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Waukesha County Conservation Alliance

WCCA Meeting Minutes May 16, 2018

President Al Shook called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the Milwaukee Casting Club. The meeting was sponsored by the Milwaukee Casting Club, who provided the refreshments. The meeting was attended by 17 individuals, comprised of club delegates and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The spring raffle turned a profit of \$1,200. We have a renewed class A/B licenses. Expenditures included: raffle prizes, Kids Fishing Clinic donation and grants.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

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>
- Fleet Farm A thank you was received, Fleet Farm in Oconomowoc wants to become business partners with local clubs and organizations. Erica Pentagrass is our contact.
- Wales Genesee Lions A thank you for the \$200 donation. It was a wonderful event to raise funds for a local person.
- Sporting News/Notes
 - The number of turkeys killed in the first week of the spring turkey hunt was 8,000, even though the weather was awful. It appears the kill may still be 18% down from the previous year.
 - o MacKenzie Center had its two day hands on event, which was a success.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Conservation Congress –

- o Al Shook -
 - Convention held last week. Next year there will be online voting. Waukesha West again will
 be the location for delegate elections and in-person resolution submission. If you attend the
 meeting but do not vote, you will get a number to use as voter identifier in Survey Monkey.
 There will be a one year review of the process. Remember, this is still advisory only.
 - Walker's CWD initiative is ongoing
 - 21,000 acres have been purchased
 - NRB chairperson has reminded the Congress to "get back to roots" as the "Legislature listens to hunting, fishing trapping information, but nothing else".
 - Al is no longer the Vice Chair of the Congress.

- The WCCA received the Conservation Organization of the Year award, which Al accepted on our behalf.
- Social media is exploding at the DNR
- 2018 waterfowl season: the north and the south will open the same day. There will be a send split goose season: a break will occur from 12/2-15 and then reopen through January.
- Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
 - o Pat Hess
 - At the convention there were three speakers: Mike Worley on species relations, Jason Dinsmore on the youth movement and Todd Ambs on waters and the Great Lakes coalition.
 - There were 13 resolutions, the information is on the WWF's website
 - Membership has been opened up to out of state individuals/groups and those persons can become officers
- Kids Fishing Clinic It was the "worst day" in 30 years. The kids (and clubs) definitely appreciated the donation from the Alliance, which was turned into two fishing rod & reel sets per park. As a note, the WCSFO current president is retiring and a vote for the new president will take place at the Casting Club this Thursday (5/17). As a note: the WCCA is not a member of the WCSFO and does not send a delegate. The cost is \$30 for a membership and Ron Gray has volunteered to be the Alliance's delegate.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **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 Al 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 Al. Send in game pictures!
- **Other** Banners and placards were purchased. The banners were distributed to Schultz's, Ojibwa, Milwaukee Casting Club and Wern Valley. Al Shook has taken the placards. If you need one, please contact a member of these clubs or Al.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Shoot/Fundraiser** A motion was made to set an August date at Wern for a shoot/fundraiser. Rich and Al will follow up.
- **Advertising** MarySusan Diedrich brought up advertising with Wisconsin Outdoor News. This is something that should be evaluated.
- **Dues** Dues/letters have been distributed. If you haven't submitted your dues AND your club information, please do so.
- **Club Information** Please provide updated club information: names and contact information the club officers, meeting dates/times, at the February meeting.

MEMBER MATTERS:

Rich Hawthorne brought up Vortex Scopes in Barneveld. They offer a hunter's safety instructor discount (40%) and every scope they make is mounted for demo use.

GOOD/WELFARE:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42.

NEXT MEETING:

June 20 – Stone Bank

MEETING SCHEDULE:

July 18 – Women's Hunting and Sporting Association at Milwaukee Casting Club August 15 – Wales/Genesee Lions Club September 19 – Stone Bank October 17 – TBD November 14 – TBD December 19 - TBD

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