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WCCA Meeting Minutes December 18, 2024

Wincek, President called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm. The meeting was sponsored by Great Lakes Sport Fishermen at Wales/Genesee Lions Club.

The meeting was attended by 18 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 November 13, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. Motion by Daluga, second by Gray 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 Gray, second by Daluga to accept the Treasurer's report, subject to audit. Motion carried.

- CD matured. After Banquet will decide on another investment.
- DBCL and Mapleton renewed their memberships.

Communications

Committee Reports

DNR (weekly news update dnr.wi.gov)

- DNR was investigating a small spill. Bigger number in an article. (2 gal. then 126 gal then 69,300 gal) Embridge is company responsible, but the spill is being cleaned up. Should not be an impact on the water table.
 - CDAC – proposed 2025 northern Forest Land deer hunting be divided by Zones not by County. DNR has agreed to this. Waiting on NRB and Governor.
 - Virtual DNR Round Table meeting on Dec.16. which Wincek & Diedrich attended. Several items brought up.
 - a. Now claiming the budget is only a \$16 million deficit not \$26 million like first reported. DNR has some funding scenarios, but it can't be made up through fee changes. It was suggested a sales tax could be added to each property owner, so it wouldn't just be hunting and fishing supporters. DNR stated it would have to go through the NRB and the Legislature and they don't see that happening.
 - b. Governor selected a new Secretary, but won't release the name. (came out after meeting)
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Kids Fishing Clinic

Dates for 2025 Clinics: GLSF 2/1/25 & 4/9/25, Wern Valley 4/26/25 & DBCL 6/28/25.
All dates confirmed. More info to follow as closer to the dates.

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Wincek

- Great Lakes Committee, not much happening now.
- Marine Wardens reduced to 8. They cover all the Wisconsin shorelines for Lake Michigan to Lake Superior. They also have to monitor the Commercial fishermen intake.

Diedrich

- Rules & Resolutions Committee is reviewing the WCC Code of Procedures and updating. 2 meetings before the District Leadership Council meets in January.

Hintz

- Migratory Committee meeting on Dec. 7. Reviewed 6 Resolutions and moved 2 forward.
- 2025 there will be a new 5-year plan decided for the 26-30 season..
- Looking into a Sandhill Crane Stamp to help the farmers.
- Committee reviewed having 4 fly zones. Vote ended in a tie so it failed.
- 60-day season with possible change in season dates.
- Hi-bred genetics study done. European ducks years ago and they have now integrated with North American European mallards are still being released by game farms in the eastern part of the US and one game farm in Wisconsin is still releasing European mallards. If the practice is stopped the poor genetics could be eliminated in approximately 2 years.

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- **Farchmin**

- Land Use Committee reviewed 1 Resolution on Logging Techniques. Was rejected and then pulled by the author.
- Brook Trout Program in the works to possibly improve habitat.

Luling

- No Committee Report

Scholarship

- UWSP letter read, in which they want to pick the recipient of the WCCA scholarship monies. Board discussed this and Wincek is to contact UWSP College of Natural Resources requesting we still would like to pick the recipients. No decision until possibly next meeting.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

- DNR is starting reviews on Wakeboards.
- Vista Sands Project – PSC still looking at it.
- District #9 looking for new delegates. Tom Daluga is leaving.
- 2025 Calendar sales are done as of Dec. 19.

2025 Banquet

- All members keep looking for prizes for the bucket raffle. We usually get that stuff for free so all ticket sales are a profit. Get donations from your local community. Movie tickets, dinner tickets, sporting equipment, etc. for some ideas.
 - December letters went out and you can purchase dinner and raffle tickets in advance. (cash or credit card). 3.5% service charge added to Credit Card purchases.
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- There is a discount for tables of 8. \$450.00
- All prices staying the same this year.
- Date is: February 7, 2025 at Delafield Brewhouse. Doors open at 530pm, dinner at 700pm. Cost \$60 per person.
- Cut off will be 2 weeks prior to Banquet.
- Organizing the tickets now.
- Bakery for banquet will be brownies and carrot cake. No cookies this year.

Old Business

New Business

- **Still need Sponsors and places for 2025 meetings. March, April May, June, July, August, October, November, December still available.**
- Nominations needed for Directors 3-year term?

- **December Elections:**

President – Bob Wincek

Vice-President – Dan Luling

Secretary – MarySusan Diedrich

Treasurer – Randy Farchmin

Back up Treasurer – Jane Schmittinger

Sgt. At Arms – Dave Schmitt

1-year 2024 Directors Term (Jeff Hintz?? & Bud Pogantsch) moved from 2-year term

2-year term 2024 Directors (Ken Zettelmeier & Ron Gray??) moved from 3-year term

3-year term 2024 Directors(were 1-year term: Tom Daluga & John Reihle

- Motion to close nominations for above positions by Luling, second by Tackes. Motion passed.
- Motion by Shook, second by Porter to change the WCCA By-Laws to remove the Director positions and only have the Executive Board as the Committee.

Discussion: There was only 1 Board meeting this year, few members attend the general meeting except for the Board Members and it is a struggle to get members to run for the Director positions, we should just remove the Directors.

Farchmin advised he would have to research that, since we are Incorporated and have a 501 4c rating we may have to have Directors.

Motion rejected.

- Motion by Farchmin, second by Zettelmeier to maintain current rules until corporation rules clarified. Motion approved. Further discussion January meeting.
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- **Reminder: Club/Individual Memberships will be 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: www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com.

Member Matters and Good & Welfare

- Waukesha County has a new member for the Youth Conservation Committee in the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, Solace Schroeder. Her dad is the DNR Waterways Supervisor for Waukesha County. Welcome to Solace and her family. Jeff Hintz will be her mentor.
- Daluga's granddaughter has had her feeding tube removed. At age 7/8 she will have an angioplasty and then no other surgeries until age 40.

Next Meeting:

January 15, 2025 Hosted by Dousman Gun Club at Wales/Genesee Lions Club.

Motion to adjourn by Farchmin second by Daluga at 9:14pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

MarySusan Diedrich

MEETING SCHEDULE:

February 19, 2025 Schulz Club at Wales/Genesee Lions Club

March 19, 2025

April 16, 2025

May 21, 2025

June 18, 2025

July 16, 2025

August 20, 2025

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

October 15, 2025

November 12, 2025 **(second Wednesday of the month)**

December 17, 2025

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