

Sheboygan County Conservation Association

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January 2016

31 Jan 16	Johnsonville Rod & Gun Club Poultry Party/Brat Fry at Laack's Hall 11am-6pm; Cash Prizes, All Proceeds go to Conservation
12 March 16	Adell Sportsmen Club Sportsmen's Rummage Sale at Adell Fire Hall 508 Seifert St Adell from 9am-3pm; Free Admission; Fishing, Hunting, Trapping & Camping Equipment, Etc; in need of sellers, nothing is too big or too small, look in your garage or basement for those no longer used items, rent table space at \$20/8' table; for registration forms contact Jack Pierce 920-207-8499, table space is limited; food and drink available benefitting Emmanuel Lutheran Church an Adell Fire Dept
17 April 16	Suscha Fale Sportsman's Club Brat Fry at Jakum's Hall 11am-6pm; Tickets Available from any member or at Jakums Hall

Reminder ~if you would like your event advertised here it is your responsibility to get the correct information (date, place, description) to the secretary at the association meeting so it can be included in the newsletter

The January meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Phil Mersberger, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – Motion made by Karl S to accept December minutes—second Jason Z—carried

Treasurers Report –No report

Correspondence & Newsletters

- **WWF Newsletter: Wisconservation—Jan 2016**
- **Wisconsin Outdoor News**
- **NRA Magazine**
- **NRA Sports Magazine: Fall 2015**
- **Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine**
- **2016 Calendars: numerous**
- **Muskie magazine: Nov/Dec 2015**
- **Ducks Unlimited magazine: Nov/Dec 2015**
- **Ecoedges: Winter 2015-16: Maywood Newsletter**
- **Order blank for SCCA shirts (Can also be found on website: sheboyganconservation.org)**
- **Maywood: Want List**
- **Three years of projects and accomplishments that everyone should be proud of**

Roll Call – Hand out SCCA Awards applications packet with roll call 22 Clubs Present: Not Present: Hmong American Sportsmen Club, NWTF Northern Kettles, Sheboygan Rifle & Pistol Club, Whitetail Bowhunters & Wisconsin Trappers Association

Guest Speaker—Frank Sterzen—Public Shooting Range in Sheboygan County: wrote a letter to legislators looking to define the use of light for hunting at night for predators and raccoons, the current definition is ambiguous, was reintroduced and hopes it passes through (AB 719); no public shooting opportunities in

the county, there are some clubs that offer public shooting events for trap/skeet but limited opportunities for pistols/rifles; only 5 public ranges in SE WI; DNR has a Hunting & Shooting Sports Coordinator so hope more options become available; closet option for those located locally is an hour and a half away; looking to find out how much public support he can gain; 2017 would be the next grant option, would need to get the grant application to the state by Oct/Nov of this year; confident we could get something going here, take copies of the survey to clubs and get feedback from members

Committee Reports

- **Youth Committee—Roy Kalmerton—None**
- **Trees for Tomorrow—Bob Schumacher—None**
- **34th Annual Banquet: May 12, 2016—Mary Jo Robinson & Dave Taylor**—will have their first meeting the 1st or 2nd week of Feb, will send out to the list of 85; donor cards/letters coming soon; need more help at the banquet, could each club have 1 or 2 workers the night of?; also need people collecting donations; thanks to those who do help year after year; the banquet funds half of all the dollars we bring in over the year; thanks to Mary Jo and Dave for heading it up again; was brought up to do a Sat night, what are your thoughts on that? No way to make it work for this year, Friday wouldn't be a bad night to have it either, Fish Fry Friday, Talk to your clubs if there would be interest in moving the 2017 banquet to a Friday or Saturday and bring back information to the Feb meeting
- **Land Acquisition—Mike DeMaster—Not Present**
- **Pheasant/Habitat—Scott Plocar—Nothing**
- **Awards Night: April 30, 2016--Herb Sorensen & Mary Jo Robinson**—applications handed out, make sure you focus on the accomplishments for the year of 2015 even though other accomplishments can be named; working on

lining up a speaker; application deadline March 14

- **Outdoor Activity Day: June 4, 2016—Dave Schober/ Waitman Slaughter**—first meeting Feb 29 at 6:30pm at Camp YKoda
- **Easy Money Raffle Drawing: Phil M, Bob S, Jim M, & Dave D—(See handouts for winners; committee will meet; 2016 ticket sales start in May)**—2016 Easy Money Raffle drawing will be held on Wed, Dec 21, 2016 at Hermitage Clubhouse; thanks to everyone who bought/sold tickets; first mailing will be in May and will need help from about 15 people to make it only take 2 hours
- **Website Committee—Addison Lee—(New SCCA Website www.sheboyganconservation.org Old Website www.sheboygancountyconservationassociation.org will be deleted by Oct 2016)** Not present

Affiliate Reports

- **Legislature**—contact representatives by email:
Senator: Devin LeMahieu: None present
Representative:
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- **DNR—2016 Sheboygan CDAC Meetings:**
Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30pm at Camp Y-Koda (To review 2015 harvest data, populations estimates and other information to formulate preliminary quota and permit recommendations for 2016 seasons)
Monday, April 18th at 6:30pm at Camp Y-Koda (To review public feedback and determine final quota/permit recommendations for 2016 seasons)
DNR Customer Service Line available 7 days a week, 7am-10 pm @ 1-888-WDNR-INFO (936-7463 x3002). More information check out <http://www.dnr.wi.gov/> or “The Woodchucks” on SCCA website www.sheboyganconservation.org
- **Conservation Congress—Ed Harvey, John Nelson, Jim Baumgart & Steve Klock**—Jim B: had their meeting where they went over Lake Michigan plan; talks of commercial fishing on Lake Michigan; chub and whitefish rules on Lake Michigan; harbors being looked at to increase shoreline fishing opportunities; Steve: please attend the spring hearings in April; create resolutions to present at the hearings (eg: reinstate car deer kill pick up and funds for terrestrial invasive species projects)
- **WWF—Lil P**—Phil: take a look in Wisconservation at the Legislative summary on

page 4 and the Awards Nominations on page 5; for more information see <http://www.wiwf.org/> or call Lil with any questions

- **Maywood—Jeremiah D**—Has a new director, Dave Kuckuk; Looking for items to create a setting for a lumberjack camp of the mid 1800s (old looking table setting, preferably blue spotted porcelain plates and cups and any old silverware for about 4 piece setting; a “union suit” one piece long john; old wool clothing; large cast iron pot; any other old tools that might fit with the time period and lumberjack lifestyle) Also looking for the following for a family December event (artificial Christmas trees with or without decorations; decorations for Christmas trees; yard displays, please no inflatables; elf or other costumes appropriate for a Santas workshop theme; working Christmas lights; old toys and decorations for Santas workshop); keep checking website & calendar for more information www.gomaywood.org
- **Camp Y-Koda—Jeremiah D**—summer camp brochure is done, please pass on the information to anyone who would be interested; camps will be offered at both Y-Koda and Maywood; looking at maintenance lists for the buildings and management plans for the land/lake (put an aerator in; want to add native vegetation and more fish; thanks to Muskies for donating the funds and time to build 4 piers); information about upcoming programs and projects can be found at www.sheboygancountyyymca.org/loc-linkcamp.html
- **Sheboygan River Basin—Kristi Sorenson**—10th Annual River Clean Up will be Sat May 21; looking for donations for lunch; more information visit sheboyganrivers.org or contact Kristi @ 920-467-6882, 920-528-7258 or email srbp@sheboyganrivers.org
- **WI League of Conservation Voters—Gene Ecklor**—Not present; sign up to receive their newsletter at www.conservationvoters.org/Public
- **Invasive Species—Steve Klock**—did anyone receive the letter that SEWISC sent out? Sent out 8600 to license purchasers, mostly those with conservation patrons; need more information call Steve at 920-917-7370 or email sklock15@gmail.com

Unfinished Business

- **SCCA Brat Fry, Sat, January 30 at Miesfeld: Pat Holt needs volunteers. Hands up, who can help?** Needs 3 Fryers and 3 Sellers from 12-3
- **Unfinished Business from the Floor?**
Nothing

New Business

- **Election of Officers and BOD: Chr. Jim Meinnert assisted by Karl Schwanke, Dave Taylor and Scott Plocar** Congratulations to newly elected Officers and BOD Members: President Jim Meinnert, 1st Vice President Waitman Slaughter, 2nd Vice President Jason Zorn Secretary Mary Jo Robinson, Treasurer Pat Ramirez, BOD: Madalyn Reitz, Karl Schwanke & Bob Schumacher (1 Year Term) Congrats everyone and thanks to Phil Mersberger & Scott Plocar for your time as officer and/or on the board!
- **SCCA \$1000 Roy Kalmerton & \$1000 Marion/Robert Schuchardt Scholarships Deadline: April 1, 2016** talked to Pat, what about surrounding counties? Are any SCCA members children not applying because they live outside the county? Roy does remember a year a members kid did apply and they made a motion to accept that application; should it be any state too? Not just a WI university?; will be sending out the applications soon; scholarship committee can make changes for next year
- **March & April CDAC meetings: BOD recommendation that every club be represented by 1 or more members** Note date at times under DNR affiliate report; last year they had no more than 12 people present at the meetings
- **SCRFMAC Meeting, Mon, Jan 25 6pm at Camp Y-Koda. Public input for your comments.**
- **New Business from the Floor?** Riverside mentioned they have received a summons from their neighbor to the North to try to shut down the rifle range and club all together; they have limited hours and try to appease the neighbor; have done many changes to their range over the years to make it safer; trying to get letters of character recommendations; so far they have received quite a bit of public support; they do have an attorney and hope to dismiss the case but wanted to let everyone know what is going on; Farmers mentioned

that they have had issues for years with one of their neighbors; one recommendation was to check how the land is zoned? Bob S motioned that President drafts a letter of support, Bruce B second, carried

Announcements--See calendar of events

Next Board Meeting – Monday, February 8, 2016 at 6:30pm at OSC/Camp Y-Koda

Next regular meeting –Wednesday, February 17, 6:30pm. Hosted by TriCounty Sportswomen at Camp Y-Koda, W3340 Sunset Rd, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

Future Host Clubs:

Wed, March 16, 2016, 6:30pm, hosted by Trout Unlimited Location?

Wed, April 20, 2016, 6:30pm, hosted by Whitetail Bowhunters at their clubhouse, N7039 County Road M, Sheboygan Falls 53085

Wed, May 18, 2016, 6:30pm, hosted by Winooski Bowmen at their clubhouse, N6744 Sportsman Lane, Plymouth 53073

Wed, June 15, 2016, 6:30pm, hosted by Wisconsin Trappers-District 8 Location?

Wed, July 20, 2016, 6:30pm, hosted by Adell Sportsmen's Club Location?

Wed, August 17, 2016, 6:30pm, hosted by Between the Lakes Muskies Location?

Wed, September 21, 2016, 6:30pm, hosted by Binversie's Sportsmens Club Location?

Wed, October 19, 2016, 6:30pm, hosted by Crystal Lake Sportsmen's Club Location?

Wed, November 16, 2016, 6:30pm, hosted by Farmers & Sportsmen's Conservation Club at their clubhouse, 2412 N 44th Street, Sheboygan 53083 (Proposed 2017 SCCA Budget)

Wed, December 21, 2016, 6:30pm, hosted by Hermitage Conservation Club at their clubhouse, W6650 Hermitage Road, Elkhart Lake 53020 (Easy Money Raffle Drawing)

Motion to adjourn by Jim M & seconded by Karl S— carried. Adjourned @ 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted by Madalyn Reitz, SCCA Secretary

"To serve the outdoor community, protect & maintain habitat, education & provide opportunities for all to enjoy the great outdoors."