# Wisconsin Conservation Congress

## Spring D2 meeting

### Meeting Minutes

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## I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

### A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Dave Larson at 1900

### B. ROLL CALL

- **ATTENDEES**: Hunter Denison, Wayne Nordling, Duane Hoefs, Jim Morning, Al Brown, Don Dukerschein, Curt Loew, Eric Wojchik, Mike Kelby, Jake Anderson, Nathan Magne, Joel Taylor, Roger Roehl, Dave Larson, Claude Bovi, Dave Orf, Brad Hopp

- **EXCUSED**: Mike Giles

- **UNEXCUSED**: Mike Britton, Dave Louis, Scott Tubb, Jerald Huston, Dave Ferris, Kevin Peterson, Jesse Espeseth

- **GUESTS**: Caleb Frank (St. Croix YCC), Jerome Donohue, Ben Royce.

### C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

**DISCUSSION**: None.

**ACTION**: None

### D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

**DISCUSSION**: None.

**ACTION**: None.

### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**DISCUSSION**: None.

**ACTION**: None.

## II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

### A. Secretaries update

**DISCUSSION**: New Deputy Secretary Sarah Berry has been appointed after Todd Ambs retirement. Covid restrictions are being relaxed. Service Centers are open. Jim Morning asked when Jim Falls center would be open. Yach said he would look into it and report to Morning.

**ACTION**: None.

### B. DNR program updates.

**DISCUSSION**: Program updates were made available via link on WCC website.

**ACTION**: None.

### C. WCC annual county meeting and Spring Hearing logistics.

**DISCUSSION**: Taylor/Larson reviewed all of the logistics for this years meeting. The meeting will be virtual like last year. Delegate seat appointments were explained. Reminder that the delegate profile update would be emailed to everyone and that it needed to be completed. Reminder to share the spring hearing press release with any local resources in your county.
D. Other Congress

**DISCUSSION**

Review of the committee assignment process. Discussion of the resolutions/delegates interest in "term limits" for committees. Jim Morning spoke regarding removing senior members of committees and that it would remove history and knowledge away and could cost delegates altogether. Al Brown echoed Morning's sentiments. YCC delegate Caleb Frank was asked if he had anything to report on the YCC and had nothing. Outreach and Public Relations Efforts: the resources that are available for delegates to use in getting the word out about the WCC. Shooting range update: Delegates were again asked to look at the shooting range inventory and update it. Larson said he would email it to the county chairs to update each county. Taylor mentioned that it seemed like the range inventory effort had been under way for a number of years and it didn't seem like anything was being done with it. Awards update: Delegates were again reminded of the awards that were available and encouraged to nominate candidates. WCC Learn to Bear Hunt update: Delegates were reminded that essays were due for anyone that wanted to be considered for the hunt. Taylor updated the delegates that he had sat in on a meeting the week prior about the Learn to Bear Hunt program and whether it needed to be updated. He encouraged delegates to reach out with and questions or suggestion. Annual Convention update: Details about the annual convention were reviewed. Larson emphasized how important it was to ensure we had a quorum and that he would be polling D2 chairs to get feedback.

**ACTION**

None.

**PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE**

Larson/Taylor

### III. MEMBERS MATTERS

**DISCUSSION**

Don Dukerschein commented that youth delegates could provide input at committee meetings and should be included. Kurt Loew commented that experienced members on committees were particularly valuable as we get back to in person meetings. Also that sportsmen deserve more credit in making decisions in resource management because they pay the way and are most impacted. Jake Anderson stated that he is stepping away from the WCC because he feels the process is confusing and that he feels like nothing ever gets done. Nate Magnine stated he recognized that the WCC may not get as much done as he wanted but still wants to participate and that it was important to at least try. Roger Roehl stated that over the years the DNR has put more stock in specific conservation organizations where the WCC used to be the primary resource and the conservation groups came to us to get things accomplished. We're still here and need to fight for our relevance. Dave Orf said he is looking forward to getting back to in person meetings and meeting more of the delegates in person. Brad Hopp asked delegates to help resolution writers with their efforts and reminded the group that changes take time and not to give up. Dave Larson Thanked everyone and reminded delegates that if you aren't part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

**ACTION**

None.

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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**SUBMITTED BY**

Joel Taylor

**DATE**

03/03/2022