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# A banquet meeting will be held at 6:30 PM prior to the January meeting.

# WCCA Meeting Minutes December 19, 2018

President Al Shook called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm at the Wales Genesee Lions Club. The meeting was sponsored by Wern Valley, who provided the refreshments. The meeting was attended by 19 individuals, comprised of club delegates, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and the DNR.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The minutes of the November meeting were accepted with the following corrections:

- Regarding the muskrat problem in Vernon, it was incorrectly stated Kelly Van Beek would be doing trapping; she had done so in the past, but is not currently a biologist with the DNR.
- Regarding the Banquet, there will be a silent auction for 9+ items, one of which will be an Ontario fly-in to Nester Falls.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made to accept the report subject to audit. The motion was passed.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- **DNR Weekly News Update** A reminder that you can subscribe to this information via this link: <a href="https://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi-subscribe.html?code=WIDNR">https://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi-subscribe.html?code=WIDNR</a>.
- **DNR Secretary** Preston Kohl has been named as the DNR Secretary. Preston was a member of the NRB since 2007. Al Shook has also hunted and fished with Preston; we believe this is a good fit.
- **Pheasant Release** Al Shook spoke with Nathan (DNR) regarding the question as to why the pheasants were being released in the parking lot. Due to September begin so wet, they could not mow, which meant the only option was to release in the parking lot.
- Land and Water Conservation Funds The WCCA sent a letter to both Congressman Sensenbrenner and Congressman Ryan regarding the reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Funds. A reply was received from Congressman Sensenbrenner: "we will keep it in mind."

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Kids Fishing Clinic
  - o Ron Gray -
    - The next meeting will be in January. The flyer has been published for the ice fishing clinics to be held on February 9. The spring flyer needs to be changed due to Racine dropping out. The DNR is looking for help in printing costs.
- Conservation Congress
  - Tom Daluga The next CDAC meeting for Waukesha County is Tuesday, March 12, at 7 PM at the Sherman/Dreyfus building.

- Larry Wehrheim The land use committee met on 12/1 in Stevens Point. They are looking for leadership and the following resolutions were reviewed:
  - Provide a centralized list for timber sales
  - End all trapping on public lands -- rejected
  - Restore public funding of public lands
  - Limit gun hunters in state parks referred to the master plan
  - Preserve silence on state lands (fish and wildlife areas, from UTVs, ATVs, snowmobiles) rejected

#### DNR –

- Ben Heussner
  - Discussed the clinic flyers, wetness regarding the pheasant release, staffing LTE office in Lake Superior.
  - Ben is hosted the January 19-20 free fishing weekend at Ottawa Lake

## McMiller –

- Steve Williams
  - New heated 5-stand trailer (no lights).
  - 50 yard range completely rebuilt.
  - New warehouse/garage/heated workshop (plans for apron)
  - One year left on lease.

# Banquet

- 22 guns: 5 gun boards
- \$200 ticket buy gets you into a pistol draw
- One place for raffle ticket purchases
- Wingspan raffles
- o Ticket prices upfront (each gun raffle, 1 ticket per): 50/\$200, 20/\$100, 8/\$50, 3/\$20, 1/\$10.
- Set up will be on January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- o Limited ticket sales at the door, must have total ticket count by January meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Scholarship Awards** We wish the greatest success to Rosa Koehnlein (our Youth Conservation delegate) on her Kroka Expeditions educational adventure starting January 13.
- Elections A motion was made for unanimous election; the motion passed. The following appointments were made:
  - Sargent at Arms Dave Schmitt
  - o Treasurer Randy Farchmin (noted Kevin Frasier is the backup)
  - Secretary Jean Tackes
  - Vice-President Ron Gray
  - o President Al Shook
  - o Board Of Directors: Pat Hess and Brad Wareing
- Meetings As always, please consider having your club host a meeting. Each club needs to take a slot, please look at the schedule of meetings and sign up.
- **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! Please go to the website to help increase the search engine ranking: <a href="https://www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com">www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com</a>.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Dues Dues/letters will be distributed at the February meeting.
- Scholarships -
  - Eight candidates for the scholarship, reviewed and voted on during the meeting. The 2019 winner
    of the scholarship is Alexandra Mazurkiewicz, from Muskego, who will be studying Wildlife
    Ecology and Management.

#### **MEMBER MATTERS:**

A question was raised regarding the Pewaukee Lake disabled pier having its access removed due to a condo building. Discussion ensued regarding Pewaukee Lake in general, regarding easements, Smokey's turning into Lehman Park, a 2020-2022 park development plan, and a proposal to make boat slips, some private and some public.

The WIASB is holding a convention for teachers, 1/23-24, in downtown Milwaukee. There will be a trailer there exhibiting wildlife and donated taxidermy. It's called Touch of the Wild Trailer. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Bob at Bob@glsfclub.com.

#### **GOOD/WELFARE:**

Best wishes to Dave Schmitt for a speedy recovery.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:22.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

January 16 - Schultz's

## **MEETING SCHEDULE:**

February 20 – Monches at Wales Genesee Lions Club March 20 – Ojibwa April 17 – WHO Club at Wales Genesee Lions Club May 15 – Milwaukee Casting Club June 19 – Menomonee Falls Rod and Gun Club July 17 August 21 September 18 October 16 November 13 December 18

The following clubs do not have slot set in 2019: Mapleton, WHSA, Dousman Gun Club, WCCA, Conservation Congress, Daniel Boone, Carter/Badger 10

#### Riehle's Tree Farm, Inc.

John Riehle 262-965-2748

W377 S5944 Hwy CI, Dousman, WI 53118

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#### Jim's Sports Heaven

Jim & Emily Appenzeller 262-567-6013 131 N. Main Street Oconomowoc, WI 53066

#### **Wern Valley**

262-968-2400 S36W29657 Wern Way Waukesha, WI Upland Hunting, Sporting Clays & 5 Stand, Rifle and Pistol Range

#### **Challenger Battery**

262-547-3854 406 W. Sunset Dr. Waukesha, WI 53189

#### Wales/Genesee Lions Club

262-968-4140 W31400 Hwy 83 P.O. Box 201 Genesee Depot, WI 53127 Hall Available. Call for more info.

#### **Brookfield Wedding Cakes**

262-781-2253 14440 Lisbon Road Brookfield, WI 53005

#### **McMiller Sports Center**

262-594-5900 S103 W38754 Hwy NN Eagle, WI 53119 Public Shooting Range rifle - pistol - clays

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#### **American Legion Post 449**

262-781-0488
3245 North 124<sup>th</sup> St
Brookfield, WI 53005
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Friday Night Fish Fry
Saturday Nite Bands - Hall
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