



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Youth Congress Oversight Committee
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes

ORDER OF BUSINESS	10/09/2021	10:00 am	MacKenzie Center, Poynette, WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Trent Tonn at	10:08 am
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Frank Pratt, Scott Lettman, Trent Tonn, Donald Duckerschein, Jim Heffner, Mark Conradt, Kevin Smaby, Jessica Tomaszewski, Reed Kabelowsky, Tashina Peplinski
EXCUSED	Katie James
UNEXCUSED	Larry Damman, Kyle Walker, Jason Brazzle, Tara Rueth, Robert McNeill
GUESTS	Kyle Zenz - YCC Coordinator, Logan Christianson - Youth Delegate Sawyer Counter, Blake Hoffman - Youth Delegate, Jacob Munson - Youth Delegate Dane County

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

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

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	<p>Original mission statement: The mission statement of the Youth Conservation Congress Oversight Committee is as follows:</p> <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 <p>Discussion on possible modifications. Discussion on possibly merging other committees due to overlapping goals. General consensus was to leave as read.</p>
ACTION	Motion to accept by Jim, second by Reed. Motion Carries.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	none.
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Citizen Resolutions

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	None.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

B. Recap of August's Trout Ecology Weekend

Kyle Zenz and Frank Pratt

DISCUSSION	<p>Kyle and Frank went over some of what we did that weekend. Weekend was a huge success. Trout Unlimited was extremely impressed, and is offering the 10 youth delegates that attended gift memberships to TU.</p> <p>Trent thanked Frank and Kyle and all the committee members and parents that helped out, and that everyone involved was key in making the weekend such a huge success.</p> <p>Trent asked the youth delegates if they thought that timing of early august was a good time for this. Logan felt that it was perfect timing, in kind of a lull in students' schedules.</p> <p>Discussion on future programs. Do we repeat the exact same one, do a similar fishing theme, or do something completely different.</p> <p>Asked Kyle to send out a survey to youth delegates asking for their input prior to the march meeting. Warm water / cold water / specific species or ecologies / etc.</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

C. Discussion on resolution process using example of Outdoor Heritage & Education Committee resolutions

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Kevin explained to the youth delegates the resolution process after it passes at the county level. Going through Rules & Resolutions Committee, and then being assigned to a specific committee, how it is handled in the committee and continues on through to DLC, then to Spring Hearings and on.</p> <p>Discussion on the resolution process, and reviewing and discussion of Citizen Resolution #030121.</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

D. Continued discussions on the YCC program extension for students who have aged out of the current program

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>At their June meeting, the DLC gave permission to go ahead and start developing an extended program for the youth delegates after they graduate high school.</p> <p>possible ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - allow them to continue to be involved with the monthly virtual meetings - allow them to continue to receive the monthly newsletter - include a monthly spotlight person for the extended program as well as the monthly youth delegates - being involved in events as helpers, or _____? to assist the mentors and coordinator - getting them involved with the WCC and the open delegate seats <p>Asked the youth delegates attending the meeting on their thoughts. General consensus was that a continued program would be of interest. Continued learning, helping to mentor youth, continued involvement with conservation were all of interest.</p> <p>Discussion on an Alumni type program or another whole program for college age.</p> <p>Motion to establish a YCC Alumni program outline to present to the DLC for youth delegates post high school graduation through age 25 and extending the opportunities of the newsletter, monthly meeting, and participation in YCC events made by Jessica, second by Jim.</p> <p>YCC Alumni Program Outline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open to youth delegates starting at September 1st following high school graduation through age 25 - Youth delegates will be given the opportunity to opt in / opt out of the alumni program - Extending the opportunities of the YCC including the monthly YCC meeting and newsletter 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invite to participate in YCC events - Offer continued assistance and resources to help them in schooling or a career in conservation - Continued involvement in the WCC - Starting with a simple program outline while we solidify the YCC program <p>Motion carries approving above outline.</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

E. Planning for the 2021 Winter YCC Learn to Ice Fish weekend program [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>January 15th, 2022 during the free fishing weekend on Lake Petenwell at Petenwell County Park Moving forward with the same plan as the canceled event in 2020 Setting a rain date of February 26th as a fall back so everyone knows ahead of time.</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

F. Planning for the 2021 Annual Convention, YCC field trip, and hands on evening activities at the convention [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Annual convention is in Wisconsin Dells for 2022</p> <p>Looking at Baraboo / Devil's Lake / Aldo Leopold Shack / Crane Foundation / Parfrey's Glen for the day trip Possible Saturday overnight at Devil's Lake Reed is going to check with Devil's Lake about conservation project Don is going to find out about the Crane Foundation in Baraboo Jessica is going to find out about Aldo Leopold</p> <p>Discussion on helping offset room costs for the youth delegates to help with attendance.</p> <p>We're going to put out a call to the WCC for someone who makes some type of animal call. Also looking into building some type of nesting box / house Rick Wayne of Pepin volunteered to help with cutting materials</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

G. Future committee meetings [PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>March 5th for the next meeting at Stevens Point and looking at planning a tour of UWSP</p>	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Kyle mentioned that we're probably going to put up an opportunity to order shirts again. Don said the tour of UWSP will be really good for the YCC delegates Frank said that we need to do whatever we can to get more involvement from the rest of the WCC delegates Trent thanked everyone for coming and making it to the meeting today, and everyone who's staying to help with tonight and tomorrow's events. Reed offered to step in if anything is needed and anyone can call him. He talked about trying to get delegates on this committee that will be more involved.</p>	
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ACTION	Motion to adjourn by Jim, second by Frank
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	12:50pm
SUBMITTED BY	Tashina Peplinski
DATE	10/09/2021