



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 YCC Oversight Committee
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	06/21/2022	7:00pm	Zoom
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Trent Tonn at 7:18 pm
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Frank Pratt, Larry Damman, Scott Lettman, Trent Tonn, Donald Dukerschein, Mark Conradt, Kevin Smaby, Jason Brazzale, Tara Rueth, Jessica Tomaszewski, Reed Kabelowsky, Tashina Peplinski, Robert McNeill, Mitch Baker, Kyle Zenz
EXCUSED	Kyle Walker, Courtney Andrews, Katie James, Nicole Gates, Mitch Baker
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Todd Schaller, Zachary Kuhr, Dane Kuhr, Caleb Frank, Jerome Donohoe

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Motion to swap A&B by Kevin, second by Jessica. Motion Carries

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

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

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

- A.** Final Summer Program Planning - Discuss plans, agenda, DNR speakers, limited space, etc. General

DISCUSSION	<p>Kyle and Jessica went over the preliminary plans for the summer program.</p> <p>Event is Friday August 12th through Sunday August 14th on the Blatler property on the south bend of the Flambeau River. Attendees can start to arrive on Thursday August 11th for those who have long distance to travel.</p> <p>We will be camping on the property with access to an outdoor kitchen, fire pit, and other amenities. the river in august should be about thigh deep and slower current. There is plenty of fishing opportunities right on the property.</p> <p>Kyle went over the tentative schedule for the weekend.</p> <p>There are a lot of aspects of the planning Friday that will be dependent on the size of the group. We are currently looking at splitting into two groups and swapping locations after lunch. We will know more once we get registrations in.</p> <p>Saturday we will do a float down the Flambeau River putting in north of camp and floating down. It is about a 4-hour trip if you paddle straight through. If you just float and fish, it can be a full day. There are some light rapids that we will need to go over rapid navigation, but nothing dangerous. for those that paddle through, we will look at setting up activities or they can relax around the fire.</p> <p>We are working on evening programs, or camp fire stories, possibly another hound hunting demo. Invertebrate sampling with Frank.</p>
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Sunday more relaxed, possibly having a hike for those who want to hang around to Tim’s Hill, WI’s highest point, or more fishing.

Setting up a schedule for prep/cook/clean up so everyone gets on the rotation. Will discuss whether to have everyone bring food or charge a fee to cover food.

Plenty of space for camping. But if numbers get high, we might plan on putting people together to share tents. There will be a cabin with limited sleeping room available for leadership / committee members.

There will be porta potty available, but showering will be in the river.

We will look at coordinating car pooling to limit the number of vehicles up there, and also for getting around during the weekend.

July 13th, YCC Virtual gathering to discuss schedule & details for summer program and answer questions.

Requesting a registration deadline by July 18th.

YCC delegates 12 and under need to have a parent, family member or mentor present.
Discussion on whether or not to welcome parents to attend. Decided that we should still allow them, especially for kids under the age of 16.

Discussion on t-shirts. General YCC shirts or do we want special summer program shirts?
Friends of the WCC has offered to buy t-shirt for the youth delegates for the event.
General consensus is do general YCC, but make it a special color.

Setting the tentative cap at 25 youth and 12 adults for right now, but we will address as needed.

review of the survey feedback on what the youth delegates are interested in learning, and we’ll try to work some of it into the weekend.

Asked for committee input on whether to charge a fee to cover food, or have everyone bring different things?
One option is to charge a small program fee per person and then Friends will purchase all the food and supplies needed so we know that everything is covered. for moer than food also, to help cover the costs of the porta potty, possibly needing some canoe rentals, etc.

Concern about someone not going because they can’t afford the fee. Kevin is against having a fee. Don & Mark felt there should be a fee to help streamline things. Reed agrees, but that we should put some verbiage in there about if the fee is an issue, to contact leadership. Frank is definitely against any fees. Scott is on the fence maybe small \$5-10. Jason not sure, but if anything, nominal, but not sure if \$5-10 is enough. Bobby felt that a small fee would be better. Tara felt that a smaller fee rather than larger. Caleb felt that a fee of \$25-30 should be fine and maybe if they can’t that we off an option to bring food instead. Kevin felt that even with the option should still have something in there about financial hardship. Larry asked about a fee for the parents.

Motion to charge a \$20 program fee per delegate, parent, or trusted adult, for the summer activity and that they have the option to bring food instead, and to have an option that we can cover if it would be a barrier to attending, this would not be required from committee members donating their time. Motion from Jessica, second from Mark.
Motion Carries.

Scott might have someone who just graduated UWSP fisheries program who might be able to assist for the weekend. and hes only about 30 minutes away if we need over flow.

ACTION	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

- B.** Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunter’s Expo – Discuss YCC related activities at the event, fundraising, etc. General

DISCUSSION	Todd Schaller and Reed talked about the Waterfowl Expo and what the expectations for WCC/YCC. The expo is August 27th, 2022
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From Todd summary of expectations:

The Youth Zone is a designated area within the Waterfowl Hunters Expo providing hands-on opportunities to a wide age range of youth (5-15) in a way that connects them to waterfowl conservation, and waterfowl hunting. The area will have an educational element provided in a style to get those participating excited about waterfowl conservation and hunting. The youth zone should be designed for the youth and associate adult (i.e. parent, grandparent, friend) to have a combined experience and not a location for kids to be dropped off and left unsupervised.

In addition to the Youth Zone, Wisconsin Hunter Education Instructor Association (WHEIA) will have a pellet shooting trailer and WDNR youth archery shooting will be provided at the Expo. These two elements have a youth connection however are not formally part of the Youth Zone, however their location will be in close proximity to the Youth Zone.

The expectation is the WCC-YCC oversees and manages all aspects of the Youth Zone including tent rental, volunteers, materials needed for the youth zone. WHE will provide a budget and associated funding for the Youth Zone. One member of the WCC-YCC Committee will participate in Expo Steering Committee planning meetings to provide updates, ask questions and assist in the overall Expo process.

Todd talked about why they are looking for help to manage the youth zone.

Reed talked about sitting in on the steering meeting and how he sees this working with YCC/WCC and the Expo.

Jessica will try to talk with UWSP's DU Student Chapter to have them help.

Possible moving decoy blind, duck ID or trivia type questions to spin a wheel for a prize, try to find a guide to talk about hunting on the water. possible duck calls to either give away, use at the show, or both. There will be pellet shooting, archery, and OHEC will have the ToW trailer.

Ideally, this could be a long term partnership, and possibly using it as a fund raiser.

Kyle wants to make sure that we have clear and inviting signage for kids and parents. She would like to have an activity table like a color station, and other ways to engage multiple age ranges.

Reed talked about how this would be a great opportunity to showcase and possibly grow the YCC.

Trent asked for any committee members who would be able to volunteer to contact Reed ASAP. And Mentors, please reach out to the youth delegates and ask them to attend and help out.

Todd needs numbers as soon as possible so that he can order the right shirt sizes for everyone. All volunteers who help out will get a button down expo shirt.

Reed is going to try to do weekly updates or so as he gets more information.

Reed is hoping for 10 YCC Committee Members, 10 WCC Delegates and 10-15 Youth Delegates.

Trent would like to volunteer to draw up a "duck stamp" for coloring and send along markers.

Set up is Thursday and Friday, and they could use help with that.

Todd asked for a roughed out budget so they can start getting an idea of costs.

Kevin asked what size the tent should be, Todd said last year it was a 20' x 20', but the zone spread out over a much larger area.

Discussion on layout and attendance plans.

Tashina volunteered to help with the signage and put the key people in touch with staff at Digital Edge to help get it produced.

Trent asked about possibly hosting a fund raising raffle in the youth Zone. Todd said that would be great, and if this relationship continues, there might be a future opportunity for the YCC to receive some of the expo proceeds.

May need to route donations through the Expo group so that donations can be tax exempt.

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- C. Alumni Program – Overview goals, expectations, vision, discuss COP change to include a YCC alumni seat on each county delegation General

DISCUSSION	Discussion on some of what we have run into with Alumni wanting to do their own thing because they’re over 18, and how we want to handle expectations with them. Table this part of the discussion until the next meeting, but asked the committee to start thinking about this and how they would like us to address this. Discussion on Frank’s proposal for CoP change to create a YCC Alumni seat at the county delegate level. Frank is looking for it to be a voting position and would sit on an active committees.
ACTION	Motion to allow Frank, Kevin, Trent, Caleb & Tashina to move forward with coming up with wording to request the CoP change by early July in time for submitting for fall district meetings. Motion by Tashina, second by Kevin. Motion Carries.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

- D. Preliminary Fall YCC Program Planning General

DISCUSSION	Discussion on possible fall program planning. Trent proposed having a similar October meeting like we had a few years ago at Meade. Possibly with starting with a waterfowl hunt and then doing the meeting, then doing an upland hunt after. General consensus is that sounds like a perfect plan. Meeting set for 11-3.
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- E. Future Financial Planning for the organization – Discuss budget, funding, fundraising, and grant writing General

DISCUSSION	Friends of the WCC has a Schedule B raffle license that allows us to do sales on the day of the event. Rob is willing to apply for a Schedule A license that would allow us to sell longer term raffle tickets if we are interested. If that is what we want, we need a motion to send a letter to friends requesting that. For waterfowl expo we could do a raffle as long as it is for that day ONLY. Reed is attempting get donations for some items that we could raffle off at the event. Reed is going to check if we can utilize the Expo’s raffle license. Rob requested that we come up with an annual budget and that we write a request to Preston Cole to have the DNR fund this program.
ACTION	Motion to recommend that the Friends of the WCC get a Schedule A raffle license. Motion by Mark, second by Kevin. Motion Carries. Motion to have Leadership and Kyle put together an annual budget and make a recommendation of Preton Cole to have the DNR fund the YCC . Motion by Frank, second by Scott.. Motion Carries
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- F. YCC Leadership – Review idea to have peer-leadership positions General

DISCUSSION	Motion to Table rest of the agenda by Kevin, second my Scott. Motion Carries.
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G. YCC Involvement on WCC Committees General

DISCUSSION	Tabled	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

H. Review, discuss, and create a YCC 5 Year Plan to highlight goals and objectives, based upon what has been accomplished in the past year or two General

DISCUSSION	Tabled	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

I. Targeted Urban Involvement General

DISCUSSION	Tabled	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

J. Preliminary planning for the 2023 Winter Event General

DISCUSSION	Tabled	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Frank Pratt ~ Frank is going to fish</p> <p>Larry Damman ~ None.</p> <p>Scott Lettman ~ His son will not be able to attend the August outing</p> <p>Trent Tonn ~ thank you to all the committee members, we meet a lot more than any other committee.</p> <p>Donald Dukerschein ~ None.</p> <p>Mark Conradt ~ 5 weeks away form camp, and it looks like there's only a couple spots left.</p> <p>Kevin Smaby ~ talked about the possibility of having a 4 or 8 hour fishing charter for the YCC delegates.</p> <p>Jason Brazzale ~ thank you to Kyle, Jessica and Frank for being part of the review committee for the WIFA scholarship.</p>
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	<p>Jessica Tomaszewski ~ She jsut received a 5.88 Million dollar grant to use for some new forestry programs</p> <p>Reed Kabelowsky ~ Thank you to everyone on the committee, and that this is all picking up, but it can be time consuming and that that’s something that all the members should be aware of.</p> <p>Tashina Peplinski ~ suggested that we look at setting up a secondary 501c organization that would be tax exempt since friends is not.</p> <p>Robert McNeill ~ Continue to get kids outdoors and he is available to help where ever needed</p>
ACTION	<p>Moment of silence to think of and thank for everything he did for our committee and WCC, and he will be greatly missed.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn by Kevin, seocnd by Mark. Motion Carries.</p>

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	9:50 pm
SUBMITTED BY	Tashina Peplinski
DATE	06/21/2022