



## Youth Education Committee

### Meeting Agenda

Date: 08/06/2020	
Start Time: 10:00am	End Time: 11:00am
<b>Location:</b>	Go-to-Meeting-Link provided in email
<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, Bartels, Benedict, Burns, Egner, Palmquist, Heidenreich, Jennings, Eckert, Steckelberg, Bula, Wichman, George, Kircher, Warkentin</p>	
<p><b>Absent Committee Members:</b> Maginnis, McDowell, Miller, Sadauskas, Saykally, Wilson, 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.

#### 10:00 am Call to order: Arnold (Chair)

- Introductions/Roll Call (Bula)
- Adopt agenda/Additions
  - Motion - Patty Benedict
  - Second - Anne Bartels
  - Motion carried
- Approve previous meeting minutes (5/28/2020)
  - Request was made to edit the wording to read, “Counties should only *pick up* their own posters to take home from the conference.”
    - Motion - Megan
    - Second - Mary George
    - Motion carried to approve edited minutes.

#### 10:02 am Conservation Camps Debrief

- Sand Lake, Grade 6-8, June 16-18, 2021
  - Anne Bartels gave an update on the camps. Camp was canceled due to COVID-19 and students were refunded camp fees.
- WI Land+Water Camp, Grades 9-12, June 21-24, 2021
  - Kim gave an update on the camp. Camp was canceled due to COVID-19. All parents were notified and all payments that were already received were refunded. Students and parents were very disappointed but understanding. Planning for the 2021 camp is ongoing.

#### 10:05 am Silent Auction-Megan Steckelberg-Adams Co/ Karyn Eckert-Taylor Co/ Kim Warkentin-WI L+W

- Megan - Auction from this year went very well overall.

- 45 counties donated in 2019 and 2020
- System that was used for this past year was much better than previous years.
  - no issues with credit cards and no issues with people picking up the wrong items
- Great job with staffing (Megan Steckelberg and Karyn Eckert)
- Megan and Karyn did a great job overall with the auction!
- Kim - PIC committee will be meeting next week (8/12/20) to start planning sessions for 2021 conference. No decision has been made on how the conference will be hosted for March 2021 at this time. Recommendation will be discussed at PIC meeting and will be sent to Executive committee. The Executive Committee will have a discussion on this at their upcoming meeting (9/10/2020).
  - Recommendation for a survey to be sent out to counties on if they would attend an in person conference and how they would prefer to participate.
  - If conference is canceled for in person, how will a silent auction work online?
    - Megan Steckelberg has reached out to WI River Alliance in regards to their online auction setup but has not heard back at this time. More information on what platform is being used to host auction and how participants are able to place bids online is needed.
    - Tracy Arnold recommended reaching out to the North Lakeland Discovery Center in Manitowish Wasters for information on this.

### 10:10 am Poster and Speaking Contest

- Engage Counties, keep our programs current
- Poster Contest (Egner)
  - Local, Area, State
    - School districts are planning to use different schedules and combinations of virtual and in person learning. Local area staff/coordinators should work with schools to find a way to make the poster contest work with the learning format being used at their schools. Try to be as flexible as possible.
  - 2021 Poster theme is Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities



- Plan B for COVID
  - Kim – dealing with different school schedules (virtual vs. in-class). How can we continue to engage contacts and schools?
    - Virtual Contest Format Ideas:
      - Anne – virtual format is really the only good option at this point.
      - Tracy – Local contests will be coordinated by local staff however it will work best. All districts are different. Try to host program as best as possible but tread lightly with pushing contest.
        - Reach out to teachers and see how we can support them such as with virtual presentations on zoom or recorded lessons for students to use.

- Mary George – contest could be done through pictures of posters submitted. However there are concerns with emails and files for the pictures being too large to send via email.
    - Set up a survey online for people to vote for the posters.
    - Limitations for people who do not have internet access. Concerns with the potential for excluding rural counties that have limited access to internet.
  - Mary George – Kids need this program more than ever now. This could become more of an assignment for students this year and possibly result in more posters submitted.
  - Patty Benedict – Contest is sanctioned by DPI. Kim can reach out to DPI and to find out how to make this work best for schools.
  - NACD PowerPoint and lesson materials for contest theme are available online.
    - Stephanie will share the modified version of the NACD presentation with other and post to WI Land & Water Website
    - Additional resources for lessons and curriculum are available on NACD website
  - Figure out a way to support your area teachers with whatever format works best.
  - Forms are done and pdf fillable, will be sent out by Tracy.
- Speaking Contest (Arnold)
    - Local, Area, State
    - Plan B for COVID
      - If virtual, possibly have students record and send in videos of them presenting their speech.

### **10:30 am Envirothon**

- Current issue will stay the same for 2021. Discussion on possibility of a virtual event at upcoming meeting.
- State event
  - Canceled for 2020
  - Current issue will stay the same for 2021. Discussion on possibility
- National event
  - Canceled for 2020.
  - The event will still be hosted in Nebraska for 2021.
- Fundraising update - 2020 remaining funds will be distributed among teams for 2021 Envirothon. Tread lightly when following up on county dues.

### **10:40 am YEC Area Representatives Updates (Egner)**

- Northwestern-Lisa Burns, Washburn Co
- West Central-Aleisha Miller, St. Croix Co
- Western-Kirstie Heidenreich, Trempealeau Co
- Southern-Justine Bula, Sauk Co
- Southeastern-Stephanie Egner-Washington Co
  - Keep in good communication with other counties in area.
  - Reminders to set dates for contests
- Lake Winnebago-Megan Steckelberg, Adams Co
  - Adams county schools going back to in class, however it is still not known if outside speakers will be invited into the classroom setting.
- Lake Michigan-Lee Jennings, Brown Co
- North Central-Patty Benedict, Portage Co

### **10:50 am WI Land+Water YEC Training Webinars**

- Youth Education overview webinar (Higley)
  - YEC overview webinar has been recorded with Penny.
  - It went very well and will be posted as soon as it is done being edited. Hopefully will be posted in the next week.
  - Great job and thank you Kathy!
  - Youth Area Reps → send webinar to area counties to help promote programs.
    - Send out a brochure to remind schools we are still here to support them anyway we can. Let the YEC know what you need.
- Ideas for other education webinars are welcome.

### **10:53 am Additional conferences to present/exhibit at:**

- Virtual Additional opportunities
  - Most conferences are being canceled and trying to figure out if a virtual format is possible.
  - New opportunity to attend conferences virtually for other staff if travel was a problem before.
  - If you are presenting on education programs please let YEC know so that they can help with providing information and resources and so that it can be included for the report.
  - WAAE canceled their in person conference and went to a virtual conference format. The number of presentations was scaled back to fit the format and the WI Land & Water presentation was cut from the list. There was no presentation for WI Land & Water at this years' WAAE conference.

### **10:55 am Additional topics/projects/concerns**

- Poster Deadline State – February 12, 2021
- At the March Conference a Students in Government program was brought up to the YEC. The program was for High School students to learn about government and gain experience by being on the WI Land & Water committee, where they would possibly have a vote. At the time it was proposed, YEC members did not have time to take this project on. Would anyone else on the committee be interested in this?
  - Contact for this program is Racine Co. Monty Osterman from Racine County.
  - Individual county programs are out there where students spend time at the county courthouse and learn about local government.

### **10:58 am Next meeting**

- Middle to end of September. Kim will send out a doodle poll to set up date and time.

### **11:00 am Adjourn**

Motion- Patty

Second- Megan S.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM