

Education Committee Conference call

5/3/20

Attendees: Dennis Nelson (Chair), Todd Schultz, Bruce Urben, Bruce Ross (ED)

Absent: Ian Bartelmez, Tim Gerdmann

The Education Committee met at 6 pm to discuss the Action Plan for 2020. The meeting Agenda was to prioritize the 14 action items proposed and obtain concurrence of sponsors to work on the actions to expected outcome.

The Committee discussed the 14 actions and agreed to prioritize 8 of the listed actions and agreed to add an additional action to be included as a priority for 2020.

The following actions were included:

A. Bring aboard new waterfowlers through mentoring programs

-Sponsors are Dennis Nelson and Todd Schultz

-Plan to partner with the CAMO program to mentor youth/Young adults with the intent of bringing new waterfowlers on line and new WWA memberships.

B. Bring aboard new waterfowlers thru LTH programs

-Sponsor Bruce Urben

-Planning at least two new LTH programs in 2020 if Covid-19 restrictions

Allow: Appleton Area, Milwaukee area and continuing GB Chapter LTH.

Action A above may also lead to additional LTH opportunities

D. Develop educational messages and schedule monthly Newsletter to membership/volunteers

Sponsor-Bruce Urben

-Coordinate routine monthly newsletter articles for all aspects of educational actions with Committee and non committee input.

G. Engage and partner with local School District(s) to utilize the Abrams project site as an outdoor classroom

Sponsor: Bruce Urben

Target several local school districts to utilize the Abrams property for School related activities and Summer school programs. Provide assistance to develop and hold programs as Pandemic restrictions allow.

I. Reconstitute a comprehensive nesting structure education Program

-Sponsor-Dennis Nelson

-Develop a nesting structure educational program and provide hands on demo and discussion (through A., B., D, activities). Host several events to showcase building, cleaning, hanging and maintenance along with Wood duck phenology. Coordinate with Wood duck box Coordinator.

L. Conduct Nationally sanctioned duck-geese calling contest to celebrate Wisconsin waterfowling heritage.

-Sponsor-Rob Monette

-Plan, implement and hold one sanctioned contest in Wisconsin as Pandemic rules allow and time allows.

M. Undertake a Wi. Decoy carving contest at Mead Environmental Center to celebrate the heritage of Wi. waterfowling

Sponsor: Bruce Urben

-Plan to hold the 4th annual DCCE on July 31-August 1, 2020 as Pandemic rules allow.

N. Develop a program for annual Wi. duckhunter conference to replace the defunct WDHC. Develop a Steering Committee

Sponsor: Bruce Ross

-Develop the Steering Committee to define a program (Waterfowl Expo) to be held in 2021. Utilize subcommittees to assign tasks and stepped outcomes

O. Build, install and maintain Wader wash stations to control Invasive species transmission.

Sponsor: Dennis Nelson

-Install at least 1-2 wader/Boot wash stations at Boat Landings with property owner approval. Utilize installations as a spotlight for newsletter articles on education.