

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Executive Committee/Outdoor Heritage & Education (JCC) Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	Nov. 14, 2012	7:35 p.m.	Teleconference
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chair Rob Bohmann
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Rob Bohmann, Lee Fahrney, Larry Bonde, Kevin Marquette, Ben Loma, Kevin Smaby, Dave Tupa, Kari Lee-Zimmermann (DNR Liaison)
EXCUSED	
UNEXCUSED	Scott Bestul, Ron Vanderloop
GUESTS	None

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Motion to approve by Bonde, second by Fahrney. Motion carried.
ACTION	

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	N/A
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. CURRENT STATUS OF JUNIOR CONSERVATION CONGRESS

DISCUSSION	Bohmann: Asked for status of the Junior Conservation Congress. Marquette: Subcommittee went through protocols in March. Published item in fall Conservation Chronicle. Group decided to open enrollment to relatives of Congress delegates. Received only one application. Looking for six junior delegates for first class. Disappointed that we got only one application. Said perhaps because we got the info out late and then school started.	
ACTION	N/A	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
N/A		N/A

B. FUTURE STEPS OF JCC

DISCUSSION	<p>Marquette: Suggested getting more info out at the March meetings.</p> <p>Loma: Noted that at the March meeting only had three delegates for the subcommittee. Should bring up the matter at the spring meetings and in the Chronicle, as well as at the annual meeting. The group decided not to refer to delegates as "youth."</p> <p>Marquette: Said the group decided on a one year term. Thinks the age range decided upon was any high school age.</p> <p>Smaby: Noted the delegate should not be 18 when their term started.</p> <p>Bohmann: Said he asked Dave to be on committee because he is former educator of the year. Said we need to get more aggressive in getting this initiative under way. Wants delegates at the convention in May, 2013. Target should be one delegate from each district and should be open to grades 9-12. Need another letter out to the delegates and open the pool up to anyone. Need to get an article in Outdoor News to solicit delegates. Need to get contacts for school groups.</p> <p>Tupa: Suggested expanding the pool outside of relatives of Congress delegates.</p> <p>Marquette: Said he talked to Preston Cole and it was his wish that he would like to see a small group of relatives of Congress delegates. Noted liability issues if you go beyond that.</p> <p>Bonde: Noted that kids are going out on other experiences with no concern for liability.</p> <p>Smaby: Asked if it is our responsibility to get the youth to these meetings. Or, are they going to be responsible for their own transportation.</p> <p>Bonde: Suggests we are overthinking in this area.</p> <p>Smaby: Said we wanted to make sure we were protecting the integrity of the WCC. Said we wanted to make sure we were covering any legal bases.</p> <p>Marquette: Suggested we will need to have background checks.</p> <p>Tupa: Said he frequently takes kids on field trips. Parents sign permission slips and the school has insurance.</p> <p>Bohmann: The idea of background checks and permission slips should be in the background of the discussion. Focus now should be on the pool of delegates. Legal issues are for the NRB and DNR legal staff to work out. Said we need to get something in Outdoor News. Need a letter out to our delegates to identify leaders of youth groups.</p> <p>Bonde: Asked if Dave could contact schools.</p> <p>Loma: Expressed concern that we might end up with too many applicants if we go out to all schools.</p> <p>Bohmann: Thinks 12 is a good number of junior delegates to start.</p> <p>Fahrney: Suggested youth should attend the conference and be assigned to a study committee.</p> <p>Loma: Said the youth should also go to district meetings.</p> <p>Bohmann: Agreed they should be invited to the convention. Suggested the term should start at the convention.</p> <p>Loma: Reiterated that we should not use the term "Youth."</p> <p>Bohmann: Suggested we let NRB decide on what to call them.</p> <p>Tupa: Noted that the term "junior" is used on licenses. All agreed on the use of that term.</p>	
ACTION	Check in with the NRB for further direction	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Rob Bohamann		12/12/12

C. TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

DISCUSSION	<p>Bohmann: Directed that the delegates be in place by the 2013 conference. Would like to have another conference call after the January council meeting.</p> <p>Marquette: Asked if the board is going to be contacted regarding background checks.</p> <p>Bohmann: Reiterated that the Board and DNR should handle that issue.</p> <p>Smaby: Asked if the target of 12 delegates is a ceiling.</p> <p>Bohmann: Suggested we could go with more than that. Need to see what we get. Said we will have a letter out to delegates by Nov 30 with info on what the responsibilities are. Said this is going to be done this year.</p> <p>Fahrney: Suggests input to WON be in the form of a press release.</p> <p>Bonde: Noted there is a network of outdoor groups that could be contacted.</p> <p>Tupa: Suggested we send the letter out to delegates to check on the status of local groups.</p> <p>Loma: Suggested we could market it better through the Congress.</p> <p>Bohmann: Will take care of letter to be sent out to the delegates.</p>	
ACTION	Write letter to delegates on JCC role/responsibilities and ask for assistance getting youth involved	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE:

Rob Bohmann and Kari Lee-Zimmermann	November 30 pending input from Preston Cole Want to have JCC in place by May convention
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion by Bonde to adjourn, second by Fahrney. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.
SUBMITTED BY	Lee Fahrney, WCC Secretary
DATE	Nov. 14, 2012