

VEEN Board Meeting Agenda & Notes **March 10th Board Meeting**

Attendees: emily, sarah, ali, ashley, kerri

Absent: beth, meg, lauren

Board Meeting Agenda

- Welcome Sarah (Emily)
- Board Member Introductions & Updates (Ashley)
- Spring Gathering - Solidify Details (Ashley)
 - Finding a board member to take the lead
 - Pick a central location - maybe Audubon?
 - Host at Audubon, do a little walk and maybe visit the sugar house?
 - 5-6:30
 - 5PM informal walk
 - 5:30 food and meeting time
 - Can offer hybrid option - via zoom
 - Tentative dates
 - Thurs April 21st (last day of vacation camp)
 - Thurs April 14th (instead of the board meeting)
 - Potluck sign up
 - Lauren do we have money to buy food
 - \$200 budgeted for food meetings
 - Pick a date - Late April / Early May migration time for birds
 - Make a publicity plan
 - Can send up an email via wild apricot to members - need to build that out
 - Flyers and blurb for socials
- Spring Webinars (Ashley)
 - Still interested in the 'research to practice' theme planned for Fall 2021?
 - Sarah could help organize if we get speakers (like we did with Lindsay)
 - Let Sarah share some ideas
 - Climate change & justice
 - Community Science (+Nat Apps for Educators + Join Us in the Field !)
 - Sarah has these ideas put in motion
 - Risk assessment in the outdoor education world
 - Trauma informed teaching virtual workshop
 - Partner for Ask a Naturalist with Audubon & Birds of VT
 - Naturalist Apps for Educators (ex: eBird, Nature's Notebook)
- NEEEA Guidelines Train the Trainer Training (Kerri)

- Would like 3-4 ppl from each state to attend virtually
 - Three Wednesday Dates: 3/30 4/13 and 5/4
 - Then offer trainings in their states later in 2022
 - Can we send three board/members?
 - Should have enough exp as EE/PD provider to organize & offering trainings on their own (to 'public' or their own staff teams)
 - Kerri will send Ali & Emily the info & reg link

- Board Nominations (Kerri)
 - UVM (Ashley)
 - [VEEN Board Nominations](#)
 - Board 101 information to share/ learn more
 - Board Nomination / Application form
 - Send all you interested candidates here!
 - Nicole & Kerri on Nom Committee
 - Collect applications
 - Checking membership of nominees
 - Prepare to present 'slate' of nominees to the board
 - Create (or recycle 2021) nice canva digital flier announcement (PR committee)
 - Send to:
 - MALT- Simon S
 - ECHO- Nina or Liz?
 - Fairbanks
 - Montshire
 - Grafton Nature Center
 - Billings Farm
 - VINS
 - NPS- MABI
 - Bonnyville
 - North Branch
 - Birds of Vermont
 - Someone to join NomCom in place of Kerri (Bylaws: exec team not supposed to be on nominating committee)

- Board Retreat (Emily)
 - With new board members
 - Hold May 26th for in person gathering in central location
 - To discuss visioning
 - Plan arc for year
 - How to continue admin support
 - Membership building
 - Mission fulfillment

Other Announcements?

Next Board Meeting

Thursday April 14th 4:30 PM