

WWA 2018 DCCE Conference Call #2 minutes:

1/9/18

6:30-8pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

Present were Joe Porten, Don Kirby, Rob Monette and Bruce Urben.

Don confirmed that the DCCE will be held Friday and Saturday August 10-11 at Cabela's in Richfield in conjunction with the Duck/Goose calling contest which will be held on Sunday August 12 th. Decoy viewing will be through Sunday.

-Don reported that Cabela's is still in flux but internal steps are being taken to proceed with the Calling and Decoy contest. Currently our Cabela's contact has not received a budget for the event. We should hear more in the next 2weeks when Cabela's ad budget is completed.

-Mike Pierce requested that the DCCE committee replace Mike as Contest Chair. Mike indicated that family issues make it impossible for him to Chair this year but would continue to be a resource or assist in the event. We discussed the chair replacement and Joe Porten and Eric Urben may be willing to serve in Co-Chair roles? Joe and Eric should confirm their intent.

-Bruce reported that WWA's Decoy contest is listed as an affiliate show with IWCA. Bruce has not confirmed with Mike but the Affiliate fee must have been paid to the IWCA. Currently there are 5 IWCA affiliate shows in the US, down from 2017.

To date IWCA has not provided reimbursement for the IWCA Carving demonstrator at the 2017 event. Perhaps Mike could check with Monty Willis, IWCA President for follow Up?

-We discussed the advertising plan as prepared by Don Kirby. The Committee agreed to proceed with advertising again in the Wildfowl carving magazine as we did in 2017. Wildfowl carving magazine is the go to journal for carvers. Don has contacted Wildfowl to determine timing for ad placement. Don has forwarded an Ad draft to the Committee to review and for Eric to finalize with his contact from last year. A decision was made to include the Co Chair names with WWA's general number on the Ad so questions could be funneled by Kelcy. Eric and Don should communicate timing issues for finalizing the new ad!

-The next meeting will be in 2 weeks, Tuesday night, January 23rd as a face to face meeting to be held at Cabela's GreenBay store. This date was confirmed by Mike, Don, Joe, Eric, Rob and Bruce. An agenda with start time will be forwarded to the committee. (6pm-7:30 – dpk)

- Future agenda needs to address new carving divisions and rule updates for the website, Confirm Cabela's commitment and discuss logistics including judges and infrastructure needs.

The call was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Bruce Urben 1/10/18