



Youth Education Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: 08/06/2019	
Start Time: 9:30am	End Time: 10:30am
Location:	Conference call
Conference Phone:	(877) 826-6967
Conf ID:	9793943
Committee Members: Tracy Arnold (Portage) (Chair), Anne Bartels (Marinette), Patty Benedict (Portage), Lisa Burns (Washburn), Stephanie Egner (Washington)(Sec), Kelly Maginnis (Columbia), Sarah McDowell (Vernon), Aleisha Miller (St. Croix), Kelly Nechuta (Sawyer), Michele Sadauskas (Oneida), Josh Saykally (Waushara), Heather Palmquist (Iron), Zach Wilson (Iron), Kirstie Heidenreich (Trempealeau), Lee Jennings (Brown), Karyn Eckert (Taylor), Megan Steckelberg (Adams), Kate Nelson (Kewaunee), Brad Matson (Iron), Catherine Higley (Vilas)	In Attendance: See highlighted names
WI Land + Water Staff: Kim Warkentin, Youth Education Director	Absent Committee Members: Guests: Justine Bula, Sauk County
Notes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI Land + Water Meetings are open meetings. Individuals may observe in person or via conference phone if desired. • Order and time allowed for agenda items may be changed due to pace of meeting or at the discretion of the committee chair. 	

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE.

9:00 am Call to order: Arnold (Chair)

- Introductions/Roll Call
- Adopt agenda/Additions
 - Motion-Megan
 - Second-Patty
 - Motion Carried
- Approve previous meeting minutes (05/29/19)
 - Motion-Anne
 - Second-Karyn
 - Motion Carried

9:05 am WAAE Conference-Alisha Miller-St. Croix Co/Kim Warkentin-WI L+W

Kim manned a booth and Alisha gave a presentation on the WI Envirothon. (last breakout session of the day) Connections were made with both participating schools and potential new teams. There is more room for FFA schools. Conference to be held in La Crosse again in 2020.

9:10 am Conservation Camp Dates Debrief

- Sand Lake Camp June 19-21, 2019
 - Thank yous went out to all volunteers, staff, presenters
 - Press releases and write up in Northwoods Journal
 - Many want the camp to be longer. Also looking for a similar experience on the western side of WI.
 - Trempeleau County-Kirstie gave an overview of the conservation camp offered to grades 3-8. Nearly 60 kids attended the 4 day event this year.
- WI Land+Water Camp June 17-20, 2019
 - 25 students this very popular opportunity... with many on the wait list. Parents are wanting to register now for 2020
 - Iron County did a fantastic job of organizing the event. Had a few issues with phones and participants leaving without notice.

9:20 am Silent Auction-Megan Steckelberg-Adams Co/ Karyn Eckert-Taylor Co/ Kim Warkentin-WI L+W

Megan is creating a power point and still needs photos to highlight our county education activities. She will work on updating s.a. materials in the near future. Nearly 250 items were collected for the s.a., with over \$6,000 collected. The google spreadsheet signup will be used for workers; auction doors closed when shifts not filled during sessions.

9:30 am Poster and Speaking Contest

- Local
 - Turn Key Packet – is on the WI Land+Water website
 - Promote this to counites that need help with contest

- Could email the link to counties, as many new programs are just starting up.
 - Dates to Tracy-local and area contest dates are needed for both poster and speaking contest. Email Tracy.
 - Forms
 - Updated Poster form-note: 12x18” and 14x22” poster board accepted. Recommended to buy supplies and hand out to schools who wish to participate.
 - Fill out county portion before it goes out to schools
 - If a county does not use our forms and/or have a parental signature they do not advance to the next level
- Area
 - Dates to Tracy
 - Forms from counties, need to be checked. If not filled out send them back to that county.
 - Cover sheet along with winning entry forms completely filled out and sent to Kim in 1 .pdf packet
 - Winner information to Kim by Feb 14, 2020
 - Kim will send back all posters that do not have the forms completely filled out.
- State
 - March 4-6, 2020 in Green Bay
- Notes on speaking contest: have now changed speech times to 3-5min (elementary), 4-6min (middle), 5-7min (senior)
- A “Go To” meeting will be organized in September to talk and walk through all of the youth education forms.

10:00 am Envirothon

- **Date/Location in progress**
 - Rosholt Lion’s Camp – April 2020
 - Team Presentation 2020 theme: Water Resources Management: Local Control and Local Solutions
- **Resource professional list for teams**
 - Provide Tracy with names of individuals who may be of great resource for educators/teams.
- **2019 recap: horrible snowstorm/weather. Half of the teams cancelled due to unsafe road conditions.**
- **The Envirothon dues were collected from 40 counties. Three areas also donated. \$3,040 was raised**

10:10 am Conference

- **YEC Breakout session**
 - The PIC and Tech Committees meet next week to begin the 2020 WI Land+Water Conference in Green Bay. Youth Education choose to be on the list and will highlight a component of what we do.
- **Volunteers**
 - Will be needed at the conference. Let Tracy know if you’d like to present or be a part of a presentation. Will also need help with speaking contest.

10:15 am Guiding Principles

The following was emailed by Tracy, approved by the YE committee and passed along to WI Land+Water for addition:

“Silent Auction.

- a. The Youth Education Committee in conjunction with PIC will put on the silent auction. Fiscal Management of the auction will be the responsibility of the Youth Committee and a representative of WI Land + Water.
- b. Silent Auction location within the conference facility will be the responsibility of WI Land + Water staff and Youth Education Committee.

Youth Poster and Speaking Contest.

- a. WI Land + Water staff will work with Youth Education Committee by promoting, judging and managing the event.

WI Land + Water staff will designate an area in the conference to hold the poster contest. They will include presentation of the winning speakers as part of the Conference opening luncheon.”

10:20 am YEC Area Representatives Updates

- Northwestern-Lisa Burns, Washburn Co
- West Central-Aleisha Miller, St. Croix Co
- Western-Kirstie Heidenreich, Trempealeau Co
- Southern-Kelly Maginnis, Colombia Co
- Southeastern-Stephanie Egner-Washington Co
- Lake Winnebago-Megan Steckelberg, Adams Co
- Lake Michigan-Lee Jennings, Brown Co
- North Central-Patty Benedict, Portage Co

10:35 am Additional topics/projects/concerns

None

10:38 am Next meeting

September and will combine with the GO TO meeting. Kim will send Doodle Poll.

10:30am Adjourn

Motion-Patty

Second-Megan

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:43am