

## WCCA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Three Bears Resort  
701 Yogi Circle  
Warrens, WI 54666

President Reed Gaedtke called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Round table introductions took place.

Changes to the agenda include Mrdutt, not present, but requested talking about fish sticks as an exemption to a chapter 30 permit. Thiele made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, second by Meuer, motion carried.

Thiele made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 25, 2023, Executive Board Meeting, second my Pagel, motion carried.

Schaffer reports there is \$27,701.11 in checking of that \$2,417.70 is for scholarship and the money market has \$18,329.60. There was discussion about scholarships, and we give out two \$500.00 scholarships a year. Sadenwasser makes a motion to approve the treasurer's report, second by Meuer, motion carried.

Two positions will be up for election on the executive board; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Secretary/Treasurer. Ken Thiele is interested in being a nominee for the secretary/treasurer position.

During the business meeting a second reading will be needed for the changes and additions of the constitution and voted on.

### 2024 Spring and Fall Conferences

Program/Conference Coordinator Report -Godfrey reports the Spring 2024 Conference will be in Weston, WI tentatively looking at the dates of March 27-29. The 2024 Fall Conference is tentatively to be held in Manitowoc County.

50/50 and Chinese Raffles – Discussion was had to make a subcommittee to help organize prizes and awards for raffles and to boost scholarship fund, will be part of the Business Meeting tomorrow.

Discussion on moving awards to the spring conference and keeping the spring conference as the 3-day conference. (Update our by-laws?) – The timeline to get awards and time to present awards will be better suited for the Spring Conference now that it is structured for three days.

Discussion on creating an activity subcommittee to take charge of conference activities and scholarship fundraising. – There are interested members of WCCA to be on a committee such as this and it will be discussed further at the Business Meeting.

### Discussion on Increasing Membership Dues and Conference Fees

#### a. Membership Dues

- i. Full - \$40
- ii. Associate - \$40
- iii. Additional Renewal - \$30

#### b. Conference Fees

- i. Spring = Full - \$200, Rookie - \$175, Partial - ?, Late fee - \$25
- ii. Fall = Full - \$175, Rookie - \$135, Partial - ?, Late fee - \$25

Discussion was had about a stepped increase over the next couple of years for membership and conference fees. This will be discussed and set into the budget at the Annual Meeting in January.

Discussion on increasing district door prize spending amounts. – Currently at \$50.00 for each district. This will be discussed at the annual meeting. If there is a subcommittee formed for helping with raffles, it may be more appropriate to budget the money for awards for the subcommittee to handle awards.

Discussion on next WCCA celebration. – WCCA logo will expire in 2027, and WCCA will be 60 years old. Sadenwasser/Meuer make motion to award a \$250.00 cash prize to the create a new logo before the expiration of the logo; motion amended by Sadenwasser/Meuer for the new logo to be voted on by Spring of 2026, but submitted by the 2025 Fall Conference. Motion carried.

Discussion on Choosing Future Conference Locations – Discussion was had on how to rotate around the state for the Fall Conference. All in all it is the WCCA President's choice of location and past practice has been to historically host the conference in the Presidents county.

Education and Outreach – There will be ongoing support by WCCA to DSPS for trainings working Matt Janzen. Sadenwasser/Meuer motion to continue to support DSPS Trainings. Motion Carried. Dates for 2024 will be set in the following months. Discussion held on following up the leadership training from February, committee will reach out to Lynn Markham and set something up. Discussion on what other training would be helpful for county staff included trainings that address how to deal with stress and “burn out” of the zoning world, soil training, and continue with leadership training.

#### **Committee and Project Reports (5 minutes or less)**

**2024 Spring conference agenda** – Gaedtke reports that he has interested parties in presenting at the 2024 conferences and there is interest in having Renee Powers and Lynn Markham be presenters.

**Short Term Rental update** – DATCP meeting September 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss a rewrite on a few legislative pieces. Most county zoning focus on the sizing of a septic system for short term rentals.

**Farm Campground proposal update** – Meuer reports that he has reached out to Dan Bahr, but has not gotten a response yet on the exemption of campgrounds on farm property on 3 or less campsites, the exemption does not effect the zoning requirements and discussion was held on how this will effect farmland preservation.

**Legislation/Education Committee Update** - 2023 ACT 12 Non-Metallic Mining Changes – Ochs reports that the NMM Committee is meeting November 6<sup>th</sup> and going over this act. Sadenwasser/McMeekin motion to appoint Moran Wisth as 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate for the DNR Mining Advisory Council. Motion carried.

**POWTS update** – Pagel reports an update regarding the mandating of soil verifications by county staff as previously discussed at the last executive meeting, DSPS has decreased the pressure on mandating this. There is discussion if a Designer license would pair well with counties that hold agent status for systems such as pressurized and commercial. Discussion on the budgeting of two research positions with Bower/Sadenwasser motion for WCCA to write a letter to support research positions. Motion carried. DSPS.

**Webpage/Decoder update**-Discussion on what needs to be updated on the website include a better map of districts to go on the website and ideas to include in the next decoder range from Biographies of new board members, county zoning issues that are popular that might help aid counties in a path to follow.

**Committee Assignments and Appointments for 2024 - (See spreadsheet)** – Update and discussion of the executive board spreadsheet of contacts, will be sent to webpage to be updated on the website.

#### **State Agency and Affiliated Organization Reports (5 minutes or less)**

WI Department of Safety and Professional Services – Matt Janzen will report on Friday during his presentation.

WI Department of Natural Resources –Wenholz reports model ordinance is done. He will send it out through the District Reps.

WI Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection – Ted, UW Stevens Point - Center for Land Use Education – Anna Haines, UW Extension Local Government Center – Lynn Markham, Wisconsin Wetlands Association – Kyle Magyera, Wisconsin Counties Association – Dan Bahr, Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association – Matt Krueger – Not present or no updates.

**District Reports** -Updates will be given during the business meeting tomorrow.

**New Business as presented at meeting – Fish Sticks** – Currently a Chapter 30 permit is needed to have fishsticks, but the discussion is should it be exempt? Wenholz states that starting a conversation with Kay Lutze would be a good starting point.

**Schedule Next Meeting** – Tentatively scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at the Fairfield in Weston, WI.

Gaedtke adjourns meeting at 9:06 PM.

People present: Dan Bowers, Amanda McMeekin, Lara Pagel, Dave Sadenwasser, Kenneth Thiele, Austin Dyb, Kevin Stange, Terry Ochs, Ben Fiebelkorn, Mike Wenholz, Jay Kozlowski, Chris Meuer, Reed Gaedtke, Robin Schaffer, Scott Godfrey (Virtual).

Minutes prepared by Robin Schaffer

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