



## Virginia Resource-Use Education Council

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Meeting Agenda February 6, 2019

Department of Game & Inland Fisheries Headquarters  
7870 Villa Park Drive, Henrico, VA

Minutes recorded by Candace Lutzow-Felling for Christy Deatherage

### I. Call to Order – 9:30 am

Anne Petersen

#### Member Agency Representatives Attending:

Anne Petersen (VDOE), Suzie Gilley (DGIF), Stephanie DeNicola (Culpepper SWCD), Tim Taglauer (Shenandoah NPS), Christen Miller (DCR/State Parks), Bill Portlock (CBF), Elise Trelegan (NOAA CB Office), Candace Lutzow-Felling (State Arboretum of VA), Kathryn Paxton (VA Ag & Dept of Consumer Service), Sarah Nuss (VIMS/CBNERR), Shirley Sypolt (VAST), Carol Heiser (DGIF), Sam Fisher (VA Cooperative Extension), Virginia Witmer (DEQ/CZM), Sherry Swinson (Longwood U)

#### Guests:

Chuck English (STEM Coordinator, State of VA & Science of Virginia), Phil Sheridan (VA Academy of Science; substituting for Richard Groover)

### II. Welcome and Introductions

Anne Petersen

### III. Secretary's Report – Minutes from October 18, 2018 meeting (5) Anne Petersen (for Christy Deatherage )

The minutes from our October 18, 2018 meeting at DGIF Headquarters, Henrico were accepted as written.

### IV. Treasurer's Report

Suzie Gilley

Expenditures: \$25 (State Corporation Commission) + \$238 (to Sticks for meeting lunch)

Checking account balance: \$11,800.45

Savings Account balance: \$14,371.30

Total available fund: \$26,171.75

The treasurer's report was accepted as written.

### V. State and Regional Efforts, Updates

#### i. VAEE Update

Anne Petersen for Cindy Duncan

VAEE conference at Lewis Ginter begins tomorrow, Feb. 7 at 2 pm; 112 are registered

ii. **Virginia NCLI Coalition Report**

Bill Portlock

No new EE positions will be included in the FY2020 state budget; No administrative support at the state level was funded for the E-LIT Repository

iii. **VDOE Environmental Education Initiatives**

Anne Petersen

- Env Sci 2-day institutes have received minimal funding; 4 institutes will be offered at various locations
- High School Env Ed Course is still popular
- Some school divisions are opting to discontinue their Earth Science course and are replacing it with an Environmental Science course
- A few school divisions are teaching Earth Science in 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- A draft Curriculum Framework for the 2018 Science Standards is projected to be released for review in March 2019; there will be two versions: the traditional format & the Enhanced Version which will include big ideas, common misconceptions
- VDOE will provide professional development for the 2018 Science Standards beginning October; 4 institutes will be held around the state

iv. **NOAA Report**

Elise Trelegan

B-WET: B-WET applications are due Feb. 2019

Several B-WET grantees are giving presentations at VAEE this year

MWEE Course: Elise is presenting a session on the new on-line MWEE course at the VA EE conference; the MWEE course is designed to be a learning resource for formal and informal educators; training sessions will begin this summer  
Chesapeake Exploration will house the module; facilitator permission will be given to folks who would like to lead training on the module; Teachers can receive credit for the MWEE course (in VA teachers will be given a certificate of completion for # hours spent on the course; school divisions can opt to give teachers professional development credits for the course)

Feb 21, 2019 workshop: Resilience in VA & why imp for VA; for informal educators @ VIMS

VII **VRUEC Chesapeake Bay Restoration Grant**

Suzy Gilley

VRUEC received \$10,000 from the CB License Plate Fund to provide 2 PD's on watersheds

Proposals for workshops from VRUEC members need to include 2 VRUEC agencies working in partnership to provide the training

Proposals need to address the goals for the project

Suzie will send information about submitting proposals for this opportunity to VRUEC members later today (2/6/2019)

Sarah Nuss & Stephanie DeNicola both offered to serve on the workshop proposal review panels

Suzie will send out the CB Trust workshop proposal to everyone (ASAP)

- VIII. **VRUEC Strategic Planning** Candace Lutzow-Felling/Anne Petersen  
Draft Strategic Plan was distributed at today's meeting. We subdivided into 4 groups to review portions of the draft  
Group 1. Vision, Mission, Guiding Principal, & Definitions: Suzie, Sam, Tim, Shirley  
Group 2. Goal 1: Elise, Chuck, Christen, Bill  
Group 3. Goal 2: Phil, Carol, Anne, Kathryn  
Group 4. Goal 3: Virginia, Stephanie, Sherry, Sarah

There were productive discussions in each group. Suggested edits, discussion points (additional things to consider) were recorded on the draft Strategic Plan.

**NEXT STEPS:**

- Send out revision draft to entire VRUEC group
- Discuss and vote on revisions at the Sept 2019 VRUEC meeting

- IX. **VRUEC Newsletter: Focus on Content** Stephanie DeNicola  
VRUEC members are reminded to send Stephanie activity updates for the newsletter.

- X. **Website Update** Elise Trelegan  
Elise did some work on the web site. Send Elise info on what should be on the site & what is realistic to put on the site

Some ideas:

- Highlight collaborative projects—important to share
- Featured projects
- Contact information: point of contact for VRUEC member representatives
- Need to identify key words to have on the web site—to help with searching
- Who we are: send feedback; Why we do what we do
- Could be a marketing tool for engagement
- Info on meetings
- Who we are What we do
- Members & Meetings
- Projects
- Bay Academies
- Leadership Academies
- B-WET projects

**Send photos to Elise of our PD, projects with students, other EE work-by early March, 2019**

**X. VRUEC Workgroup Reports**

1. Annual reports (review current format & suggest changes, if needed)  
Nothing reported
2. ELIT summer workshop planning  
CB Trust grant—see notes above
3. EE policy  
EE policy—no action is being taken on EE in the legislature
4. Equity  
Nothing reported

**XI. VRUEC Member Updates & Highlights**

VDOE Environmental Seal: What institutions & groups will accept students as interns, or to do community work? Anne will send out info about this and a document for us to fill out our agency info and what we are willing to do.

DEQ CZM: Newest native plant guide for VA capital region has been published; Virginia Witmer shared copies with us

VAST: Send our EE activity to the newsletter editor; Can also write peer-reviewed articles for the journal (pictures, student activities)  
Can also submit our regional activities  
Access for submission is on the VAST web site—click on the Journal or the Newsletter  
Deadline for VAST conference proposals is May; conference will be in Roanoke this fall

CBF: Summer PDs (30 classes) are on-line now

**XII. Adjourn - next meeting in May 2019**

Next VRUEC meeting: Wed, May 15<sup>th</sup>, VDOF Headquarters, Charlottesville  
Meeting adjourned: 2:10 pm

NOTE: The next VRUEC meeting (after the Feb 2019 meeting) was moved to September 2019.