



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 YCC Oversight Committee
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	03/04/2023	9:00	UWSP - College of Natural Resources
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Trent Tonn at 9:15am
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Frank Pratt, Larry Damman, Trent Tonn, Don Dukerschein, Kevin Smaby, Jason Brazzale, Jessica Tomaszewski, Reed Kabelowsky, Tashina Peplinski, Nicole Gates, Mitch Baker, Kyle Zenz, Tara Reuth
EXCUSED	Scott Lettman, Kyle Walker, Mark Conrad, Katie James, Courtney Andrews, Bobby McNeill
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	13 Youth Delegates & 15 Parents

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Motion to approve agenda by Kevin, second by Jason. Motion Carries.
ACTION	

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Motion to accept by Kevin, second by Don. Motion Carries.
ACTION	

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	none.
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

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A. YCC Coordinator Report

Kyle Zenz

DISCUSSION	See attached report. Reed, Miles, Trent, Jessica, Trevor and Olivia talked about our October upland bird learn to hunt experience, Dr. Orlofzsky gave a talk about bird biology, and YCCOC committee meeting. Charlie, Ava, Trent, and Reed talked about ice fishing overnight in January, learning about Walleye's for Tomorrow, and learning about how to fillet fish. Trent talked about how Walleye's for Tomorrow is always in need of volunteers. Currently have 41 Youth Delegates. 4 delegates will be graduating this year, 11 delegates graduated last year, all except 2 went on to college or a field relating to natural resources. Trent reminded youth delegates to get involved in their county's Spring Hearing, Open House and CDAC meetings that are coming up in the next month or so.	
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B. Annual Convention Planning

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Discussed the Youth Delegate's role in WCC meetings and Annual Convention, and encouraged them to participate. Kyle gave an overview of what the convention is, and what we have done in the past. Reviewed the input received from the feedback after 2022 Annual Convention. Jessica pointed out that the distance between the YCC room and the hospitality room was a barrier to WCC Delegates getting involved in the evening social time with YCC. Kyle went over the rough outline of the convention agenda.	
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ACTION	<p>1. Discuss and finalize programming, speaker, and field trip options. Options for Thursday: Trap / Archery or visiting MToxins to learn about snake venom. Options for Friday: Electroshocking demonstration, Learn about Lake Sturgeon, Learn about Lake Winnebago (University, Citizen Coalitions, WDNR), Learn about aquatic invasive species. Youth input was very interested in learning about sturgeon for the Friday activity.</p> <p>Thursday night, look into setting up a private tour at Mtoxins, then have a pizza party / fishing. Friday night Kahoot (trivia), leadership activity, fly tying, outdoor survival skills.</p> <p>2. Designate a small group of delegates to search out prizes to be given away to youth who attend the annual convention and to oversee the event.</p> <p>Kevin, Larry, Nicole, Jason, Reed, Don, and Liv volunteered to be the Annual Convention Planning subcommittee.</p>	
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C. June Career Day

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Last year was well attended and had great feedback. Want to continue it as a regular event. June 22, 2023</p> <p>Discussed whether to go back to Madison, or somewhere else.</p> <p>Discussed Sandhill Crane Wildlife Area. Technician Equipment, Biology, Education Changing it up to see / share new thing, committee approved Sandhill Crane plan Kevin & Tashina Volunteered rough timeline: 10am - noon lunch 1pm - 3pm</p> <p>Looking ahead at 2024 - Green Bay area</p>	
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D. Summer Program Planning

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Kyle gave overview of options: Calumet County - local caves - natural areas, Sawyer County - Chippewa Flowage - musky education, Oneida/Vilas Counties - learn to hunt bear / bear ecology, Iron County - learn to hunt bear / bear ecology Quick hand vote ranked them</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sawyer 2. Iron 3. Calumet 4. Oneida / Vilas <p>Committee discussed and decided on Calumet County for 2023, and Iron County for 2024. Everyone likes the idea of Sawyer, but we want to start having new experiences in different areas of the state.</p> <p>Jason wanted to throw LaCrosse County in for future considering, committee agreed that was a good plan possibly for 2025.</p>	
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2023 Calumet County subcommittee: Nicole, Liv, Reed & Tara Survival Skills, Caves, Duck Banding, Bow Fishing Demo	
2024 Iron County subcommittee: Trent, Reed, Jason, Frank volunteered Bob Trazeck Mike Rodgers - bear hunting - Saxon Bay for camping, Schwamegon Bay, Lake Superior	
For 2023 Camping at Calumet County Park, Highcliff State Park, maybe Ledgeview, or maybe private land. most activities at Ledgeview and Colins	
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E. Fall Mentored Hunt & YCCOC Committee Meeting

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Discussed date, and maybe not doing the same weekend as the Youth Deer Hunt weekend. Set date as October 13th - 14th. Duck mentored hunt & committee meeting At McMillan Wildlife Area for hunt - meeting location TBD Optional Friday night overnight for early morning hunt start. Tara & Reed are going to investigate where to have meeting and where to have an overnight maybe VRBO / Air BNB Looking morning meeting and afternoon / evening hunt - then maybe no overnight. Need to build in some level of training even though not a "learn to hunt" Meade might have something to help with the training Tara is going to ask at her district meeting about the training program / resources	
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F. Waterfowl Expo

Reed

DISCUSSION	Reed talked about last year and feedback that we had. See attached for discussion topics Discussed sponsors, activities, plans Notes for improvements for next year (Carried over from Oct minutes): - Fact sheet / informational poster for nesting boxes. - Handout instructions for building and maintenance of the the nesting boxes. - List of timed announcements for demos, prizes, etc. - Better "flow" and identification of the different stations - Duck call making away from the welcome table - Tear off part for the drawing cards - BG Calls needs 2 tables - Bags for carrying the handouts - sponsored by vendors? - Bigger laminated pictures for coloring examples for duck stamp coloring contest Reed is looking for a person(s) to start working with him on the leadership level of the planning of all this.	
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G. DNR Gift Account

Kyle

DISCUSSION	Review of spending, and discussion on how to utilize the account and the funds. Make use of the gift account to accept donations. Plan is to utilize these funds specifically to support expenses for Event.	
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H. Discussion about non-profit status and funding considerations

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Motion to have the funds that have been donated to the Friends of the WCC earmarked for YCC transferred to the YCC DNR gift account by Reed, second by Jason. Discussion about funds. Motion carries unanimous.</p> <p>Motion to investigate, with the permission of the DLC, to start a "Friends of the YCC" group to support the expenses of the YCC programs as soon as possible in 2023 made by Tashina, second by Larry. Discussion on what that means, and what it would entail. Motion carries.</p> <p>Motion to request that all future donations for the YCC to the Friends of the WCC be immediately transferred into the YCC DNR gift account made by Reed, second by Frank. Discussion. Motion carries unanimous.</p> <p>Trent will request to have these items on the next DLC agenda.</p>	
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Jason - talked about the WIFA and asked that delegates check to see if their local high schools have an ice fishing team. Kevin thanked the committee Reed asked for some volunteers to help at the convention to work with the youth that want to fish, help with cleaning and packing any fish that are caught. Larry talked about the resolution he put in requesting to review the VHS rules. Mitch thanked the committee and appreciated the conversation Don wanted to thank Kyle and Jessica for arranging the CNR tour today. Frank (this is his personal input, nothing to do with his status on the WCC) is very disappointed in how his resolution was handled, the lack of communication, explanation, and how the WCC has been operating. Nicole happy to be here, glad we're meeting in person. Tashina is happy to be on YCC, and is very excited to be involved in how we have grown and to see where we go from here. Trent is very proud to be involved in this committee and all the good and positive things we are doing with our youth. Jessica thanked everyone for coming, it was a fun day and she really enjoyed putting all this together, and we should do this next year. But with a schedule so the committee can join the fun. Kyle thanked everyone for all the work we put into this, she loves her job and is glad to be part of it.</p>	
ACTION	Motion to adjourn by Reed, second by Frank.	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	2:19pm
SUBMITTED BY	Tashina Peplinski
DATE	03/04/2023