

1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

City of Kaukauna
Nature Center Building
1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna



Friday, January 06, 2023 at 9:00 AM

MINUTES

In-Person

1. Call to Order

Pautz called meeting to order at 9:01 AM

Members Present: Pautz, Breitzman, Jakel, White, Carlson

Also Present: Nowak, Ironside

2. Reading and Approval Minutes

a. 1000 Islands Education Sub-Committee Minutes of November 1, 2022

Pautz pointed out two typing errors in the minutes for correction. Breitzman also pointed out an error in the spelling of her name.

Carlson moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes with the corrections mentioned. Seconded by White. Motion carried.

3. Old Business

a. Update on 2023 Eagle Days

Nowak provided an update on the Eagle Days event. Most activities are set and ready.

Nowak is currently recruiting and scheduling volunteers for various activities. Help from the Kaukauna High School Key Club has been requested. Although we do not know how many Key Club volunteers are helping yet, there is usually a good turnout.

Nowak is still working on Door Prizes and Coloring Contest Prizes. There are a couple of media interviews scheduled for the week before the event.

The National Eagle Center presentations have been sponsored this year by a memorial donation from the family of Michael Cleveland. Nowak is working with Michael's wife on plans for a memorial acknowledgement to have on display during the event.

4. New Business

a. Approve Snowshoe Replacement Plan including expenditure of up to \$4000.00 to purchase new Tubbs snowshoes

Discussion was held on the idea of replacing the old, wooden snowshoes with modern snowshoes. Nowak shared a plan for the replacement including the quantity and sizes of the snowshoes, cost to purchase the snowshoes and where funding would come from.

White made a motion to recommend to the full Committee the approval of an expenditure of up to \$6,000 to purchase new snowshoes through Tubbs Snowshoes. Seconded by Breitzman. Motion carried.

There were concerns regarding the current fees for snowshoe rentals as listed on the User Fee Schedule. Discussion surrounded what price would be beneficial for 1000 Islands, but still reasonable for families. Nowak provided some comparisons from other nature centers and various outfitters.

Jakel shared concerns regarding off-site rentals and the possibility of not getting the snowshoes back. Especially with concern of not having snowshoes for upcoming groups. It was suggested to have a flat deposit amount of \$100 as well as a form for renters to fill out signing off on liability for the cost of repair and replacement of snowshoes. A drivers license can be held to secure an on-site rental instead of the deposit, but both on-site and off-site rentals should utilize a rental form.

Carlson made a motion to recommend that the full committee approve a change in snowshoe rental fees to \$5 per pair for on-site rentals for visitors 16 years and older with a drivers license as well as \$15 per pair for an off-site rental up to 4 days with \$100 deposit. Seconded by White. Motion carried.

b. Discuss 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Ideas

Nowak gave an overview of a webinar she attended regard the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant managed through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The program aims to provide educational support and learning experiences for children outside of the regular school day and over school holidays. There is a lot of potential to create after school programs or days off of school programs for students in the Kaukauna Area School District with these grant funds. Current staffing levels won't support the addition of a program like this, but the idea will be kept for possible future implementation.

5. Other Sub-Committee Items

Pautz asked for an update on the summer program list and program evaluation form. Nowak informed the group that both have been completed. The summer program list has already been shared with a couple of groups looking to schedule a program for the summer. The first evaluation form link was just sent out for the start of 2023.

6. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Jakel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Breitzman. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.