

NFC Envirothon Operating Committee

October 20, 2016 Conference Call Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Committee Members: .; Barry Burch; Jeff Folger; Jessica Kaknevicus; Jeanne Dryburgh, Patricia Pohrebniuk; Wendee Zadanski, Millie Langley.

Staff: NACD: Rich Duesterhaus, Peggy Lemons; Debbie Waycott, Melissa Augusto

Absent:, Clay Burns; Shonny Nordlund; Ron Hellstern; Dana Collins; Kerin Hume; Sid Lowrance

Guest: Melissa Augusto

Burch opened the meeting at 1:36PM EST.

Roll Call by Folger

Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed

Motion to accept with revisions by Kaknevicus, second by Langley, vote unanimous.

NCF Updates: Duesterhaus and Augusto reported:

- No new updates on fund raising.
- NCF adopted the policy to return completed tests to competing teams after the International Event.
- NCF Executive Committee has appointed Tim Reich as the liaison to the Ops Comm.
- Those with expiring terms: Folger Burch, Nordlund and Lowrance. Please notify Duesterhaus of your willingness to continue.
- NCF wants more widespread input for major policy changes.

Public Relations Update: Waycott reported:

- The new season, Yukon has completed their annual competition this fall. Other competitions this fall include PEI, and Arkansas.
- More testimonials posted by alumnus.

Committee Reports:

- Diversity Grants: Interim and final reports are due.
- Revamping the applications for the 2017 event.
- Scoring: past scoring errors will be worked out.
- ED Committee: Live stream program from Churchill Manitoba tundra program. Schools need to register.
- CAT: No update except to ask for contact info from past participants.
- LOGO: 18 submittals to date. Regional Reps should send out message to State/Prov Reps.
- Rules/Regs: question on ill or injured team member during the Annual Competition. Discussion on 2pt deduction. Arriving with 4 members. Need consistency, speed/ease of grading during crunch time. Motion: adopt Rules & Regs., striking the last sentence on sec (III), sub sec. (i). by Langley, second by Kaknevicus. Vote unanimous.

Future Competitions:

2017: Maryland – Burch reported:

- State meeting on Oct 12th.
- Additional learning objectives to be released ASAP.
- Questions on learning objectives should be addressed to Barry.

- \$108 in the bank, \$90K pledged, and with the registration estimate factored in it should leave about \$30K outstanding.
- Soil Health workshop for advisors during the testing day.
- Received a grant from the Rural MD Council for lodging costs.
- Shuttle to/from BWI to be coordinated. Shuttle location planned at the baggage pick-up area for arrivals.
- Finalizing the MD website to include the NA Competition.
- ?? on metric conversion tables for the Canadian teams.

2018: Western Hosts: Idaho

- No report.

2019: North Carolina – Langley reported:

- Reaching out the NC Districts for fundraising.
- Presentation in Denver

2020: Nebraska – Dryburgh reported

- Proposal to be submitted in Denver.

2021: Canada

2022 –

- New York possible.

Other Business:

The winter meeting will be held in Denver, CO on January 28 and 29 2017 at the Sheraton in Downtown Denver. Meeting room confirmed for Saturday and Sunday.

Change in Leadership: Barry Burch will step down as chair to concentrate on the upcoming North American Event in July. Millie Langley will step up to Chair effective in November.

Adjourn – 2:37pm

Next Meeting Late November TBA