



Youth Education Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: 08/08/2022	
Start Time: 12:00pm	End Time: 1:17pm
Location:	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85757342980?pwd=a3laVnJrNzJGeWtabW9qaTNFRVcyZz09
<p>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), Eric Allness (NRCS), Cassie Kohls (Outagamie), Kirstie Heidenreich (Marathon)</p>	<p>In Attendance: Arnold, Egner, Benedict, Burns, Saykally, Eckert, Steckelberg, Wichman, George, James, Kohls, Scott Frank, Warkentin</p>
<p>WI Land + Water Staff: Kim Warkentin, Youth Education Director</p>	<p>Absent Committee Members: Bula, Bartels, McDowell, Miller, Boismenu, Palmquist, Wilson, Higley, Kircher, Allness, Heidenreich</p>
<p>Notes</p> <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.

Call to order: Arnold (Chair)

- Introductions/Roll Call (Eckert for Bula)
- Adopt agenda/Additions: Motion to approve by George/Steckelberg, motion carried.
- Approve previous meeting minutes (9/14/2021): Motion to approve by George/Arnold, motion carried.

Conservation Camps

- Debrief Middle School Camp, Upham Woods, Baraboo
 - Warkentin reported Bula suggested Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells as a site with Sand Lake. Eckert, Egner and Bartels worked on the middle school camp subcommittee with Warkentin. Camp was held June 15-18 with 65 campers registered. Warkentin said while there are a few things to change for next year, overall camp went very well. There were some cases of Covid among campers and adults right after camp, but Warkentin said parents were very understanding. The subcommittee will meet later this month to review camper evaluations and debrief on camp. Warkentin report Marinette and Sauk counties are interested in becoming more involved and having staff attend in 2023.
 - Tentative 2023 dates: June 14-17, 2023
- Debrief High Camp, North Lakeland Discover Center, Manitowish Waters
 - Scott Frank reported on the high school camp which had 16 campers this year. Covid vaccines were required and all attending were tested when they arrived and again the next day with no positives. Frank said the tests made everyone much more comfortable in close quarters in vans and cabins.
 - 2023 date: June 19-22, 2023

Silent Auction-Megan Steckelberg-Adams Co/Kim Warkentin-WI L+W

- Debrief 2022: Steckelberg reported the Silent Auction used the 32auctions platform again this year and generated \$4,506 of income. Of this, \$4112 was from the sale of items, \$300 were for direct donations and \$94 were from add-ons/rounding up.
- Planning for 2023: The committee will meet in the fall to start planning. Steckelberg would like to have a hybrid auction in 2023.
- Ideas for items: Steckelberg reviewed some of the best-selling items. During the auction, Steckelberg monitored which items were getting bids and changed featured items to promote different items.
- Mention at Area meetings: Steckelberg encouraged committee members to talk about promote the silent auction at fall area meetings.

WI Envirothon

- Debrief 2022 hybrid event: Arnold reported the 2022 Envirothon was held with current issues presentations virtually by Zoom and hands-on field events at the Lions Camp in Rosholt. Feedback from schools indicated they would like to return to an all in-person event with the ability to stay overnight at camp. Saykally reported that tabulating scores in the spreadsheet went well, but collecting the last of the tests was an issue once again; it was noted that station captains need to be informed that tests should be turned in before packing up. The plan is to return to a full volunteer group in 2023 so there should be more runners available to collect tests.
- Friday, April 21st @ Central WI Lions Camp in Rosholt, WI: Warkentin reported she has been in contact with the new Wisconsin FFA director who wants to help get the word out to FFA groups in 2023.
- 2023 Current Issue “Adapting to a Changing Climate”: Arnold reported the national Envirothon will be held in New Brunswick, Canada, in a logging community.
- County sponsorships (\$55): Arnold sent out the county sponsorship flyer to encourage counties to set aside a sponsorship in their budgets.

Poster and Speaking Contest

- Debrief 2022 Contests: The state speaking contest was held virtually in 2022; George reported as a judge, she liked the virtual format because of the ability to rewind and replay the speeches. A challenge was the sound on some videos was very quiet. The poster contest was done by viewing posters electronically and submitting votes; the ballot link was only sent to those attending the conference. Warkentin said the posters received a lot of votes and electronic voting made it very easy to tally.
- 2023 State Poster and Speaking March 1st, 2023, Chula Vista in the Wisconsin Dells: Contests are planned to be held in person. The poster theme is “One Water” and forms will be going out once a logo is received. Eckert suggested having posters in-person to view, but collecting votes electronically by posting a QR code or link to save time on tallying. It was noted that while the state speaking contest is being planned as an in-person event, local and areas can decide how they want to hold their contests. The poster and speaking subcommittee will be meeting soon to plan for 2023.
- AREA WINNERS TURNED IN BY (Wednesday, February 8th)

Guiding Principles review

- [https://wisconsinlandwater.org/assets/documents/Youth Education Committee Guiding Principles_Final_Mar2020.pdf](https://wisconsinlandwater.org/assets/documents/Youth_Education_Committee_Guiding_Principles_Final_Mar2020.pdf)

- Committee members reviewed the Guiding Principles. Changes were suggested to #6 in the Major Functions and Activities of the Committee section:
 - Change “such as” to “including but not limited to” before listing subcommittees.
 - Add Silent Auction to the list of subcommittees.

Committee Officer Positions

- Elections in October 2022: Warkentin will take over this part of the meeting until officers are elected.
- Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary

Additional topics/projects/concerns: None.

Next meeting: Egner asked if the next meeting could be in-person with a Zoom option. Arnold will look into the meeting room schedule for the Portage County conference room in Stevens Point. Warkentin will send a Doodle pool with dates in October.

Adjourn: Motion by Steckelberg/Eckert to adjourn at 1:17 p.m. Motion carried.