here and 15,000 walleyes were recently clipped for identification.
  - Ceded territory slot size recommendations
  - Walleye stockings Pewaukee, Denoon, Beaver, Ottawa and others
  - Draw down at Little Muskego failed to get rid of starry stonewort
  - Eradication of carp on Rock River – a natural virus brought down the population
  - Perspective on R3 program (recruitment, retention, reactivation), including educational programs such as Hunter Safety – positive outlook.
- **Conservation Congress –**
    - Tom Daluga –
      - The upload game committee meeting was cancelled
    - Larry Wehrheim –
      - Still looking at continuous season or earlier opener for turkey, breaking the season apart.
    - MarySusan Diedrich –
      - Rules/resources committee – not a whole lot, trying to get more representatives for Congress, especially younger individuals. Another regional training on CDAC. Looking at deer season, adopt a dumpster and/or kiosk (build and deliver).
- **Wisconsin Wildlife Federation –**
    - George Meyer –
      - Update on WWF workings and programs – chronic wasting disease in regards to deer farms, where a double fence would be required. Opposition is expected, but hopefully by next year, the double fencing will be required.
      - Transportation of deer – not fine-tuned enough.
      - Grouse hunting – close grouse on November 30 (actually November 16 due to rifle deer). No good science, but impact study on the way for Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.
      - Federal level – wolf delisting. House bill has provision to delist, Senate bill does not, attempting to get to House version. The US Fish and Wildlife Service, by the end of the year, will delist. It should be easier to defend when the lawsuits incur.
      - Letter to Speaker Ryan and Sensenbrenner as Waukesha County had multiple projects receiving money from that program. The program expired at the end of September and will the Alliance write a letter to request permanent reauthorization.
        - Motion made and accepted for Alliance to write a letter to Ryan.
        - Motion made and accepted for Alliance to write same letter to Sensenbrenner.
      - Donation 4 cases of shot 7, steel shot. Guidelines: current affiliate, maximum 2 cases per application, must be used to support youth based hunt or safety field days. Must be planned and executed by affiliate organizations. Deadline is Feb 1.
      - Grant program for outdoor skills days, up to \$250, for youth based outdoor skills days (hunting, fishing or trapping).
      - 2019 Calendar available for purchase.
    - Don Camplin
      - Two year course for high school seniors and college freshmen just finished. They write their own resolutions.

- Put in resolution to remove gag rule on wardens.
- **Kids Fishing Clinic** –
  - Ron Gray –
    - We lost one park in Milwaukee County, but regained the one in Waukesha County. No ice fishing clinics in Waukesha: 5 in Milwaukee County. Spring will have 3 in Waukesha, Milwaukee 11, Racine 1, Washington 1, Sheboygan 1. Could always use a new club and volunteers are welcome.
- **WCSFO**
  - Ron Gray –
    - Tomorrow is WCSFO meeting at Greenfield Park at 6:30. Ben will be there to report on the fisherees.
- **Banquet**
  - Tickets need to be reprinted due to an incorrect date, should be available at the next meeting.
  - Instead of selling tickets at every table, one big table to sell tickets, except wing span and big trip (Canada) – will decide at next meeting what ticket/cost will be. Still write your # on back of ticket, will go from there. New list of weapons, looking for 20 guns <= \$10,000.
  - Dinner tickets \$50, Friday Feb 1, please put on calendar. Western Lake, catered by Saz's. Completely new venue, right off the freeway.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- **WCCA Donations** – donating to different clubs for hunter safety, learn to hunt, HS trap teams, AI received a couple requests from Monches (repairs), from Waukesha Youth Congress Rep (Rosa) for funds Base Camp in New Hampshire trek to build outdoor skills (can earn up to 16 college credits) KROKA
- **Miscellaneous**
  - Jane was in the mentoring with AI out at Horicon, spoke with organizer (request funds for duck on a stick replacements for duck identification). This was the first year they accepted adults.
  - AI also spoke with Musky guides/PKE Lake for wounded warrior/veteran trips. Opportunity is there, we have to show what we're doing in regards to donations in order to get 501 c3. Clubs needing help should ask for funding..
  - Range from 1550 to 300, just for one club, along with sponsoring trap clubs, such as buying a pallet of shells and donate one each year. Please give it consideration and if you know of a worthy cause, submit it. Many awards can be done now or in the spring. After the banquet, hopefully we'll have a good excess in our account. MarySusan brought up Rosa's request. BOD meeting forthcoming.
  - Rich Hawthorne – would like to see a reloader donated to school trap clubs but we're unsure of whether they can use reloads. Nixed.
  - Don Camplin – Friends of Vernon Marsh – attempting to get something going in preservation of marsh, putting in a pavilion. DNR will need to update existing blinds along dike.
  - Bylaws amendment process – one section at a time.
  - MarySusan – Veterans Recognition Classis, brought in good donations for Hometown heroes, Fisher House, Heroes Hunt for Veterans, Camp Hometown Heroes
- **Meetings** – As always, please consider having your club host a meeting.
- **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 AI 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 AI. Send in game pictures! Please go to the website to help increase the search engine ranking: [www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com](http://www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com).

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **North Lake Launch** – No North Lake launch, but it's election time. Senator Kapenga and Representative Duchow were cornered by AI at a pancake breakfast. Call them and ask them about the launch off Redland Road.
- **Banquet** –
  - Committee Members: Randy Farchmin, AI Shook, Ron Gray, MarySusan Diedrich, Jane Schmittinger, Tom Daluga, Don Camplin, Ed Erchill.
  - A meeting will be held at 7 PM before the October 17 meeting.
- **Meetings** – At Wern would have to move to Tuesday/Thursday as they have shooting on Wednesday night.

### **MEMBER MATTERS:**

- WHSA – Fundraiser November 10<sup>th</sup> at MicMiller, one week before gun season. Hopefully a lot of traffic.
- Get your membership to WWF together, dues are up.
- Alliance is allocated 3 delegates to the WWF. Don requested a list of members/delegates and their meeting nights.
- WHO Club request for information, fee schedule, application for Alliance.
- Ron Gray had raffle tickets for sale. November 7 drawing.
- Ken has 3 sets of shoulder harnesses available.

### **GOOD/WELFARE:**

To Mark Krmpotich and Jean Tackes, we wish them both a speedy recovery.

Condolences to Jane Schmittinger on the loss of her father, aged 93, a WWII veteran.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

November 14 – Dousman Gun Club

### **MEETING SCHEDULE:**

December 19 – Wern Valley hosting at Wales Genesee Lions Club


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