

DCCE conference call: Tuesday 6/12/18

7:00-7:50 pm

Attendees, Mike Pierce, Don Kirby, Bruce Urben
Excused Pat Smith, Eric Urben

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Eric's update-

- Eric submitted a hard copy of the DCCE decoy logging scheme for 2018. He worked with Diane Urben to update the logging strategy for tracking each individual decoy tag. The carver classes were changed as well as the species for the new IWCA Decorative Division.
- The coloring scheme has changed as well due to tag availability.
- Mike proposed to keep the carver number and division first in the tracking series.
- It was discussed that the important part of tracking decoys is the identification of the species and gender of each decoy. A logging sheet will be used to be sure we capture that info. Training of volunteers was discussed.

Bruce's update-

- Bruce acquired zip tie labels from another distributor. They have a larger writing area and are 6 inches long. Also acquired a series of colored wires to use to indicate winners from the tank judging. A scheme will be worked thru for these.
- Minnesota Decoy carvers will not be able to attend as exhibitors this year (conflict with a show in Minnesota). Bruce will contact large carving clubs to invite one to exhibit at the show. Call is in to Rock River Valley carvers in Janesville (close to the contest). Awaiting confirmation next week.
- Bruce reviewed decoy division/ species sign needs for the tables from what was left over in 2017 and forwarded to Don to develop.
- Bruce contacted all judges by email or phone. Was able to contact all to update logistics except Tom Lutes! Don please make contact with Lutes to be sure he is still a go?
- Pat Gregory (judge) will reserve his own room and WWA will reimburse him per agreement.

Mike's update-

- Mike had just gone thru carpal tunnel surgery and should be ready to demo in August. Wish Mike a quick recovery.
- Mike reported that his son will attend the show and can assist at the tank again this year.
- Bryan Moyse responded that he is unable to judge the contest because of conflicts with his job at Delta Waterfowl. Shortly after the call Mike reported that Jeff Galat would be honored to judge the contest. Mike passed along Jeff's contact info to Bruce to forward written logistics. Great choice Mike, Jeff submitted decoys to the show in 2017.

Dons update-

- There is progress in obtaining the \$1.5 million insurance policy to satisfy Cabelas request and a \$120,000 policy for shipped decoys prior to the show. WWA's insurance vendor is handling the insurance. Kelcy, Thanks for your work on this item.
- Don reported the merry go round of employees serving in the marketing position at Cabelas. The good news is that the manager who left has returned so contacts should be good!
- Progress on using the Bass Pro Shop swimming pool (at the GB Cabelas) for judging in Richfield.
- Don has been able to get a number of definitive answers from Cabelas in the last month. Don will be talking to Cabelas again shortly and will schedule a face to face meeting there in July with the Committee.
- Don plans to work on a press release for DCCE in the next week.

Next call is scheduled for Tuesday June 26th, please mark your calendars.