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### **WCCA Meeting Minutes March 20, 2024**

Dan Luling, Vice-President called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. The meeting was sponsored by Wern Valley at Wales/Genesee Lions Club.

The meeting was attended by 16 individuals, comprised of Club Delegates, Wisconsin Conservation Congress Delegates and 3 Guests. Quorum was declared

#### **Secretary's Report**

Membership was asked if there were any corrections or additions to the February 21, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. Motion by Gray, second by Tackes to accept the Minutes as published. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

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

#### **Communications**

- Grant Request from Hubert Nett, author of Rob the Raccoon and Friends, for \$ 1,200 to offset the cost of copies of his book to make them available for every elementary school in Waukesha County. Hubert Nett was at meeting in person to explain the concept of the book and why it was important to educate the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Waukesha County. His plan is to distribute the book to all 72 Counties. Has been accepted by 3 Counties thus far. Book passed around to the Membership. Discussion to be held under New Business.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **DNR (weekly news update [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov))**

- CDAC Meeting scheduled for April 22, 2024 at 600pm at the DNR Service Center at 141 NW Barstow, Waukesha 53188.
  - In-person Spring Hearing is scheduled for April 8, 2024 from 600pm to 900pm and will be held at DNR Service Center at 141 NW Barstow, Waukesha 53188.
  - Emails between Kelsey Norton, Waukesha County Wildlife Biologist, Bob Wincek and Al Shook regarding which Club or Group will be handling the upkeep of the ADA Hunting Blind at Paradise Valley Wildlife Area. Shook advised that the ADA Blind will have to be moved to a new location.
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He will scope out a location and with help move the blind to that location and with help make repairs, if needed. Volunteers will be needed when Shook is ready to proceed.

## Kids Fishing Clinic

- Brenda Schaff, WCSFO attended the meeting and offered her assistance with upcoming Fishing Clinics. She can get fishing rods and other equipment from DNR and supply Educational Booklets for participants.
- Wincek and Schaff will set up a meeting with Waukesha County Chairman concerning lack of assistance from Waukesha County Parks.
- Flyers available on our website for upcoming Free Kids Fishing Clinics.
- WCCA and Wern Valley will host a Kids Fishing Clinic at their North Side, West, field pond (near the grain bins) on April 20, 2024 from 9am to 1pm. Money was donated by Wales/Genesee Lions Club and an anonymous donor to offset costs for Kids Fishing Clinics. Some costs involved will include stocking fish in the pond, porta potty rental, prizes, etc. "Touch of the Wild Trailer" from OHEC will be on display. This is not a DNR event. Volunteers will be needed to assist in working with the youth to fish, cook hot dogs help with equipment set up and take down and whatever else needs to be done that day. Could use pop up shelters and fishing equipment. Shook waiting to hear from Ben Heussner (fish stocking – blue gills & perch) and Steve Williams (porta potty rental & and any further Wern Valley details. Shook looking at Fleet Farm and Dick's Bait Shop for kids' prizes' **VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED. Please come to the APRIL meeting for details.**
- Kids Fishing Clinic at Daniel Boone Conservation League will be June 9, 2024 9am-1pm. This will be a Free Educational Clinic for Kids which includes fishing. WCCA, Great Lakes Sportsmen Fishing Club, Monches Fishing Club, WCCA and DBCL will sponsor this event.  
**Note:** I've been asked if an adult can fish at one of our clinics will they need a fishing license. No, they do not. Wern Valley and DBCL are private lands that have private ponds. Per WI Statute 29.219 (1) (d).

## Wisconsin Conservation Congress

### Diedrich

- Approximately 100 Resolutions were sent through to the WCC Review Committee.
- Spring Hearing is on Monday, April 8, 2024, 600pm to 900pm. Location at the DNR Service Center in Waukesha. DNR and Local WCC will read Advisory questions that you can have written input at the meeting. If there are Resolutions for Waukesha County, they will be read by the Author or their designee at the meeting.  
You can have written input on those at the in-person meeting. Otherwise, you can go on-line to answer all the Advisory Questions and Resolutions. That will be from April 10 at Noon to April 13 Noon.
- MarySusan Diedrich and Jeff Hintz are both up for reelection. Delegate Elections can **ONLY** be done in person. Both would appreciate you coming to the meeting to vote. Please remind all your Clubs to have Waukesha County members and residents come to the meeting to cast their ballot.
- District meeting was held on March 5 in Sturtevant. Vernon Marsh has a 5-mile, boardwalk trail that is being cleaned up.

### Wincek

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- No Report

### **Hintz**

- 400 acres of cattail burns are scheduled in Vernon Marsh area.
- Read an article in the latest Wisconsin Outdoor News that the International Crane Foundation and UW-Madison did a survey in which 17.4% of respondents would support a sandhill crane hunting season in Wisconsin. Less than 5% would hunt in a sandhill crane hunt. Based on WCC and WWA discussions since 2012, there are many that are interested in a hunting season. Far more than the ICF/UW survey indicates.

### **Farchmin**

- No report.

### **Luling**

- No report.

### **Scholarship**

- Per the Treasurer the 2 Scholarship Checks have been cashed.

### **Wisconsin Wildlife Federation**

- Annual Meeting with Banquet will occur in April.
- Noted that the Air Gun Usage for Hunting was signed by the Governor. Many of these guns are more powerful than Daisy type models. Further info to follow from the State.
- Question was brought up if the atlatl darts are legal. Per Daluga and Shook yes, they are.

### **2024 Banquet**

- Possibly the newer Air Gun models could be a firearm selection for 2025 Banquet.

### **Old Business**

- Diedrich received a question from a member who no longer has a Club affiliation, as to what their Membership fee would be. This was decided in August 2021 that the fee would be \$20.00. This is a special membership only for individuals who had belonged to a Club and the Club is no longer a member. It is so stated in the WCCA By- Laws.

### **New Business**

- Discussion on the Grant Request from Hubert Nett for the Rob the Raccoon and Friends book. There are several questions that we still need answers before we can objectively look at this Grant. Did Mr. Nett check with 19 Waukesha County School Districts for permission to add this book to the school's curriculum? Did he check with the 16 Libraries in Waukesha County if they granted permission to add the book to their shelves. He advised he needed 72 books to be distributed, but he only gave a list of elementary schools that had 15 public schools listed and the rest being private schools? Even if he gets all the permits, does he have a plan for distribution,
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as WCCA would not be able to deliver the books? An email should be sent to Mr. Nett requesting the above information. The Grant Request decision is postponed until the April meeting until above information is received.

- Ron Gray contacted the New Berlin Sportsmen & Trap (formerly Milwaukee Casting Club). They have their Clubhouse available for July 17 and August 21, if a Club would like to Sponsor a WCCA meeting there.
- FYI as of April 1, 2024 if your Club is hosting a Fishing Tournament you MUST obtain a free, Required Research Permit from the DNR.
- Shook brought in newspaper articles indicating that on March 7 a 48-inch, 34 lb. Musky and on March 8 a 44-inch, 23 lb. Musky were caught on Lac LaBelle.

## **NEED MEETING SPONSORS AND LOCATIONS FOR JULY, AUGUST, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2024.**

### **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](http://www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com).

### **Member Matters and Good & Welfare**

- Randy Farchmin's wife, Hope, passed away on March 13. There will be a Celebration of Life on April 6 from 1pm to 4pm at the Daniel Boone Conservation League Clubhouse.
- Dan Luling, Vice-President will be missing the next meeting as his twins should be born on April 12-13.

### **Next Meeting:**

**April 17, 2024 WHO Club at Wales/Genesee Lions Club.**

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Gray, second by Zettelmeier at 916pm. Motion carried.

**Respectfully submitted,  
MarySusan Diedrich, Secretary**

### **MEETING SCHEDULE:**

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May 15, 2024                      New Berlin Trap & Sportsmen (Ron Gray) at. New Berlin Trap & Sportsmen  
June 19, 2024                      Men. Falls Rod & Gun 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                  WWSA at Wales/Genesee Lions Club  
November 13, 2024 (**Second Wednesday of the month**)  
December 18, 2024

## Support the businesses supporting the WCCA

### **AMERICAN LEGION POST 449**

262-781-0488  
3245 N. 124<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brookfield, WI 53005  
[www.post449.com](http://www.post449.com)

### **REINEMANS TRUE VALUE**

262-763-3578  
417 Milwaukee Avenue  
Burlington, WI 53105

### **McMILLER SPORTS CENTER**

262-594-5900  
S103W38754 Hwy NN  
Eagle, WI 53119  
[www.epicmedspa.com](http://www.epicmedspa.com)

### **OKAUCHEE LEGION POST 399**

262-567-9800  
N50W34760 Wisconsin Ave.  
Okauchee, WI 53069

[OkaucheeLegionPost339@gmail.com](mailto:OkaucheeLegionPost339@gmail.com)

### **REIHLES TREE FARM**

262-965-2748  
W377S5944 Hwy CL  
Dousman, WI 53118

### **WERN VALLEY**

262-968-2400  
S36W29657 Wern Way  
Waukesha, WI 53188

### **WALES/GENESEE LIONS CLUB**

262-968-4140  
W31400 Hwy 83 P.O. Box 201  
Genesee Depot, WI 53127

### **DELAFIELD LEGION POST #196**

262-646-3930  
333 N. Lapham Road  
Delafield, WI 53018  
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