



Youth Education Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 9/14/2021	
Start Time: 1:00pm	End Time: 2:00pm
Location:	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85757342980?pwd=a3laVnJrNzJGeWtabW9qaTNFRVcyZz09
Committee Members: Tracy Arnold (Portage) (Chair), Stephanie Egner (Washington)(Vice-Chair), Justine Bula (Sauk)(Sec), Anne Bartels (Marinette), Patty Benedict (Portage), Lisa Burns (Washburn), Sarah McDowell (Vernon), Aleisha Miller (St. Croix), Stephanie Boismenu (Oneida), Josh Saykally (Waushara), Heather Palmquist (Iron), Zach Wilson (Iron), Karyn Eckert (Taylor), Megan Steckelberg (Adams), Catherine Higley (Vilas), Sarah Wichman (Outagamie), Mary George (Shawano), Steve Kircher (Forest), Anna James (Adams), Ty Larson (NRCS), Cassie Kohls (Outagamie)	In Attendance: Absent Committee Members:
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. 	

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE.

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

- Introductions/Roll Call (Bula)
- Adopt agenda/Additions
 - Motion - Mary
 - Second – Steve
 - Motion Carried
- Approve previous meeting minutes (5/25/2021)
 - Motion - Patty
 - Second – Mary
 - Motion Carried

1:05 pm Conservation Camps

- Sand Lake, CANCELLED -Anne Bartels-Marinette Co
 - Marinette Dept. has shifted priorities and staff is limited and can no longer host Sand Lake Camp. Priority has shifted to AIS and day programs instead of summer camp.
 - It was also noted that the camp location would be better if centrally located in state.
 - Stephanie suggested we establish committee for middle school summer camp to explore the possibilities for moving this camp.
 - Karyn Eckert and Justine volunteered to join committee.
 - Camp committee will look into the possibility of hosting camp at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center, just outside of Wi Dells. Sauk County will be hosting a Youth Conservation Day program at Upham Woods on October 12th and invited others to join for the program to see the site and meet with Upham Woods to discuss possibilities for summer camp program and will report back to the Youth Education Committee with updates on Sand Lake Camp alternative options.

- WI Land+Water Camp, -Heather/Zach/Kim
 - Currently in the very beginning stage of planning for camp. Kim noted the subcommittee needs to schedule a meeting to start planning and then set a date. The subcommittee has not met since camp was canceled the last 2 years.
 - Challenges with nurse/EMT. Additional requirement for budget with having to pay for nurse/EMT and challenge with finding staff who are available due to COVID-19.

1:10 pm Silent Auction-Megan Steckelberg-Adams Co/ Karyn Eckert-Taylor Co/ Kim Warkentin-WI L+W

- Will schedule a silent auction subcommittee meeting after the October PIC committee meeting so that we know how the conference will be held, whether in person or virtual.
- 2022 and 2023 Conference will be held in WI Dells at Chula Vista.
- Possibility for hybrid in person and online version of auction due to the massive success of the online auction for 2021.
- Tracy remaindered everyone to keep an eye out for cool/unique/local craft items to include in the auction this fall.

1:15 pm WI Envirothon

- County sponsorships (\$55)
 - No date set for Envirothon at this time.
 - Planning for in person event however the plans for a virtual event are available but only as a backup option.
 - Ask at area meetings if they can contribute to the area sponsorship.
 - For the 2021 program there were new schools that were able to participate with the virtual program, hopefully this will lead to an increase in participation moving forward but this will make program more expensive, so we need to ensure that we have the county and area sponsorship to continue to grow and improve the program.
 - For the 2021 National Envirothon, WI placed 5th in oral presentation.
 - 2022 National Envirothon is scheduled for July 24th - 30th in Oxford Ohio. The theme will be “Waste to Resources”.

1:20 pm Poster and Speaking Contest

- **AREA WINNERS TURNED IN BY FEB 11**
- Poster Contest (Egner)
 - 2022 Theme will be “Healthy Soil: Healthy Life”. No additional information has been posted by NACD for the 2022 poster contest, hopefully by the end of the month we will have the logo and information from NACD for this one. Once the information is available, it will be shared with Youth Education Members as well as posted to website.
 - Form Updates- forms will be updated once logo and info is available. Forms will be sent out to area reps to share with counties.
 - Creative Promotion- Provide paper to schools if you can. Touch base with your teachers, even if we don’t have the resources available it is still a good idea to remind them that there will be a program this fall.
 - Providing Resources- You can edit the NACD presentation to customize it for your county.
- Speaking Contest (Arnold)
 - All info will be released with Poster Contest.
 - Local, Area, State
 - Local and Area Contests: host contest however works best for you and your schools. Work with the resources that you have available.

- Virtual aspect
 - State contest will be in person unless the conference is virtual.

1:40 pm YEC Area Representatives Updates (Egner)

- Northwestern-Lisa Burns, Washburn Co
 - One school went virtual today, schools are all over the place. Area meeting state tour was canceled. Usually, one meeting in the fall but nothing is scheduled as of now.
- West Central-Aleisha Miller, St. Croix Co
 - N/A
- Western- Sarah McDowell, Vernon Co
 - N/A
- Southern-Justine Bula, Sauk Co
 - Area meeting
- Southeastern-Stephanie Egner-Washington Co
 - Area meeting in Kenosha Co on October 7th. Will share information on programs and updates on youth education at meeting.
- Lake Winnebago-Megan Steckelberg, Adams Co
 - Area Meeting is September 24th. Land Conservation Days for 4th and 5th graders are canceled. Adding videos, [Into the Outdoors](#), to website for students and teachers. Asking teachers for input on what they would like to see. Lots of lesson plans and resources with Into the Outdoors.
- Lake Michigan-Vacant
 - Area meeting is October 8th. Hosting Youth Conservation field day with four schools.
 - Mary volunteered to be area rep. for Lake Michigan.
- North Central-Patty Benedict, Portage Co
 - Last area meeting was on Aug 20th. Shared report on programs at last meeting. Next meeting is not scheduled as of now, probably will be around January.

1:45 pm Expand program efforts Statewide (Warkentin)

- Continue efforts to share youth education materials at any relevant events such as county fairs, to bring awareness to the programs that are available to students.
- Please feel free to reach out to area reps or Kim and Tracy.
- Youth Education brochure will be updated once more information is available on the programs for this year. The brochures can be ordered and printed but please feel free to print off your own copies to share as needed.

1:50 pm Conference sessions

- Session space is reserved for youth ed. program at annual conference.
- We are looking for topics and presenters for the session. Will reach out to group to look for ideas.
- It was noted that Dane County has some interesting programs that might be a good option.

1:55 pm Additional topics/projects/concerns

- WI Water Week/Lakes Convention presentations
 - WI Water Week is soliciting presentations, due Oct. 1st.
 - One session that is specific to Youth Education presentations. Conference dates are set for April 6th - 8th. This is a great opportunity to highlight projects and programs that are happening in your area. Please reach out to Tracy for additional information on this one.

1:58 pm Next meeting

- PIC committee meets in Oct. 19th.
- Subcommittees need to meet and then a doodle poll will be sent out to set next Youth Ed. Committee meeting date.

2:00 pm Adjourn

- Motion -Heather
- Second – Mary
- Motion Carried