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CC: Dave Madson State Sponsor  
Conference & Convention Committee

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Subject: Critique, 2010 Fall Conference  
Held in Fond du Lac

From: Frank Haffner Chairperson  
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The Critique was held immediately following the General Session  
There were approximately 21 members present representing 6 lodges.

Starting with registration Fond du Lac had adequate room for the registration tables and local lodge tables for ticket sales. There did not appear to be any problem with the preregistration and the hours of operation.

Norm Behnke Housing Committee Chairman for Fond du Lac reported that the Ramada sold all 115 rooms but did not have how many rooms at the Comfort Inn, Microtel and the Country Inn. Norm stated that a \$5.00 rebate was given at checkout by the hotels. No problems with the rooms was reported although one member had reported a problem with food service at a hotel this was not deemed to be an association problem. A member felt there were not an adequate number of clothes carts at the Ramada. The Ramada also had an elevator quiet working around checkout, which caused a problem.

Publicity, A small Pamphlet with advertising was printed signs were printed And placed in stores in the area two stories were printed in the local paper About the Fall Conference with the attendance by the Grand.

Food & Beverage; the lodge did not raise prices on the beverages and the meals charging normal pricing Friday night. The lunch cooked on the Deck

seemed to go over well. The bar appeared to have more business then when the last Conference was held. The Association Luncheon had 111 in attendance and the Ladies luncheon had 74, the evening Banquet had 160 attending.

One problem was reported that one member stated they were allergic to mushrooms. It was discussed that a member contacting the lodge with their concerns could handle this.

The Golf outing had 30 members in attendance it was felt that this should be looked at by a host lodge in the future to try to increase attendance.

Finance; the tills used were in the bar and hostess station on Friday night. The bar till was used also for the cooking on the porch with receipts given out. The bar till was started with \$500 with prices set in .25-cent increments so change could be more easily made. On Friday they went through 1100 in singles. The manager counted the tills once a day.

Protocol; There did not appear to have been any problems reported with the escorts of the Grand, State Sponsor and guest from Illinois regarding bar and food.

Transportation was handled with 3 donated courtesy cars and a small van this was very adequate as it was felt they were used about 50% of the time. The vehicles were provided by 2 dealerships that used their insurance and the drivers personal insurance. The vehicles were topped off with gas from one station. A comment was made that with the van a higher step was involved and maybe a stool would help with this.

Meeting Schedules; The meetings appeared to have gone without incident. In the future we should ensure handicap as ability to the meeting rooms this should not be a problem at the mid winter Conference.

This concludes my report on the critique.