

# **NFC Envirothon Operating Committee**

## **May 25, 2016 Conference Call Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees: Committee Members:** Sid Lowrance, Ron Hellstern; Barry Burch; Jeff Folger; Jessica Kaknevicus; Kerin Hume, Jeanne Dryburgh, Patricia Pohrebniuk; Wendee Zadanski, Millie Langley  
**Staff: NACD:** Rich Duesterhaus, Peggy Lemons; Clay Burns; Debbie Waycott  
**Absent:** Dana Collins; Shonny Nordlund  
**Guest:** Alan Duesterhaus

Burch opened the meeting at 1:31pm EST.  
Roll Call by Folger

Minutes: The minutes of the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were reviewed  
Motion to accept by Lowrance, second by Langley vote unanimous.

**NCF Updates:** Alan Duesterhaus reported:

- Meeting with Xumin Hu from China on Chinese participation in the Ethon.
- Opportunities for Chinese students bound for western universities.
- Seeks an endorsement from a Federal agency for the Ethon.
- Endorsement on the website along with others.
- Students may come to Ontario, select students may attend not necessarily from the same school.

**2016: Ontario** – Kaknevicus reported:

- Additional sponsors are on board, \$300K= raised to date. \$40K to go to meet target/
- Opening speaker, Natalie Panek, STEM supporter
- Registration; A college and university fair will be present in the registration area.
  - Wrist bands will be issued to all participants.
  - Will forward a floor plan for tables to Burch for review
- Agenda on the website
- Tours will be on Monday and Tuesday.
- Event Guide has been recently updated.
- Final presentations will be in one room and will be televised to the group.
- Testing site: long pants and bug dope strongly advised access good for emergencies.
- Check out the Advisor tours.
- Awards will be canoe paddles for the 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

Students and advisors will be housed in dorms without a/c.

- Shuttle link is embedded in the event guide.
- The cost of the shuttle will depend on the capacity on each bus. The starting cost is \$154 per person but is reduced as the riders on each bus are increased. A full bus will cost \$51 per person.
- The war room location will be announced for early arrivals.
- The Ops Comm will meet on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**NCF Report:** Rich Duesterhaus

- Smithfield will be offering the same level of scholarships as in 2015
- He will meet with Smithfield next week to organize corporate exposure for awards, etc.
- A search for an executive director for the Foundation has commenced.
- At least four trustees will be on site at Peterborough.
- There was a discussion on the appropriate age for a chaperone. Motion by Lowrance that the minimum age for a chaperone must be 21. Second by Hellstern. Vote unanimous.
- A Chinese delegation is expected to attend the event on Ontario. At this moment it will consist of five students, two advisors, and Mr. Hu. Their expected arrival is unknown at this time.
- There needs to be a policy for a “guest team”.
- Opening and closing ceremonies and the trading session will involve China. Internet access is a challenge in China.

**Public Relations Update:** Waycott reported:

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- State and Provincial events will be ending soon.
- Eighteen responses to the statistical inquiry.
- The website has been updated to include submissions from local competitions.
- There is an update on field testing tools.
- Twelve teams have been certified, ten teams have registered, and nineteen guests have registered.
- Social media is being accessed.
- A program survey will be given to all students and advisors at registration.
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**Future Competitions:**

2017: Maryland – Burch reported:

- Learning objectives for the current issue have been completed and will be posted on the website by August 1st.
- The other four stations will be posted by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The shuttle to/from BWI airport is being arranged. Cost recovery is expected.
- More info on the PowerPoint issue in July.

2018: Western Hosts: Idaho

- No report

2019: North Carolina – Langley reported:

- They are working with NC State.
- They will have a presentation at the meeting in July

2020:

- Nebraska is discussing the possibility of hosting internally.

**Updates from Committees:**

- Education Committee – No Report Discussion in July on STEM.
- Diversity Grant Committee – Next year the Forest Service will dedicate \$19K towards diversity grants with an emphasis on Hispanic outreach.
- Scoring Committee – Will convene after the next conf call.
- CAT team – Organized and ready
- Logo Re-Design Committee: the announcement is on the website and was on the list serve. No submittal to date.

Adjourn – 2:34pm

**Next Meeting mid June via Doodle poll**