

MEETING AGENDA
NCF Envirothon Operating Committee
September 26, 2017 Teleconference, 11:00 AM EDT

NCF Envirothon Operating Committee Members Present: Ron Hellstern (UT), Shonny Nordlund (MT), Patricia Pohrebniuk (MB), Sid Lowrance (AR), Kerin Hume (DE), Millie Langley (NC), Jeanne Dryburgh (NE), Wendee Zadanski (OH), Lorelle Steach (PA)

NCF Members: Debbie Waycott (NS), Peggy Lemons (MO), Melissa Augusto, Tim Reich, Carly Burton

Call to Order – Millie Langley called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. EST

Roll Call was done by Millie Langley

Approval of the July summer meeting Minutes were reviewed. Motion was accepted by Lorelle Steach and Seconded by Wendee Zadanski. Vote unanimous.

NACD Development Updates - Melisa Augusto, NACD Director of Development

Melisa gave an update of NACD and of outlook for Idaho and potential sponsor for NCF and the 2018 competition. There was discussion as to if more sponsorship was coming into NCF as a corporate sponsor (ie. Like Canon was in in previous years)

Envirothon Updates - Carly Burton, Envirothon Program Manager

Carly reported that she had been started reaching out to all the provincial and state contacts and introducing herself. The Representatives FB page had been set up as well for the contact to be communication with one another. Carly also reported that she had scheduled her trip out to Idaho in late October to visit with Chris and Tamra and the rest of the Host committee.

Comments from NCF – Tim Reich

Tim gave a brief update from the NCF executive board.

2018– Idaho update – Chris Banks

Chris reported that to date Idaho had raised close to \$30,000.00 in sponsorship thus far. Rangelands is the current topic this year and Idaho is on target as far getting their learning objectives out. They have looked at sites for testing and training sites and are planning on having Carly look at them when she comes out. Everything is coming together for ISU and testing.

2017 – Maryland Re-Cap

Barry wasn't on the conference call but final financials are being turned in to NCF and Melisa from Maryland for reimbursements.

Public Relations / Registration – Debbie

Debbie reported that she had been updating the website and she is working with Carly on adding her as a co-admin to the social media accounts. The 2017 stats forms were sent out and only 25 were returned. The resource material, Debbie has recommended be allotted to certain number of pages. It has also be requested that the current issue, and learning objectives and list of study resources be submitted by host to NCFEOC at least 24 months in advance. Membership dues shall remain at \$350.00.

Updates from Committees

a. Diversity Grants Committee – Debbie Waycott

Hope to go forward this year as USFS is one the sponsors this year. Letters to be sent out in October.

b. Education Committee – Ron Hellstern

Ron discussed the OP extension service project. There was also discussion as to if we are doing enough to get more sponsor for Envirothon and NCF.

c. Competition Advisory Team (CAT) Committee – Trish Pohrebniuk

Trish reported that the CAT team felt good after the Maryland event. She expressed some of the things she wanted Carly to look at for the Idaho event for 2018 for testing and training sites to keep in mind.

d. Rules – Trish Pohrebniuk

The rules that were reviewed and recommended for changes at summer meeting were discussed. They were to be taken to NCF for consideration. Melisa had already left the conference call at this point and so there was not an answer as to if NCF executive board had taken any action.

Beyond 2018 Competitions:

e. 2019 – North Carolina update –

Millie reported that the current topic had been chosen, Agro Ecology – Knowledge & Technology to Feed the World and the Host Committee was meeting with North Carolina State University on their Campus on Sept. 27.

f. 2020 – Nebraska – No report at this time (per Jeanne)

g. 2021 – There was no discussion on this.

Reminder was also said of the NACD winter Meeting in Nashville in late January. There was discussion as to when the operating committee would be meeting during the convention. Trying to figure out when to decide to fly/arrive in town.

There was discussion of having our next meeting in early November and it was decided that Millie would send out a similar invite as she did with this meeting to see what day works best with everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27pm. EST