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## **September 25, 2019 Conference Call Minutes**

**NCF Envirothon Operating Committee Members:** Sid Lowrance (AR), Millie Langley (NC), Wendee Dodds (OH), Lorelle Steach (PA), Jeff Folger (CT), Jeanne Dryburgh (NE), Jeff Folger (CT), Becky Geneau (NB), Shonny Nordlund (MT), Andrea McKeown (MO), Barry Burch (MD)

**NCF Members:** Debbie Waycott (NS), Peggy Lemons (NCF), Jennifer Brooks (NACD)

**Absent:** Kerin Hume (DE), Jacqueline Monteith (MAN)

Steach opened the meeting at 11:15 AM EST.

Roll Call by Folger

**Minutes:** The minutes of the July 27th meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept as amended by Lowrance, second by Langley: vote unanimous.

### **NACD/NCF Updates: Brooks**

- Starting a fall fund raising campaign.
- NCF is writing a grant to target the Native American Fund for tribal outreach. She asked for support from the Ops Comm. Steach read a draft letter of support. Motion to send the letter of support by Langley, second by McKeown. Unanimous.
- The NCF is looking into another staff position to support Brooks. Possible education position.
- Brooks attended the Santa Fe meeting and invite the New Mexico team to attend to speak about the program.
- Brooks visited the Smithfield corporate offices to discuss a continuation of funding. Bill Gill has been an important corporate champion of the program.
- She met with the US Forest Service, and PLT to discuss the program.
- She will attend the NA Assoc. of Environmental Educators conference in October and the FFA Convention in Indiana.

### **Public Relations Updates: Waycott.**

- Checks have been distributed to the Students.
- She is preparing her files to transition to Jennifer.
- The Key topics from Nebraska are on the web site.
- A soft launch of the new website will occur on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Working on the evaluations and comments from North Carolina.
- December 20<sup>th</sup> is Debbie's last day!

## **Events:**

### **2019 Event Wrap-up - North Carolina: Langley**

- Getting back to normal. Bills are being paid
- Langley thanked the Ops Comm for their assistance.

### **2020 Event – Nebraska: Dryburgh**

- Study guides are on the web site.
- Test drafts will be sent to Brooks by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **2021 Event - New Brunswick: Geneau**

- Monthly meetings are being held and subcommittees are being formed.
- The university is very supportive.
- They will be meeting with representatives from the Town on October.
- Irving Gas Co may be a possible sponsor.
- Proceeding with the Current issue” Climate Change, How It Impacts Natural Resources and Communities.”

### **2022 Event: - Ohio: Dodds**

- Location is still undetermined.
- They are preparing a RFP to send out to Universities within the State.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Education Committee: Folger –**

- Still working to add live links to study titles.

### **CAT: Dodds**

- Compiling volunteers.
- Dodds thanked the CAT Team for their efforts in NC.

### **Scoring: Lowrance – no report**

**Rules:** Steach – Revisions have been reviewed and will be posted to the web site.

## **Old/New Business:**

- Competition guidelines will be updated and distributed for comment.
- There was a request to release the State/Province names that did not use the PowerPoint option. Discussion: Names released or not released: Motion by Lowrance to not release the names of the State/Province that use the traditional method for orals. Second by Nordlund. Unanimous.
- Nebraska made a request to release the problem scenario early (prior to the July event). Participants would then bring the finished presentation to the event on a flash drive. Reasons for the request:
  - Reduce the registration fee by saving a day
  - Less stress
  - Better presentations

- Concerns about originality of the presentations.
  - Discussion on judge prep and questions to insure that the team knows the presentation material.
- Discussion on the merits and concerns
  - Fairness – time of distribution of the scenario
  - Plagiarism
  - Time budget on members in July
  - Challenge of sequestration at the Event. Increases difficulty of the Event (sets it apart)
  - Outside help
  - Too polished, no content
  - Opportunity to return to sequestration in later years
- By consensus the Committee agreed to return a decision by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Requests for the Host Bid Proposal packets will be send out on the list serve. 2023 back to the US West Region.

Next meeting – To be announced.

**Adjourn – 12:45 PM**