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Waukesha County Conservation Alliance

# WCCA Meeting Minutes August 17, 2016

President Ron Gray called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Schultz's. The meeting was sponsored by Schultz's, who provided the refreshments. The meeting was attended by 14 individuals, comprised of club delegates and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

Charley Nowakowski, our most recent scholarship recipient, attended the meeting and spoke about his work on Little Muskego Lake with invasive species research.

# **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The minutes of the July meeting were posted on the website. All PDFs of meeting minutes can be found here: <a href="http://www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com/">http://www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com/</a>

# TREASURER'S REPORT:

After reviewing funds year-to-date, \$530 more was spent than received.

900 Christmas raffle tickets were printed; packets have been handed out for sale. There are 16 clubs and a couple individuals – 20 packets of 3 tickets each (tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5) were given to each club.

# COMMUNICATIONS:

- DNR Weekly News Update A reminder that you can subscribe to this information via this link: <u>https://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi\_subscribe.html?code=WIDNR.</u> Some items to note: record deer sightings; buffalo are aiding the Karner Blue butterfly recovery; live chat dates were sent out from the DNR, there is one on Nov 10, wildlife/fish stamp winners were announced; mirror Lake and Lake Koshkonong parks were both celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year; duck population is up this year.
- Correspondence
  - An e-mail was forwarded per Rick Lazarcyk's request regarding the NWF Public Lands video. Here is the link if you'd like to view it: <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/NationalWildlife</u>.
  - Ojibwa sent a thank you note for the Alliance's donation/sponsorship for the Youth Day held this summer. There were 225 youth plus parents in attendance.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
  - Don Camplin -
    - Spoke about land deals occurring in the state.
    - There is a state resolution to keep walleyes out of commercial fishermen's nets.
    - Rainbow Springs working towards a flushing and retrieving area.
    - Working on other properties as well, ball is in DNR's court.
    - 2017 calendars are for sale!
- Other -
- North Lake Looking for dredging funding?

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Steve Miller from the DNR has passed away. In his obituary: To honor and keep Steve's legacy alive, a permanent endowment fund has been established with the Natural Resources Foundation to support the conservation of Wisconsin's lands, waters and wildlife.

# • Wisconsin Conservation Congress –

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  - Advanced limited beaver hunting and reimbursement of beaver damage.
- Al
  - A member of the Ho-Chunk Nation was present at the previous mentioned committee meeting, and AI told them about the clubs and their efforts in the state.
  - Hunting of coyotes with dogs was rejected in committee? In mid-January through February, mid to northern Wisconsin, hunters bring in double digits of coyotes. Coyotes are the most effective predator of deer fawns. Private landowners interested in allowing coyote hunters on their land should get in contact with these groups. Al – contact?
  - Attended ad-hoc agricultural damage meeting. The groups have removed from landscape 163 bears (non-lethal first; the coyotes are not even accounted for, they are just eliminated.
  - Quite a few proponents that want to double fence deer farms; the Congress is encouraging WOW to initiate and follow a bio security plan for their livestock. Next spring, this topic will brought up again to the NRB.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Meetings** Please consider having your club host a meeting. There are 16 clubs represented in the WCCA; the 2016 meetings have been accounted for, but look towards 2017.
- **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 Al 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.

# NEW BUSINESS:

• **DNR** – Anne Korman is the new superintendent for the Kettle Morain State Forest – Southern Unit. Anne can be reached at (262) 594-6204.

# **MEMBER MATTERS:**

#### GOOD/WELFARE:

For those members with health issues, we wish them well.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45.

# NEXT MEETING:

September 21 – WHSA at the Milwaukee Casting Club

# **MEETING SCHEDULE:**

October 19 – WCCA at the Milwaukee Casting Club November 9 – Conservation Congress at Wern Valley December 21 – Wern Valley

<u>Riehle's Tree Farm, Inc.</u> John Riehle 262-965-2748 W377 S5944 Hwy Cl, Dousman, WI 53118 Trees for Transplanting Shaking, Bailing, Wreaths, Garland, Boughs, Tree Stands, Crafts	Jim's Sports Haven Jim & Emily Appenzeller 262-567-6013 131 N. Main Street Oconomowoc, WI 53066	<u>Wern Valley</u> 262-968-2400 S36W29657 Wern Way Waukesha, WI Upland Hunting, Sporting Clays & 5 Stand, Rifle and Pistol Range
<u>Challenger Battery</u> 262-547-3854 406 W. Sunset Dr. Waukesha, WI 53189	<u>Wales/Genesee Lions Club</u> 262-968-4140 W31400 Hwy 83 P.O. Box 201 Genesee Depot, WI 53127 Hall Available. Call for more info.	<u>Brookfield Wedding Cakes</u> 262-781-2253 14440 Lisbon Road Brookfield, WI 53005
<u>Hunter's Nest</u> 422-1760 S80W14401 Schultz Lane Muskego, WI Sam & Loreen Klauser Picnic Grounds, Trap, Archery, Horse Shoes, Fishing & Hunting, Boat Launching, Rifle Range	Put your business here!	<u>American Legion Post 449</u> 262-781-0488 3245 North 124 <sup>th</sup> St Brookfield, WI 53005 Taco Thursdays, Fish Fry Fridays, Friday Nite Entertainment, Saturday Nite Bands - Hall Available. Call for more Info.
<u>McMiller Sports Center</u> 262-594-5900 S103 W38754 Hwy NN Eagle, WI 53119 Public Shooting Range rifle - pistol - clays	Put your business here!	<u>AM Towing</u> Ryan Schueller, Owner Flatbed Service Light, Medium, Heavy Duty Towing Heavy Duty Truck/Trailer Repair 24-Hour Towing/Road Service 262-723-1910 www.amtows.com

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