

Sheboygan County Conservation Association

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December 2009

08 Jan 2010	Hand gun classes will start in January – contact the Sheboygan Recreation Department for more information Winter Trap League starts & runs through March 12 th @ Rhine Plymouth Field & Stream – Beginners are welcome Questions or form more information, call Jim 467-8534
09 Jan 2010	32 nd Annual Big Buck Contest Awards – Winooski Bowmen Clubhouse – Saturday, January 9 th , 2010 Contest Awards at 2:00 pm – drawing for raffle prizes immediately following – food & refreshments beginning @ 11:00 am – smoke free & wheelchair accessible – will be accepting donations for the food pantry
30 Jan 2010	Wisconsin State Chapter NWTf Grand Slam Raffle – drawing to be held Saturday, January 30 th @ The State Convention Hunt Auction @ The Radisson Convention Center in Appleton, WI – need not be present to win- Grand Prize: 2010 Hawaiian Hunting Adventure Trip includes Two Rio Grande Turkey Hunts, Marlin Fishing, airfare, lodging, banquet tickets & rental car or \$1,500 2 nd Prize: 2010 Fully Guided Spring Rio Grande Turkey Hunt in Texas-hunt includes 2 birds, airfare, lodging, meals & rental car or \$1000 cash & the 3 rd Prize: 2010 fully guided Merriam's Turkey Hunt in Wyoming. Hunt includes 1 bird, airfare, lodging, meals & rental car or \$1000 cash. In addition to the hunt prizes, prizes #4 through #43 are guns or Gander Mountain gift cards. (All these prizes are listed on the tickets). The prices of the tickets are \$10.00 each or 6 for \$50.00. For more information contact Gary Muench or go to the NWTf website @ http://nwtf-wi.org/raffles.aspx .
30 Jan 2010	Johnsonville Rod & Gun Club Poultry Party – Laack's Hall Johnsonville - 11 am – 6 pm Cash prizes - proceeds go to conservation
31 Jan 2010	Koenig's Annual Mid Winter Merchandise Shoot – 9 am to 4 pm – Lunch & refreshments will be available – prizes & special raffles will be held all day long.
14 Feb 2010	Whitetail Bow hunters Club 24 th Annual Brat Fry 10:00 am til? Turkeys, Ham & other raffles Cty M Johnsonville Public welcome
07 Mar 2010	Howards Grove Rod & Gun Annual Smelt Fry – Serving 10:30 am til? Klemmes Wagon Wheel
14 Mar 2010	Farmer's & Sportsmen's Conservation Club Annual Spring Fry @ Sheboygan Falls Municipal Building 10 am – 6 pm Steaks made to order – Drive thru service – raffles all day

The December meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Dave Kozicke, President followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – Motion made by Ed H. seconded by Jim M. to accept as mailed. Carried

Treasurers Report – Given by Lee Derus – Motioned by Gene E. seconded by Jim M. to accept - Carried

Correspondence

- **Maywood 40 years of Earth Day Flier**
- **US Sportsman Alliance**
- **Wisconservation Paper**
- **Xmas Card from Conservation Voters**
- **Thank You letter from Maywood for rods & reels that SCCA donated**
- **WOA Thank You letter**
- **Wildlife Federation Newsletter**

Roll Call – missing were Crystal Lake – Hermitage – Riverside – Smerke's - Trout Unlimited – UAW 833-WI Trappers

Committee Reports

- **Land Acquisition** – Mike DeMaster – nothing
- **Pheasant /Habitat-SCCA Awards** - Nominations for the Awards Banquet to be held Saturday,

April 17th, 2010 at Klemme's Wagon Wheel. Get your nominations in early – don't wait until the last minute to get your nominations in.

- **Sheboygan River Basin** – Tracy – busy writing & requesting grants.
- **Banquet Report** – Dave Taylor & Mary Jo Robinson – the date has been set for the first meeting of the banquet committee – Tuesday, January 12th @ Sauk Trail Conservation Club. Information will be sent to those members who have worked on the committee in the past. Dinner will be served so we need you to **RSVP** so we have enough brats, burgers etc for everyone. This will be a brainstorming meeting - we need & want your ideas & thoughts. If you would like to join us & be part of this venture (ideally we would like to see all clubs have 1 member work on the banquet committee) contact Dave Taylor or Mary Jo Robinson – 2010 Banquet Co-chairs
- **Youth Committee/Trees for Tomorrow** – Jim Kloppenburg – 2010 Dates are Nov 7th thru 10th – Jim thanked all the clubs who donated to make this program possible.
- **Outdoor Activity Day** – Dave Schober – not here reminder first planning meeting for 2010 will be Monday, February 22nd @ 7 pm @ Camp Y Koda.
- **Easy Money Raffle** – Phil Mersberger handed out awards to several clubs who met their goals

along with several spark plug awards. The Easy Money Raffle committee thanked all clubs for their participation in the raffle and look forward to another successful raffle in 2010.

- **Pig Roast** – Lil Pipping – The date for the Pig Roast is September 11th, 2010 at The Marsh. The band “Too Cool” has been secured for the event. The first meeting of the Pig Roast committee will be held Monday, February 22nd @ 6 pm @ Camp Y Koda right before the Outdoor Activity Day meeting.

Affiliate Reports

- **WWF** –Lil spoke about the **Deer Management Motion** – she gave some background information & spoke about the strong negative reaction from deer hunters across the state regarding the 2009 deer season both on the size of the deer harvest & the reduced sightings of deer. Lil presented suggested actions for the WWF BOD • recommended that the WWF request that the legislative committees send the over winter goals for the deer back to the Natural Resources Board asking for changes in the rule. • At the legislative hearings & at the January Natural Resources Board, the WWF should take the position that the current deer season framework be continued for 2010 with no expansions. There is a need to stabilize the situation & give the hunters & the department an opportunity to rebuild public confidence in the fundamentals of deer management in Wisconsin •The WWF should call for the formation of a group to evaluate the department’s estimate of the current deer population in Wisconsin, the group should include deer experts from outside WI & representative of deer hunters along with department staff • If you would like to read the complete Motion contact Lil Pipping • **Assembly Bill 371** which makes major changes to bear hunting with dogs regulation – The WWF is respectfully asking that they not vote in favor of the bill & allow those uses to be voted on by the full range of WI hunters in next April’s Conservation Congress Spring Hearing. It has been asked by the Bear Committee of the Conservation Congress to ask the Congress’s Executive Committee to place these issues on the Spring Questionnaire for the next year. The committee is meeting on January 8th & will consider doing this. The BOD of the WWF voted unanimously to once again oppose AB371 as currently written. AB371 as currently written will resurrect the major conflicts that existed not that long ago between bear hunters that hunt with dogs & the bear hunters that sit over bails & other hunters. It will also increase the bear dog trespass problems that historically has caused major complaints by private landowners in northern WI. • WWF Calendars for 2010 are out - \$20 each –contact Lil if interested in purchasing one.

- **Camp Y-Koda** – Jeremiah Handed out to the clubs “Classroom Program Letters” & thanked all the clubs for their past support. Busy getting ready for spring & summer programs. Received funding approval for a new program – Great Lakes Curriculum.
- **DNR Personnel** – Dan Fall Turkey season extension will run thru December 31st-Deer Season All gun hunting is now closed in Sheboygan County-The archery season runs thru January 3rd in United 69 & thru January 31st in Unit 77M. Either bucks or does may be taken, depending on what tags the hunter has remaining for the unit they are hunting- snowmobile registration – remember to check your registrations – decals & registration certificates are available at the Plymouth DNR office or online. Service center hours to change – beginning January 4th the Plymouth Service Center will only be open to the public Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am – 12:30 & 1:30 – 4:00 pm. The DNAR customer service line is still available 7 days a week 7 am -10 pm 800 936-7463. Update on possible incidents of distemper in our area furbearers-in the past couple of weeks, we’ve been able to collect (1) raccoon (2) gray fox & (1) red fox from the Sheboygan area for testing of distemper & necropsy. All 4 of these specimens were exhibiting signs & symptoms of disease. An update was given on the 9 day deer gun season – it is available on line. There have been a number of reports floating around since the start of the deer gun season about a wolf pack in the Sheboygan March & in the Kettle Moraine state Forest. There are rumors that the DNR has stocked a pack of wolves – this is untrue the DNR does not stock wolves. None of the reports so far can be substantiated. For more information check out the DNR website & “The Woodchucks” Newsletter on the SCCA website <http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/mentor.htm> or www.sheboygancountyconservationassociation.org
- **Conservation Congress** – **Scott Plocar** – Bear Committee met December 4th in Stevens Point spoke about the # of permits available & the # harvested – Assembly Bill 371 is being pushed strongly by Bear Association they want to be able to train dogs during the kill season-not have to wear back tag-16 & under don’t need a Class B license-Free Training Day in August **Ed Harvey** – letter was written to committees regarding the Bear Bill would like to see it on the Spring Hearings but it could be dead or passed by then-Committee was appointed to deal with 16 day season-recommended Earn A Buck be suspended-then 2 weeks later it was **Mike DeMaster** – will have updates in January
- **Maywood** –Rebecca –not here Maywood still has a wish list - **Maywood Wish List includes** – fishing

tackle- life jackets-small youth size – Paddles – canoe, small youth size – kayaks (as she put it “A girl can dream”)– adult size long bows – Arm protectors & finger tabs (archery) – flies (bass & blue gill poppers) – 2 more canoes (old towns are fine) – Waders (youth size & large sizes-over size 12 & size 9 & under for high schoolers) – any camping gear (need backpacks-youth & adult, stoves, grills, cook kits, camping pads, sleeping bags, cook gear, lanterns) they have to rent for all campouts. If you can help contact Rebecca at Maywood @ 920 459-3906.

- **WI League of Conservation Voters** – Gene Ecklor – January 26th, 2010 is Lobby Day in Madison – Mark your calendars.
- **W.O.A. – Hubie Nett** – Thanked all the clubs who sent checks - Hubie will come to any club meeting to discuss the WOA expo and their purpose and why they need your support. Contact Hubie Nett for more information.
- **Great Lakes Sport Fisherman** – Larry Freitag
Temporary closing of all access not allowing Asian Carp into Lake Michigan-there is lot's of support for this.
- **Legislature – Terry Van Akkeren** - Asian Carp Resolution passed on Wednesday – met with Spenser Black author of Secretary Bill regarding override –may take up as early as January or wait to see where head count is – there will be an attempt to override the veto of the governor- Doesn't think we'll see Earn A Buck back or extended seasons.
- **Reel 'Em In Club** - Dave Z. – not there

Old Business

- **Marsh Tower** – Lil P. & Jim B. Ribbon cutting to be held at the Marsh Tower - the tower railings will be put on this weekend in time for Christmas-it will be open on Christmas day-the camera is working so you can view it from the lodge-the tower will be state inspected each year - the project will need another \$100,000 to complete & they are still working on donations- there is 1 platform left.
- **Update email & mailing information** –if you have not already done so please contact Mary Jo Robinson with your name, club affiliation & email address to Mary Jo@ mjgpackers@charter.net .
- **Website**-is up and running – you can now access the website to obtain the monthly minutes-woodchucks newsletter & all the same information as before. 2010 dates have been posted on the website.
- **Share the Spirit & Food Pantry** – as in the past the SCCA is supporting the Share the Spirit Program & a local Food Pantry. Your generous donations allowed the SCCA to give a check to Jill Spielvogel of Share the Spirit (2) checks in the

amount of \$650.25 & The Food Pantry at St Peter Claver Church received the generous food donations and a check (*I'm sorry I didn't write the amount down will update it next month*)

- **Membership Forms** – will be mailed out next month – please read the forms carefully as they are new

New Business

- **Izaak Walton League** – Dave Kozicke read a letter from The Izaak Walton League stating that they are resigning from the SCCA –the group is disbanding - Dave K. thanked Jim Baumgart & members for their support over the years and they will be missed.
- **Earth Day 2010** – SCCA is looking for someone to spearhead a committee to work with Maywood who is celebrating 40 years with an event scheduled for April 22nd, 2010. Ideas could include our menu board that shows what the SCCA does and what we are all about-got other ideas? Or would you like to help? Contact any member of the Board of Directors
- **Marsh Tower Platform**- Phil Mersberger presented a proposal regarding the purchasing of the last platform - suggestion was made to the BOD regarding the purchase of the last platform for the Marsh Tower platform for \$20,000(SCCA has already donated \$5,000 for which there will be a plaque noting this donation). Discussion & a hand out of the proposal was given to delegates & members to take back to their clubs –discussion was held & delegates were asked to take this information back to their clubs for discussion & vote– how do they feel about it? Bring this information to the January meeting for discussion & vote.
- **Individual Clubs Membership Lists**-The Easy Money Raffle & SCCA Annual Fundraising Banquet are looking to do a joint mailing for both events. We need your help – if you have not already done so please email or mail to Mary Jo Robinson your club listing with addresses-hard copy you can just mail it or if you have it on a computer (preferred way) - we assure you that this list with all of the names & addresses will not be used for any other purpose nor will it be given to anyone else. It's only purpose is for the joint mailing for the Easy Money Raffle & Annual Fundraising Banquet. We would like to have all of these lists by January 10th. If you have questions contact Phil Mersberger or Mary Jo Robinson-Thank You for your assistance.
- **2010 SCCA Budget** – budget was presented to the SCCA delegates in November & voted upon this month - carried

- **Elections will be held in January** – Anyone interested in running for office or the Board of Directors - please contact a member of our nominating committee before the January meeting. Gene Ecklor (920 876-2373), Dave Taylor (920 565-2664) & Lil Pipping (920 876-4312) let your voice be heard
- **SCCA Information**-Did you know that the SCCA will be 75 years old in 2011? Jim Kloppenburg shared some interesting facts about the beginning of the SCCA. Would like to form a committee to plan something for the 75th – Jim Kloppenburg will chair & Lil Pipping co chair but they need more help. Contact Jim or Lil to get on board this committee.
- **Discussion held** - Hubie Nett commented – SCCA should take a look at where we are going- discussion was held & will continue discussion at a late date.
- **Koenig's Conservation Club & WWF** still have calendars for sale – both are \$20.00 each - see any member of Koenig's or Lil Pipping for the WWF calendars.

Next Board Meeting – Monday, January 11th, 2010 @ 6:30 pm @ Maywood

Next regular SCCA meeting – Wednesday, January 20th, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. hosted by Cascade Sportsmen's Club at Camp Y Koda Sheboygan Falls

Motion by Gene Ecklor - seconded by Rich Taylor to adjourn – carried.

*Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo
Robinson for the
Board of Directors*

