



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Youth Congress Oversight Committee
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	03/13/2021	10:00 am	Zoom Virtual Meeting
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Trent Tonn at 10:00
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Frank Pratt, Larry Damman, Don Dukerschein, Jim Heffner, Mark Conradt, Kevin Smaby, Jason Brazzale, Tara Rueth, Jessica Tomaszewski, Tashina Peplinski, Scott Lettman, Trent Tonn, Kyle Zenz
EXCUSED	Reed Kabelowsky, Robert McNeill, Rob Bohmann
UNEXCUSED	Katie James, Kyle Walker
GUESTS	Kari Lee-Zimmerman

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Motion to approve by Jim Heffner, second by Frank Pratt. Motion Carries.

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Motion to approve by Kevin Smaby, second by Jim Heffner. Motion Carries

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. YCC Coordinator Report

Kyle Zenz

DISCUSSION	<p>Kyle gave a recap of the monthly gatherings that have been organized for the YCC, the most recent on March 10th had 18 youth join the meeting where they learned about wood ducks. April's meeting will be about the Spring Hearings, and we will probably move the meeting to the first Wednesday so that they can learn about them before the Spring Hearings on April 12th. In May we are planning on a presentation about Meade. Kyle has been very happy with the success of the monthly meetings and is looking forward to continuing them with the committee's support.</p> <p>Even with COVID, we have had 8 new delegates join this year. We have no youth delegates in District 4 yet. The press release about the YCC seems to be the main source of this new interest.</p> <p>Kyle has been doing a virtual power points with different schools. She has gotten some requests for a power point that could be used by other delegates, and Kyle is going to work with Kari to get that available on the website.</p> <p>Facebook has been a great resource, so if you have any photos or stories, please share it with Kyle for Facebook and for our newsletter. If you want to write up an article too, that would be a help also.</p> <p>She will cover more points that tie in with other agenda items for today when we get to them.</p>	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. Review of Mentor Support & Education

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Kyle has been working to support the new mentors who want to join. Any thoughts on how to continue supporting the new mentors and welcoming them. About 5 or 6 committee members volunteered to work with new mentors or people interested in maybe being a mentor.</p> <p>Kyle recommended that about once a year or so to review the Code of Conduct for being a mentor.</p> <p>Trent suggested that when we have the Annual Convention again, that we ask to do a presentation during part of the new Delegate Breakfast.</p>	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. YCC Alumni Discussion And Age Limit Extension & Discussion of Possible Partnership with the Conservation Leadership Corps

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>We have a number of Youth Delegates that would still be interested in continuing with the YCC after they graduate High School, but may not be ready or able to be a WCC Delegate.</p> <p>Mark LaBarbera was recently hired as the Executive Director of the WI Wildlife Federation, and has brought up an interest for the WiWF CLC to work the WYCC. Possibly the first step to that would be to extend the age limit of the YCC.</p> <p>Discussion on possible options.</p> <p>We want to extend the age limit through college, but not limit it to kids in college and possibly exclude kids that want to go into the trades but stay involved in conservation.</p> <p>Possibly have an "in between" role (like a YCC Youth Leader or Mentor in Training or Leader in Training or Conservationist in Training) that would extend through either while in college or until an age limit, maybe 24 or so. We should ask our youth delegates what they think for a name for the position.</p> <p>It seems that everyone agrees this is necessary.</p> <p>Thoughts on what we need to do:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Come up with the limits. 2. Come up with a name for the role, possibly ask the Youth Delegates. 3. Will this be available to anyone who wants to apply at any point, or only as an alumni program for youth delegates. 4. What exactly is the form or plan for this extended program. 5. Possibly develop a subcommittee for YCCOC members and youth delegates. <p>Motion by Frank Pratt, second by Jim Heffner, to do a survey. Rescinded.</p> <p>Motion to recommend to the DLC that we need to expand the YCC program to include dependent adults to bridge the gap between the youth delegates and the adult delegates, and ask for their permission to proceed with investigating how to go about this and what the program would entail by Frank Pratt, second by Jim Heffner. Motion carries unanimous.</p> <p>In the meantime HS seniors can apply to the CLC for next year while we work on this.</p>	
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D. Discussion and Planning of Summer Youth Events

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Things that we have thrown out so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doing in person events with DNR staff is still not currently possible due to staff restrictions - Possibly working with Walleyes Tomorrow to have an event at Highcliff Park to do something with sauger spawning for youth and mentors. It's weather dependent, so it could be very short notice. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are going to put out notice to the delegates that this will be an opportunity coming up. - Possibly having a day shadowing UWSP's Tree Haven program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This was just approved this past week, so we don't have a lot of details yet. - Possibly arrange a guided day trip to visit all the different student groups in each of the areas. - Middle of July time frame Mon-Fri - Possibly as a camping overnight - WI Trappers Assoc is going to host their trapper's association clinic at Trees for Tomorrow this year July 28-30 and that they would be interested in having youth delegates attend, and the Friends of the WCC would be willing to offer assistance with covering the cost. - Hound hunting clinic at Poynette. - Trout weekend up north. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking at around August, hosted by Frank Pratt. - August could time out with the DNR trout survey. - Frank is offering his house and grounds to host. - He's going to do something, and would like to have the YCC there for a Fri, Sat and Sun program. - Frank will finalize his plan and bring it back to the committee at the next meeting, but we will let the youth know that we are looking at August 6-8. - March 26-28 at the Kalahari that OHEC is going to have the ToW trailers at the show, Mark LaBarbera is looking to do some fundraising for the YCC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are going to need to get the word out and make sure we can get enough volunteers, we have enough interest. - Raised at Full Draw <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - www.raisedatfulldraw.com - end of July early August - might have a partial scholarship to pay half the \$250 fee - Fish Donkey app for a virtual fishing tournament, possibly for a summer fishing tournament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We're going to look into this. 	
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E. Future Committee Meetings

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Looking at a June Zoom meeting and an October (hopefully) in person meeting with an outing for the kids. We'll get a survey out for an evening June Zoom Meeting.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Don Dukerschein - Thanked Kyle for the great programs she's been organizing.</p> <p>Jim Heffner - Thanked Kyle Zenz for the great job that she's been doing.</p> <p>Mark Conradt - S3DA State Championship was successfully held this year with great participation, 4H is still a bit limited, he's been working to grow the UWSP Archery program. Hunter Education will be able to do in-person classes on April 1st.</p> <p>Jason Brazzale - Congrats to Osceola for being WIFA State Champions.</p> <p>Tara Rueth - Thanked everyone.</p> <p>Jessica Tomaszewski - Reminder that the Tree Felling course only has 3 spots left and it will close this weekend.</p> <p>Scott Lettman - Thank you to leadership and Kyle, and he's interested in some of the other programs we talked about.</p> <p>Trent Tonn - Thanked the committee</p> <p>Kyle Zenz - Thanked everyone for their time and support.</p>
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ACTION	Motion to adjourn by Jim Heffner, Second by Frank Pratt.
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	12:13pm
SUBMITTED BY	Tashina Peplinski
DATE	03/13/2021