

1000 ISLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

City of Kaukauna
Nature Center Building
1000 Beaulieu Court, Kaukauna



Tuesday, November 01, 2022 at 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Pautz called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. A quorum is present.

Present: Pautz, Carlson, White

Also Present: Brietzman, Garrity, Ironside, Nowak, Kelly Reyer - Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance

2. Reading and Approval Minutes

a. 1000 Islands Education Sub-Committee Minutes of August 5, 2022

Carlson moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes from the August 5, 2022 Education Sub-Committee Meeting. Seconded by White. Motion carried.

3. Old Business

a. Discuss 2022 Focus on the Fox Event and Suggested Changes for 2023

Discussion was held regarding what went well for the first year of the event. The group felt it was a successful event all around. Ideas on additions and changes for next year were shared. There is hope to include additional organizations such as an expanded presence from the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, SaltWise, and Fox Locks. There is interest in creating a small planning group/committee to help staff in the planning and preparation efforts. Several additional activities to include in future years was discussed. This includes a Native American component, tree climbing experiences, or art focused activities. Funding for the 2022 came from a memorial donation. Additional donations and/or sponsorships will be sought out to cover the costs for future events.

b. Discuss Fall Goat Browsing and Plans for 2023

A review of the fall goat browsing season was shared. The season went well, despite a few minor issues. Suggestions were made on how to improve communication and education for the goat watcher volunteers. Nowak will make some changes to the volunteer training and information available in the supply bucket.

The browsing areas for spring were discussed. It was agreed that we will utilize the same areas as were used in 2022. The idea of preparing an additional area was discussed. The need will be evaluated in early spring. An additional area likely can be created between the existing browsing sections and the parking lot.

White inquired about the status of the goat book. Nowak informed the group that the artwork is complete, but the information section for the back of the book is not. The content was worked on over the summer, but Nowak and Ironside will work on finalizing it

so that a new file can be submitted to printers for cost estimates. It is still believed that a KELF grant can cover printing costs. Nowak suggested creating an offsite program focused on the book and the goat project for the area elementary schools to strengthen the possibility of receiving the grant.

4. New Business

a. Discuss Plans for 2023 Eagle Days Event

Nowak shared plans for the 2023 Eagle Days to be held on Saturday, January 28. The event will run similar to pre-pandemic years. Free refreshments will not be available in an effort to encourage more revenue for a food stand which will be run by the Friends group. The National Eagle Center is confirmed for 2023. A memorial donation is covering the cost of the live eagle programs.

The Kaukauna Public Library will be included as an event location again for 2023. They will host a presentation inside the library and a storybook walk along the river to encourage additional eagle viewing.

5. Other Sub-Committee Items

Pautz inquired about the status of a program evaluation process and new summer field trip offerings.

Nowak informed the group that the easiest way to get evaluations up and running is to put together a google form that can be shared with teachers and chaperones, similar to the evaluation form for the virtual program kits. Pautz offered to help with creating a list of questions for the evaluation form.

The new list of program options for the summer field trip season have not been created yet. Nowak and Ironside will be to scale back the programs to those that will work best for our summer audience. Summer field trip requests typically start coming in after the first of the year, so a new brochure/listing will be completed by the end of 2022.

Nowak gave an update on the possibility of purchasing new storybook walk stands. Sarah will be working with the library to submit a grant request through the Community Foundation to purchase the stands.

6. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Carlson moved to adjourn. Second by White. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM.