

**Deer Management Committee Meeting**  
**November 16, 2016**  
**3:00pm**  
**City Conference Room**

**Voting Members**

Chair: John Okonek, 2916 Dixon St., Stevens Point, WI 54481 715-630-0230,  
Email: [johno64@att.net](mailto:johno64@att.net).

Member Elbert J. Rackow, 1824 Gilkay St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-341-1393.

Member Roger Trzebiatowski, Email: rogetreb@charter.net, 3309 McCulloch, Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-344-2322.

Member Alder Mary Kneebone, 5718 Sandpiper Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54482, 715-295-4689, Email: [marykneebonealder@gmail.com](mailto:marykneebonealder@gmail.com).

Member Dr. Scott Hygnstrom, Email: shygnstrom@uwsp.edu.

Member Kevin Leahy, Email: [kevinleahy@att.net](mailto:kevinleahy@att.net).

Member Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot St., Apt. A, Stevens Point, WI 54481, H: 715-342-1390, B: 715-343-1730, Email: barbjacob22@gmail.com, extended leave of absence.

**Advisory Members**

DNR Rep. LesaH. Kardash, 473 Griffith Ave., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494.715-421-7813, [lesa.kardash@wisconsin.gov](mailto:lesa.kardash@wisconsin.gov).

Police Chief Martin Skibba, 1515 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-346-1500.

Mel Dow, Interfaith Food Pantry of Portage County, 821 Sixth St., Plover, WI 54467, 715-341-5379, [mpdow@charter.net](mailto:mpdow@charter.net).

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William J. Horvath, 350 McDill Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-341-4021, bill [jhorvath@gmail.com](mailto:jhorvath@gmail.com).

Present: Chairperson John Okonek, Members Randy Orlikowski, Elbert Rackow, Roger Trzebiatowski, Alder Mary Kneebone.

Excused: Barb Jacobs.

Also present: Dr. Scott Hygnstrom, Kevin Leahy, Comptroller/Treasurer Corey Ladick, Dr. Robert Brush.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Chairperson Okonek. The Chair indicted a quorum was present.

Member Rackow **moved** to approve the September minutes, second by Member Trzebiatowski.

Ayes all, nays none, motion carries.

New Committee member Dr. Scott Hygnstrom was introduced. Scott is a College of Natural Resources faculty member. His email is: shygnstrom@uwsp.edu. Kevin Leahy also joins the Committee. His email is: [kevinleahy@att.net](mailto:kevinleahy@att.net).

Chair Okonek updated the committee on culling efforts. There were a total of 19 deer culled in September and October. There were eight by the convent on Maria Drive, four on West River Drive, two on HH, two at Iverson Park and three by the snow lot. John and Mel will coordinate the tag numbers.

Patrol Chief Zenner was unable to attend the meeting but had contacted Alder Kneebone regarding a complaint regarding a suspected culler hunting a buck on the Green Circle Trail west of the river. Chair Okonek was also notified. It was determined that the hunter was not one of the cullers for the City. They are restricted to antlerless deer. Cullers also are responsible for alerting the Stevens Point Police Department when and where they will be culling. Some history about the culling program was provided for the new members.

Comptroller/Treasurer Ladick confirmed a \$1000 donation from Sentry Insurance.

Alder Kneebone updated the Committee on the status of the Wildlife Damage Abatement Grant. It was submitted on time but had an incorrect signature. That issue has been resolved. We will not hear anything until 2017.

Resident Robert Brush requested cullers look into some nuisance deer around the Yvonne Drive area. The cullers will contact Dr. Brush and see if they can provide some relief for the neighborhood.

The next meeting has been scheduled for January 11, 2017 in the City Conference Room.

Trzebiatowski **moved** to adjourn, Hygnstrom seconded.

Ayes all, nays none, meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.