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### WCCA Meeting Minutes February 21, 2024

Bob Wincek, President called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. The meeting was sponsored by Great Lakes Sportsmen Fishing Club at Wales/Genesee Lions Club.

The meeting was attended by 13 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 January 17. 2024 General Meeting Minutes. Motion by Daluga, second by Jorgenson to accept the Minutes as published. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Report presented by Wincek to Membership in attendance. A motion was made by Gray, second by Daluga to accept the Treasurer's report as read, subject to audit. Motion carried.

- Report on the banquet gross/net. Down about 15% due to rising costs
- Checks were mailed out to UW-Steven's Point for Scholarship recipients.

#### Communications

- Invitation from
- UW-Stevens Point Invitation to Scholarship Banquet in April.

#### **Committee Reports**

#### DNR (weekly news update dnr.wi.gov)

- CDAC Meeting scheduled for April 22, 2024 at 600pm at the DNR Service Center at 141 NW Barstow, Waukesha 53188.
- DNR will be looking into future "doe" seasons, as there are concerns due to lack of doe harvest.
- NRB has their meeting on February 28, 2024. Upcoming Advisory questions for the Spring Hearing will be released after that meeting.
- Federal Gov. will be looking into future "wolf seasons."

#### **Kids Fishing Clinic**

- WCCA and Wern Valley will host a Kids Fishing Clinic at their North Side, West, field pond (near the grain bins) on April 20, 2024 from 9am to 1pm. Money was donated by Wales/Genesee Lions Club and an anonymous donor to offset costs for Kids Fishing Clinics. Some costs involved will include stocking fish in the pond, porta potty rental, prizes, etc. "Touch of the Wild Trailer" from OHEC will be on display. This is not a DNR event. WCCA VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED. Please come to the March meeting for details.
- Kids Fishing Clinic at Daniel Boone Conservation League will be June 9, 2024 9am-1pm. This will be a Learning Clinic for Kids. WCCA, Great Lakes Sportsmen Fishing Club, Monches Fishing Club, WCCA and DBCL will sponsor this event.
  - **Note:** I've been asked if an adult would fish at one of our clinics do they need a fishing license. No, they do not. Wern Valley and DBCL are private lands that have private ponds. Per WI Statute 29.219 (1) (d).
- Kids Ice Fishing Clinics were held on February 17, 2024. 24 kids at the Greenfield Park event.
   No ice, so no fishing.

#### **Wisconsin Conservation Congress**

#### Diedrich

- 5 more days to file a Resolution with the DNR. Due on February 26 at noon. Less Resolutions filed this year so far.
- Spring Hearing is on Monday, April 8, 2024, 600pm to 900pm. Location TBA.
  DNR and Local WCC will read Advisory questions that you can have input at the meeting. If
  there are Resolutions for Waukesha County, they will be read by the Author or their designee.
  You can have input on those at the in-person meeting. Otherwise, you can go on-line to answer
  all the Advisory Questions and Resolutions. That will be from April 10 at Noon to April 13 Noon.
- MarySusan Diedrich and Jeff Hintz are both up for reelection. Delegate Elections can ONLY be
  done in person. Both would appreciate you coming to the meeting to vote. Please remind all
  your Clubs to have Waukesha County residents come to the meeting to cast their ballot.
- Please see WCCA website for the DNR Press
- Release about the Spring Hearing.

#### Wincek

 The President of the WCC, Rob Bohmann and Bob Wincek have collaborated on an Advisory Question from the WCC District Leadership Council for the Spring Hearing, concerning Commercial Fishing on Lake Michigan.

#### Hintz

- Migratory Committee will be having a short zoom meeting to talk about a "Warden of the Year" Award through the WCC.
- He was involved in a Podcast on Wisconsin Sportsman on February 13, 2024. "Conservation, Mentoring and BHA" Podcast is available on the Wisconsin Sportsman Podcast website.
- He will be donating his time on constructing Wood Duck Houses for the upcoming WCC Convention.

#### **Farchmin**

No Report

#### Luling

• No report.

#### **Scholarship**

No report

#### Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

- There was some discussion on the Wolf population. Minnesota and Michigan estimate there are 18-20 wolves in a pack. Wisconsin DNR estimate 6-8 in a pack. Quite a disparity!! Possibly the Federal government may review delisting the Wolves.
- DNR came to their meeting to talk about the Vista Sands Solar Farm Project in Plover. This is 10,000 acres that are totally fenced in. (16 sq miles of fencing) The farmers that own this private farmland will be paid a leasing fee for the next 35 years. An Environmental Impact Study is still underway with the DNR. When specific questions were asked of the DNR Representative, he was not authorized to answer those questions.
- FYI the WWF now has bi-monthly meetings.

#### 2024 Banquet

- 110 dinners were sold.
- The biggest money makers were the wing span, special raffles and 50/50 raffle.
- Membership should start looking for wing span raffles NOW for the 2025 banquet. Just because the banquet is in the winter doesn't mean we can't have year-round type raffle prizes. If needed, a donation request letter is available from the WCCA Secretary.
- Tricia from Delafield Brewhaus was pleased with the WCCA Banquet and how well it is run.
- Banquet for 2024 will be Friday, February 7, 2025.

#### **Old Business**

- Dave Schmitt brought up the water issue that was discussed at the January meeting. He did some of his own research and wanted everyone to know that the Waukesha water is through Milwaukee Water Main off of Lincoln Avenue and the same amount of treated water is sent back to Racine through input in Oak Creek. The treated water from the treatment plant is no longer emptied into the Fox River.
- Diedrich received a question from a member who no longer has a Club affiliation, as to what their Membership fee would be. This was decided in August 2021 that the fee would be \$20.00. This is a special membership <u>only</u> for individuals who had belonged to a Club and the Club is no longer a member.

#### **New Business**

- Club and Business Memberships are due. The form is available on the website.
   waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com
- Print and mail in with \$25 for a business and/or club membership.
- New Club joined: Delafield Legion Post #196
- Dousman Gun Club is having a fundraiser banquet on March 2, 2024 at 500pm. Check website for further information.

- Roast & Toast Dan Small Fundraiser for the OHEC project. March 6, 2024 at 500pm. Held at Milwaukee State Fair Park – Expo Hall. Check website for further information
- Wales/Genesee Game Feed fundraiser is April 27, 2024. Check website for further information.

# NEED MEETING SPONSORS AND LOCATIONS FOR MAY, JULY, AUGUST, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2024.

# PLEASE CONTACT: BOB WINCEK 414-217-9752 OR MARYSUSAN DIEDRICH 414-379-3770

**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: <a href="https://www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com">www.waukeshacountyconservationalliance.com</a>.

#### **Member Matters and Good & Welfare**

Nothing at this time.

#### **Next Meeting:**

March 20, 2024 Wern Valley at Wales/Genesee Lions Club.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Jorgenson, second by Zettelmeier. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully submitted, MarySusan Diedrich, Secretary MEETING SCHEDULE:

April 17, 2024 WHO Club at Wales/Genesee Lions Club

May 15, 2024

June 19, 2024 MFR & G at Menomonee Falls Rod and Gun

July 17, 2024

August 21, 2024

September 18, 2024

Daniel Boone Conservation League at Daniel Boone Conservation League

October 16, 2024

November 13, 2024 (Second Wednesday of the month)

December 18, 2024

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