



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 YCC Oversight Committee
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	10/08/2022	1:00 pm	Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Trent Tonn at 1:08 pm
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Frank Pratt, Scott Lettman, Trent Tonn, Donald Dukerschein, Mark Conratt, Kevin Smaby, Jason Brazzale, Jessica Tomaszewski, Katie James, Reed Kabelowsky, Tashina Peplinski, Mitch Baker, Kyle Zenz
EXCUSED	Courtney Andrews, Tara Rueth, Nicole Gates, Robert McNeill, Larry Damman
UNEXCUSED	Kyle Walker
GUESTS	Rick Wayne - Pepin County, Theresa Stabo, Rick James

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

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

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion of YCC Coordinator Report Kyle Zenz

DISCUSSION	Kyle reviewed her report. Most topics will be discussed further later in the meeting.	
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B. Overview of the Past Summer's Events General

DISCUSSION	<p>1. Summer Program in Phillips 12 youth attended, multiple WCC Delegates and Mentors attended for a very successful weekend. Despite rainy weather, everyone had a lot of fun, lots of learning, lots of fishing, learned about forestry, the elk herd, and responsible forest management. Trent thanked Kyle and Jessica for all their hard work, and thanked the Blatter's for sharing their property with us, and encouraged all committee delegates to try to attend our future summer programs.</p> <p>2. Waterfowl Expo in Oshkosh and discussion about possible commitment for next year Reed gave a review of the Expo. The Expo was well attended and we received a great reception and feed back from attendees and coordinators alike. All the volunteers were a big help and were important to the success of the event. We did a raffle for the youth who completed at least 5 of the stations and gave away some great prizes that were donated by some of the vendors. Reed has been at 2 meetings with the coordinators discussing the expo and future planning. The expo coordinators were extremely happy what we put together.</p>
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	<p>Almost all of the sponsors that were in the youth zone gave verbal commitments to be there next year. There were 120 total volunteers, 34 of them were in the youth zone combining the WCC/YCC and the Hunter's Safety volunteers.</p> <p>Trent thanked the WCC delegates that are not part of the YCC committee who came out to help with the youth zone.</p> <p>Discussion on if we should do this again next year. August 26, 2023</p> <p>Motion to partner with the Expo next year made by Kevin, second by Frank. Motion carried unanimous.</p> <p>Notes for improvements for next year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - Buck Gardner needs 2 tables - Bags for carrying the handouts - sponsored by vendors? - Bigger laminated pictures for coloring examples for duck stamp coloring contest <p>We are working with existing vendors and new vendors for sponsorships next year.</p>	
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C. Discussion on Program Funding

General

DISCUSSION	<p>1. Yearly Budget Kyle came up with a budget at the request of Chairman Rob Bohmann to be submitted to the DNR to try to get some funding on their budget. Review of Kyle's budget, and discussion. Discussed having Trent contact Rob, and then Secretary Cole about feedback and status of the budget. Jean Bunkofske might be a good start also.</p> <p>2. DNR Gift Account Kyle was able to set up a DNR gift account to be able to accept gifted funds to help support the YCC program. The gift account allows for funds that we can directly access when needed. It was started because of a \$1,000 grant from the Conservation & Education Foundation run by the retired wardens. Todd Schaller put in the work for this grant on our behalf. And shortly after, Carol Heffner contacted Kyle wanting to give a memorial gift from two sources on behalf of Jim Heffner. Discussion on how we can try to solicit funds from donors within the rules and guidelines that we have to follow. Katie mentioned that we should have some form letters for the requests and thank yous so that we have a uniform look. Trent mentioned to make sure that we have good communication on who you are talking to so that we don't overlap. Tashina mentioned that we need to discuss the handling and tracking of YCC funds when we discuss our strategic plan. Discussion on setting up a "Friends of the WYCC" or something similar to separate our funds for transparency and to possibly change us to having a 501c3 so that donations are tax deductible. Discussion on what setting that up would entail.</p> <p>3. Raffles It is \$25 for the WCC to get a schedule A license so that we can do raffles. We have asked the Friends of the WCC to do this, just waiting for confirmation back.</p> <p>4. Search for Applicable Grants two kinds of grants, one type is to help the youth cover funding to attend programs. the other type is grants that support organizations. If anyone hears of any grants available, please forward to Kyle so that she can distribute the information to the youth delegates.</p>	
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D. Discussion Planning for Future Programs

General

DISCUSSION	<p>1. December Mentored Deer Hunt Brad Haschalk (sp?) property in Sauk County is willing to host a mentored learn to hunt program. We were looking at December 10th, 2022. Mitch and Tashina volunteered to help. Might have others if it goes forward. Kyle is going to put some feelers out and see if anyone is interested.</p> <p>2. Winter Ice Fishing Program - Oshkosh, Eau Claire, or?? Pettenwell outing Jan 2022 had a good turn out and we'd like to do one for Jan 21, 2023. Scheels might be interested in partnering with us for that event, but they usually do a small contribution for a first time event. Scheels is asking for a complete plan on what we're going to do, how we're going to do it, etc. Discussed different locations, possibility of including the public somehow, maybe doing in two different locations to be convenient for more people. Possibly setting it up for YCC delegates to teach local youth how to ice fish. Decided on Shawno for a possible location.</p> <p>3. 2023 Oshkosh Convention - ideas for learning topics / field trips Activity Ideas: - Duck nesting survey - Electro shock fish sampling - Night fishing right at the hotel - Thursday night - Lure making, fly tying - Make bat houses and learn about bats in general - will need help around January to cut the pieces - Trivia challenge - everyone needs to get Jessica a question</p> <p>Discussion on whether or not to do something Saturday night Not sure because it's mother's day weekend Think about it and decide on the next meeting</p>	
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E. Discuss the Creation of a 5-Year Action Plan

General

DISCUSSION	<p>Think more like 3-year right now</p> <p>Action plan may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create and set a framework for our yearly programs 2. WCC Delegate and mentor involvement and commitment 3. Recruitment Goals 4. Definition of how YCC Delegates and WCC Mentors are supported 5. Creation of YCC leadership positions 6. Foster YCC involvement on other WCC committees <p>Start with a program annual framework for what programs we're going to do every year so that youth can look ahead.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winter event - free fishing weekend in January 2. March Committee Meeting - Schmeeckle / UWSP tour 3. Annual Convention - second weekend in May 4. June Career Day 5. Summer Program - Second Weekend in August 7. Waterfowl Hunting Expo - August 26th, 2023 8. Fall Program / Committee Meeting - Mid October - Mackenzie Center? or similar 	
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	<p>9. December Deer Learn to Hunt - Second Saturday in Dec (?)</p> <p>Monthly Zoom meetings - start planning in advance. If anyone has any ideas for the monthly meetings, let Kyle know.</p> <p>Kyle's suggestion was to start with these goals and try to more clearly define specifics on how to achieve these goals.</p> <p>Current Strategic Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Increase youth participation in the WYCC and youth knowledge about the WCC B. Develop mentors who can help recruit and train new safe, ethical hunters C. Recruit and train future conservation leaders who can effectively communicate, inspire, and recruit their peers into conservation programs D. Promote opportunities for participants to be conservation ambassadors / educators to build support and recruit mentors among existing conservation groups E. Connect participants with opportunities to learn about conservation and future professional opportunities, including volunteer and job-shadowing experiences <p>Trent thought that we start with keeping track of where we are at and compare year-to-year and track our growth. Frank added that in all his experience, we need to set target numbers / goals and timelines. It's adaptive management, so if you don't hit those goals then reevaluate why and adjust the goals. Kyle would like some more specific guidelines on how we plan to achieve these goals. Reed felt that we need to do more direct contact, not just blanket emails, but phone calls, in person updates, etc. Frank wants to work to develop better critical thinking skills Mark agrees that blanket emails are not the way to go.</p> <p>Kyle's thought is to send out a survey and get some info.</p> <p>Motion to have Kyle send out a survey to gather opinions and thoughts towards achieving the strategic goals made by Scott, second by Kevin. Motion carries unanimous.</p> <p>Discussed how to get the YCC delegates more involved in planning their program, attending committees, etc. Mitch suggested maybe having a leadership seminar to start teaching them about leadership.</p> <p>Frank talked about his experience with taking the 4-quadrant personality test and then learning about what it all means, and how all the personalities combine to make a successful team.</p> <p>Jessica suggested assigning different YCC delegates to host, coordinate and lead the monthly Zoom meeting.</p> <p>Discussion on getting YCC delegates involved with the different WCC committees. Mark suggested that YCC delegates will get an entry into a special raffle at the annual convention for every committee meeting that they attend and get involved in. Tashina suggested that maybe its a requirement that YCC delegates must sit on at least one committee. Reed suggested that when we get enough money to do an annual scholarship, having committee meeting attendance be a requirement for being eligible.</p> <p>Decided effective November 1st, 2022, YCC delegates will receive one entry into a special raffle at the annual convention for every WCC meeting they attend.</p>	
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F. Continued Discussion of the Alumni Program

General

DISCUSSION	<p>Discussion on: Overview, Goals, Expectations, and vision. Kyle requested that we start outlining more specific rules, guidelines, expectations, etc. for the alumni attending YCC events and WCC meetings.</p>	
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	Trent suggested setting up an "Alumni Night" where alumni can do a presentation on where they are at now, recommendations that they can offer to YCC delegates, and anything else they want to talk about. Rules and Resolutions Committee has on their agenda to discuss creating the "alumni delegate seat" for each county.	
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Frank Pratt~ None</p> <p>Scott Lettman~ Thanked everyone and is trying to free more time to participate more</p> <p>Trent Tonn~ Thank everyone for taking the time on this beautiful weekend to be involved and be here to help us. Thanks Kyle, Tashina, Reed and Jessica for all the work they put in.</p> <p>Donald Dukerschein~ None</p> <p>Mark Conradt~ Appreciative we can meet in person.</p> <p>Kevin Smaby~ It's great to be back in person, it's a lot more fun. And if you didn't participate this year in the Waterfowl Hunting Expo, he highly recommends making sure you can help next year. It's so much fun, and it's great to see the kids interest in getting involved.</p> <p>Jason Brazzale~ Yearly reminder to have your high school join the ice fishing teams</p> <p>Jessica Tomaszewski~ Thanks everyone.</p> <p>Katie James~ Looking forward to having a freer schedule to attend more.</p> <p>Reed Kabelowsky~ Thanked everyone for helping at the expo.</p> <p>Tashina Peplinski~ Thanked everyone for all their time and efforts. And wanted to start thinking instead of redefining the strategic plan, think of it as defining our program and continuing to create the structure that we can grow on.</p> <p>Mitch Baker~ Impressed with how much we have moved and grown the last couple years.</p> <p>Kyle Zenz~ Appreciates everyones support and it's fun to get to know everyone, and thanked everyone who brought food today.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn by Kevin, second by Frank.</p>
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	4:00pm
SUBMITTED BY	Tashina Peplinski
DATE	10/08/2022