



Youth Education Committee

Meeting Agenda

Date: 01/23/2020	
Start Time: 1:00pm	End Time: 2:30pm
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), Michele Sadauskas (Oneida), Josh Saykally (Waushara), Heather Palmquist (Iron), Zach Wilson (Iron), Kirstie Heidenreich (Trempealeau), Lee Jennings (Brown), Karyn Eckert (Taylor), Megan Steckelberg (Adams), Catherine Higley (Vilas), Justine Bula (Sauk), Sarah Wichman (Outagamie), Mary George (Shawano)	
WI Land + Water Staff: Kim Warkentin, Youth Education Director	
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. 	

In Attendance:
highlighted names.

Absent Committee Members:

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE.

1:00 pm Call to order: Arnold (Chair)

- Introductions/Roll Call
- Adopt agenda/Additions
 - Motion-Zach
 - Second-Patty
 - Motion Carried
- Approve previous meeting minutes (10/10/19)
 - Motion-Patty
 - Second-Anne
 - Motion Carried

1:05 pm Conservation Camps

- Sand Lake, Grade 6-8, June 17-19, 2020
 - All Land Conservation staff received information via email. Most choice activities are set. No scavenger hunt this year. (a dog program will replace it) Registration should be available by early March. A brochure and agenda were sent out as well.
- WI Land+Water Camp, Grades 9-12, June 22-25, 2020
 - Schedule is almost done and items will go to the printer soon. Camp will be Mon-Thurs. Trips will include a native shoreland restoration, canoe trip, echolocation-wolf howl survey. 25 camper max.

1:15 pm Silent Auction-Megan Steckelberg-Adams Co/ Karyn Eckert-Taylor Co/ Kim Warkentin-WI L+W

The sign up link (google drive) will again be emailed. Need many volunteers during the conference yet. All counties and all staff are welcome to help. The special Canada trip auction is going well. May sell to agency people. A bobble head trophy (“Kickin’ it for Kids”) was purchased to be awarded to the top county.

1:25 pm Poster and Speaking Contest

- Local
 - Forms
 - If a county does not use our forms and/or have a parental signature they do not advance to the next level
 - Discussion on point totals for the speaking contest. Will make changes in May when the committee meets again. Will run the course for 2020.

- Ideas for participation: make it a project, have art teacher involved, teachers partner for the project, work closely with the school, do a presentation, provide free poster paper.
- Area
 - Forms from counties, need to be checked. If not filled out send them back to that county.
 - Lake Michigan has everything in.
 - 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
 - Let Kim know if bad weather prohibits you from have a local contest.
 - Winning Area speakers should get their invite in and hotel room booked ASAP. (info on the WI Land+Water website.
 - Area I&E reps should check in with your counties.
- State
 - March 4-6, 2020 in Green Bay
 - Emcee-Trina Soyk-USFWS
 - Volunteer judges, registration table
 - Display boards will be used. Everyone votes. Volunteers are lined up to help with the event.

1:35 pm Envirothon

- April 17th, 2020 at the Central WI Lions Camp in Rosholt, WI
- Test update
 - Wildlife is done. (formatted and proofed)
 - Current Issue is in Tracy's hands.
 - All are due by the end of February.
- Volunteers
 - Doing well with numbers. Let Kim or Tracy know if you have any additional people.
- Resource professional list for teams
 - Let Tracy know and she will add the contact to the list.
- Training for advisors
 - Do we have something the day of the event? Soils and Forestry are the weakest subjects. Group will brainstorm what the need is for the teams. Continue to look on YouTube for educational opportunities.
- Fundraising update
 - County dues
 - Flyers went out to Counties at budget time. Land & Water dues are coming up. Information is on the Land+Water website as well.
 - Sponsorships & Grants
 - Areas are sponsoring. Have raised over \$1,000 from counties thus far, however we are behind in our company/business sponsorships. (have received from Lands End, Farm Bureau, Red Canoe, and hoping for CN railroad.)

1:45 pm Conference

- YEC Breakout Session-Thursday, March 5 from 9:45-11:00
 - Anne is the lead. Will present TOAD. (Teaching Outdoor Awareness and Discovery) A power point with photos will be used, while many props and hands on items will be there as well.

1:50 pm YEC Area Representatives Updates

- Update on P&S, ENV sponsorships, PR on youth programs in your area
- Northwestern-Lisa Burns, Washburn Co (35 speeches)
- West Central-Aleisha Miller, St. Croix Co (Area is the 3rd)
- Western-Kirstie Heidenreich, Trempealeau Co (Area is the 27th, local camp will be mid-June)
- Southern-Kelly Maginnis, Colombia Co
- Southeastern-Stephanie Egner-Washington Co
- Lake Winnebago-Megan Steckelberg, Adams Co (tally winners today)
- Lake Michigan-Lee Jennings, Brown Co (all done)
- North Central-Patty Benedict, Portage Co (Area tomorrow, 5 speakers) (raffle tickets are out to counties. All dollars go towards scholarship/training.)

2:05 pm Guiding Principles

Just a few notes:

The minutes do not have to go out to all membership. We have in the past, but not required.

Environmental Education will read Youth Conservation.

Vice Chair will assist the Chair with duties assigned.

Two-year commitment, no term limits.

A consensus was given to allow Tracy to amend the Guiding Principles and send to WI Land+Water.

2:20 pm WI Land+Water YEC Webinars

- Ideas
 - Penny (WI Land+Water) asked if our committee had any ideas for future webinars. None at this time.

2:25 pm Additional conferences to present/exhibit at

- WAAE Conference- LaCrosse June-28-July 2
 - Who would like to cover this?
 - No commitments at this time. Discussion will continue at May meeting.
- Additional opportunities
 - Conferences and Area meetings.

2:25 pm Additional topics/projects/concerns

2:28 pm Next meeting

Face to face in Stevens Point. May 2020

2:30 pm Adjourn

Motion-Patty

Second-Megan

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 2:36pm