



## Youth Education Committee

### Meeting Minutes

<b>Date: 05/28/2020</b>	
<b>Start Time: 1:00pm</b>	<b>End Time: 3:00pm</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Conference Call
<b>Conference Phone:</b>	(877) 826-6967
<b>Conf ID:</b>	<b>9793943</b>
<p><b>Committee Members:</b> 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), Steve Kircher (Forest), Cassidy Neilitz (Forest)</p>	
<p><b>WI Land + Water Staff:</b> Kim Warkentin, Youth Education Director</p>	
<p><b>In Attendance:</b> Arnold, Benedict, Burns, Egner, Maginnis, Miller, Saykally, Palmquist, Wilson, Jennings, Eckert, Steckelberg, Higley, Bula, George, Warkentin</p>	
<p><b>Absent Committee Members:</b> Bartels, McDowell, Sadauskas, Heidenreich, Wichman, Kircher, Neilitz</p>	
<p><b>Notes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WI Land + Water Meetings are open meetings. Individuals may observe in person or via conference phone if desired.</li> <li>• Order and time allowed for agenda items may be changed due to pace of meeting or at the discretion of the committee chair.</li> </ul>	

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE.

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

- Introductions/Roll Call
- Adopt agenda/Additions
  - Motion-Patty
  - Second-Megan
  - Motion Carried
- Approve previous meeting minutes (1/23/2020)
  - Request was made to edit wording to read “special Canada drawing”.
    - Motion-Megan
    - Second-Lee
    - Motion Carried to approve edited minutes

#### **1:05 pm Conservation Camps Debrief**

- Sand Lake, Grade 6-8, June 16-18, 2021
  - Email from Anne stated that the planning for next year’s camp will begin in December. Most likely the same lineup as 2020. There were 25 registered for this year’s camp before the cancellation decision was made.
- WI Land+Water Camp, Grades 9-12, June 21-24, 2021
  - Kim and Heather gave an update. The decision to cancel 2020 camp was made due to the fact it would be impossible to do social distancing. All speakers have been notified, along with the registered campers. Next year’s camp will fill on a first come/first served basis

as well. Scholarships will be available to both camps by applying for the Brad Matson Fund. Counties should encourage kids to seek this opportunity.

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

- Registration of items went very well this year.
- Tables were numbered and items identified with one for an easier “find”.
- Trip donation suggestion: advertise this opportunity to everyone.
- Would like to see more fun/decoration in the s.a. room.
- Good to have it open/scheduled during breakout sessions.
- 191 items were donated this year; 245 in 2019.
- \$9,949.82 in retail, \$5,179.70 raised in auction.
- Traveling trophy went to: Adams County
- Silent Auction, Canada trip raffle and WI Land+Water raffle made: \$10,061; dollars will be distributed to poster/speaking contest, envirothon, sand lake camp and conservation camp.

### **1:25 pm Poster and Speaking Contest debrief**

- Poster Contest
  - Local, Area, State
    - Great easy theme = Great poster participation
    - No issues with the timing of posters to Area.
    - Use the Youth Ed entry form
    - Counties should only their own posters home from the conference.
- Speaking Contest
  - Local, Area, State
    - State suggestions: better signs out in the hotel for parents to find us. Provide hot chocolate/juice for the kids. Ask Trina to emcee again in 2021.
  - Michele Sadaskas-Oneida speaking judging form points
    - More discussion will take place in the next Poster & Speaking subcommittee meeting regarding this issue. Consider going back to previous form. Content vs. quality.
- 2021 Poster theme
  - Healthy Forests-Healthy Communities
    - Logo was sent out to all committee members. Entry forms will be updated by August.



### **1:50 pm Envirothon debrief**

- State event
  - Cancelled for 2020. All test written and most likely will be used for next year.
  - Teachers did not wish to have a virtual event.

- National event
  - Cancelled for 2020.
- Fundraising update
  - County dues
  - Sponsorships & Grants
    - Letters were sent out to all sponsors. Options given: full refund, donate to WI Land+Water for 2021, donate to WI Land+Water for 2021 and we can again ask again next year for additional dollars. No refunds were requested.

### **2:10 pm Conference debrief-Anne Bartels**

- YEC Breakout session
  - Report from Kim/Tracy: Anne did a great job on this session. She has so much to show and tell about Marinette County's programs. The TOAD (Teaching Outdoor Awareness and Discovery) Program is a huge success. She provided excellent resource opportunities for everyone.

### **2:15 pm YEC Area Representatives Updates**

- Northwestern-Lisa Burns, Washburn Co
  - Less speakers, more posters. More signage for parents.
- West Central-Aleisha Miller, St. Croix Co
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- Western-Kirstie Heidenreich, Trempealeau Co
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- Southern-Kelly Maginnis, Columbia Co
  - Same participation numbers.
- Southeastern-Stephanie Egner-Washington Co
  - Will meet with SEA and give I&E update. Spent \$100 on trophies at Area level.
- Lake Winnebago-Megan Steckelberg, Adams Co
  - Area meeting cancelled. Spent \$30, \$20, \$10 for places.
- Lake Michigan-Lee Jennings, Brown Co
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- North Central-Patty Benedict, Portage Co
  - Poster numbers way up due to Tracy giving class presentations for participation in program. June 12 – Area meeting.

### **2:30 pm WI Land+Water YEC Training Webinars**

- Ideas
  - Will work with Penny. Keep ideas simple and webinars short. Focus on our core programs.

### **2:35 pm Additional conferences to present/exhibit at:**

- WAAE Conference- LaCrosse June-28-July 2, 2020
  - Has been changed to an Online Event. Kim will look into the future of our role.
- Additional opportunities
  - Promote during events in the area. Give presentations. Kim/Tracy have most created for you to use already.

**2:40 pm YEC Committee Elections -Kim Warkentin**

- Chair
  - Tracy Arnold
- Vice-Chair
  - Stephanie Egner
- Secretary
  - Justine Bula
- YEC Area Representatives 2-year commitment
  - Lisa, Aleisha, Kirstie, Justine, Stephanie, Megan, Lee, Patty
- Committee member 2-year commitment
  - Let Tracy know if you wish to be added to/removed from a subcommittee.

**2:55 pm Additional topics/projects/concerns**

**2:58 pm Next meeting**

Youth Ed – early August. Doodle poll will be sent out.  
Poster & Speaking - June

**3:00 pm Adjourn**

Motion: Lee  
Second: Megan  
Meeting Adjourned at 2:42pm