



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Youth Congress Oversight Committee
 Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS	11/11/2017	10:00 am	Portage County Public Library
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Trent Tonn at 10:01 am
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Trent Tonn, Tashina Peplinski, Kevin Smaby, Jim Heffner, Terri Roehrig
EXCUSED	Don Dukerschein, Jason Barzzale, Linda DeNell
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Kari Lee-Zimmerman

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Motion to Approve by Kevin Smaby, Second by Jim Heffner

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Review, discussion & implementation of results from the WCC Delegate survey on the YCC Program n/a

DISCUSSION	Reviewed the results with general discussion. Went through the list of 50 WCC Delegates interested in being a youth mentor and dividing it up between the 8 committee members to contact and discuss what being a mentor would entail. Mentors can go on-line and find the school district's website and find the contact info for the district administrator, the FFA teacher, a science teacher that teaches biology or ecology courses, or a guidance counselor. Kari is going to send packets of the YCC applications and the WCC brochure to the committee members for handing out as they make contacts for possible youth delegates. Tashina will send out the list of which delegates were assigned to which committee members. Discussed the overall input from the delegates and what the general repeating themes and concerns were.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Kari too send out packets, Tashina to send out list of who is in charge of which delegate		Early December

- B. Review of YCC Strategic Plan and create and outline of implementation n/a

DISCUSSION	Discussion on the Strategic Goals A. Increase youth participation in the WCC and youth knowledge about the WCC. - We are working on this with the survey, and following up with the Delegates that are interested in being mentors and helping them to find a Youth Delegate. B & C. Develop mentors who can help recruit and train new safe, ethical hunters. & Recruit and train future conservation leaders who can effectively communicate, inspire, and recruit their peers into conservation programs. - Working with DNR staff and biologists as well as Delegate mentors to provide opportunities for the Youth Delegates to participate in.
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	<p>- Developing a notification system like Google Calender to keep Mentors and Youths informed of opportunities</p> <p>D. & E. Promote opportunities for participants to be conservation ambassadors / educators to build support and recruit mentors among existing conservation groups. & Connect participants with opportunities to learn about conservation and future professional opportunities, including volunteer and job-shadowing experiences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a list of rules and responsibilities for Mentors and Youths. - Terri is going to start a list before the next meeting. <p>Discussion on figuring out what events and information can be shared and how to share it.</p> <p>Discussion on best ways for biologists to get in touch with the committee to notify us of events.</p> <p>Discussion on possible funding sources.</p> <p>Overall we keep coming back to the lack of a formal coordinator. A lot of the things that need to be done would best be handled by the coordinator.</p> <p>Discussion on who's "employee" the coordinator would be and how that would work.</p> <p>Decided to plan a meeting with the Friends of the WCC to discuss the logistics of the coordinator position.</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. Development and implementation of the YCC mentor background checks n/a

DISCUSSION	<p>Discussion on if the DNR can / should be utilized to run the background checks because the YCC is not exactly within the original duties of the WCC so may not fall under approved use of the funding.</p> <p>Discussion on other ways to do background checks or other options.</p> <p>Discussed what questions to ask on the mentor application and possibility of adding to the delegate profile.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are you currently certified as a hunter ed or angler ed instructor. - Birthday - Confirmation that you are aware that as a mentor you will be subject to background check. <p>Discussed guidelines for what would cause a denial.</p> <p>Possible causes for denial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some felonies - Child / sexual abuse - Domestic violence - DUI / OWI - Drug charges - Look back period for non-violent felonies, DWI/OWI and Drug charges of 10 years. <p>Committee review of questionable background information when necessary.</p> <p>Motion to take these recommendations to DLC for their approval made by Terri, second by Jim. Motion carries.</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

D. Review and discuss the use of Google Calendar as a platform to inform about upcoming events. n/a

DISCUSSION	<p>Approved to use.</p> <p>We will work with the calendar to get the bugs out between now and present the use and process during the breakout session at the annual convention.</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

E. Development of a 10 minute YCC mentor video n/a

DISCUSSION	Discussion on looking for a similar video out there for the legalities / liabilities for mentors. Maybe just start with a sheet for now and work on developing a video later. Trent is going to look for a Do's & Don't's sheet with Learn to Hunt program	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

- F.** Development of a 15 minute committee overview presentation at the annual convention n/a

DISCUSSION	Discussion on what to include in the presentation. - Survey - Background checks - Annual Convention events - What we're planning for the next year (Google Calendar, school outreach, matching mentors with youths) - Defined roles of mentors and youth Trent will come up with a definite outline for the next meeting	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

- G.** Development of a 45-60 min break-out session at the annual meeting for current & future YCC mentors n/a

DISCUSSION	Discussion on when to plan the session. Have the session Saturday morning at 7:30am. Send out an invite to all delegates before the convention. Tashina will type up. We will formalize the plan for the session at the next meeting.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

- H.** Review and discuss the structure of youth involvement at this year's convention n/a

DISCUSSION	Trent will email Linda to check on the possibility of the Bay Beach Wildlife Rehab Center. Discussion on what activities to have for Thursday night. Plan to send out email to all delegates to see if anyone has a youth activity they would like to present on Thursday sometime in January. Thursday night 8-10 pizza party and activity. Invite youth delegates to the new delegate breakfast Friday morning. Pull-out program for the youth Friday afternoon 2-4pm. Meeting with the DNR Dept. Heads after field trip. Friday evening social time after banquet and Frank Pratt and Bob Hasse have agreed to teach the youth how to tie fishing flies and make fishing lures. Saturday Morning pull out session for mentors.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

- I.** Discussion on a format for high school credit for YCC involvement n/a

DISCUSSION	Trent is going to bring examples of what he does for his school to the next meeting.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

J. Development of a YCC Logo

n/a

DISCUSSION	Discussion on different options for how to develop a logo. Motion to approach Rob Bohmann about funding from the Friends of the WCC to put out as an award for a logo design made by Terri, second by Kevin. Motion carries.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Set next meeting for
ACTION	Motion to Adjourn by Jim, second by Terri.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	2:53pm
SUBMITTED BY	Tashina Peplinski
DATE	11/11/2017