



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 YCC Oversight Committee
 Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS	10/12/2019	9:30am	Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Trent Tonn at 9:40
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Donald Dukerschein, Jim Heffner, Roxanne Broullire, Kevin Smaby, Tara Rueth, Jessica Tomaszewski, Katie James, Reed Kabelowsky, Tashina Peplinski, Scott Lettman, Robert Bohmann, Trent Tonn
EXCUSED	Frank Pratt, Larry Damman, Jason Brazzle, Robert McNeill, Kyle Walker
UNEXCUSED	Rae Ann Ozelis
GUESTS	Kari Lee-Zimmerman, Kyle Zenz, Avery Lettman, Chance Lee, Ben Moran, Samantha Hammiller, Olivia Clark, Payton Rueth, DJ Clark, Loren Gustafson, Mike Moran, Evan Richmond, John Celley

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Motion to approve by Rob, second by Scott, motion carries

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Review mission statement in light of having a coordinator. Change mission statement to read: The mission statement of the Youth Conservation Congress Oversight Committee is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to review and implement the Wisconsin Youth Conservation Congress Strategic Plan 2017-2025 that was approved and adopted in 2017 • make recommendations on the implementation of areas within the plan • review and discuss possible strategies for implementation • support the WYCC coordinator to oversee and manage the youth delegates and mentors • organize and oversee outings and activities for the WYCC youth delegates and mentors to help them experience and understand the different roles and duties involved in both volunteer groups and DNR staff to continue the traditions of conservation in the State of Wisconsin • gather information and recommendations to present to the District Leadership Council meetings
ACTION	Motion by Tashina to accept, second by Rob, motion carries.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	No public comments received
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

- A.** Introduction of new YCC Coordinator Kyle Zenz Kyle Zenz

DISCUSSION	Kyle introduced herself to committee members, youth delegates and mentors that are present. Handed out a questionnaire to youth delegates to get to know them better.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

- B.** Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center possible partnership with the YCC John Celley

DISCUSSION	John talked about the mission of Upham Woods. Played a video about their background, and went over their Conservation Challenge. The challenge is to complete 10,000 hours of conservation volunteer work in Upham Woods.
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	Discussed some different ways that the Youth Delegates could work with Upham Woods for future programs. We can come up with our own programs, or work with some of theirs.	
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- C. Outreach—discuss two YCC Facebook posts per month and the creation of a short video about the YCC for delegates to use to promote Group Discussion

DISCUSSION	<p>Trent talked about needing to send info to the Outreach committee when you do an activity with the youth delegates. The more we send, the more that we can spread the word about the Youth Congress. Do NOT send full names of youth in photos, first names only. Sam discussed the good things that came out of some negative comments on a photo of her trapping.</p> <p>Discussion on a video about the YCC for delegates to use to promote the YCC. Discussed what content to have in the video. Whether to wait for us to have formal coordinated program plan, or do a video on what the youth congress is about, and what they have for opportunities right now. One of the youth delegates commented that there is nothing online right now about the youth congress and what it is. He had done a school project about the YCC. He felt that a basic short video about our mission and what our goals are. Another delegate agreed that even short bits of banding or outdoor projects to show some of the fun things that are available. Kari said that the department has staff just for making videos that we could use to make the video. One of the youth delegates said that using students to work on this would be good for them for school projects. Jessica suggested that we make a bullet point list of what to hit on the video to start this off. The youth delegates may have some videos already that we could use. Youth delegate will work with Kari and Kyle. Kari will take it to the next Executive Committee for formal approval.</p>	
ACTION	Motion to pursue creating a short informational video mad by Rob, second by Kevin, motion carries.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

- D. Review the current status of the YCC General

DISCUSSION	<p>Trent handed out the latest updated contact list for youth delegates. Discussed that we need to fill in missing information in this list. (parent contact, phone numbers, emails, etc.) We need to get other or additional emails from the kids than their school emails as they are unable to receive or check emails. Find out from the youth what method of communication is best for them. Possibly have part of the Annual convention schedule include the kids electing their own executive committee. Add on agenda for next meeting to address how to keep youth involved past "aging out".</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

- E. Recap of canceled summer program and discussion of what was learned and how to move forward & Planning for 2020 winter YCC Learn to Ice Fish weekend program General

DISCUSSION	<p>Reviewed what led up to planning the unsuccessful outdoor weekend, and what we can do to improve the planning for the next event to be a success. We want to thank Jeff Giese for all the effort he put in to planning and in donating the land and lodge for the weekend. How do we get the kids to commit to an event and not bail. One of the youth delegates recommended that we have the kids more involved in the planning. Tara commented that we have to have parent involvement. A youth delegate thought that having the youth organized with their own executive committee and organizing their</p>	
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	<p>own planning committees to take charge.</p> <p>Discussion on when / where to plan a fishing weekend. Looking at planning it for the free fishing weekend January 18th & 19th, 2020. Considering something center of the state. Talk to Theresa about working with Fishing for Dinner program. Encourage youth delegates to bring a friend.</p> <p>Decided to plan for the free fishing weekend on Petenwell Lake from 9am to 3pm. Deadline to sign up by December 1st. Kyle will start working on planning. Rob is going to talk to Larry about guiding.</p>
ACTION	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

F. Planning for 2020 annual convention, YCC field trip, and hands on evening activities at the convention general

DISCUSSION	<p>Harold Drake from Shooting Ad Hoc committee would like to have a shooting night Thursday night at the Berlin Conservation Club. Suggestion to talk to the Club about doing a brat fry. Reed had been in discussion with Scott Bunde and Shawn Sullivan about a hands on project for the kids for Friday afternoon doing stream rehab. Discussion on Friday night. Decided to probably want to do something hands on.</p>
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G. Youth logo - Discuss OHEC's offer to fun logo creation general

DISCUSSION	<p>OHEC has offered to fund \$200 to go to the online "contest" to create a YCC logo. Show current logo and ask for a youth version that might be more appealing to youth. Maybe suggest taking the WCC half circle logo and make it a full circle, "completing the circle".</p>
ACTION	Motion to go to the DLC and get approval to do this by Kevin, second by Don, motion carries.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

H. Discussion and schedule the March committee meeting date general

DISCUSSION	Set date for next committee meeting for March 21st.
ACTION	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Motion to adjourn by Kevin, second by Scott, motion carries.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	12:49 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Tashina Peplinski
DATE	10/12/2019