

August 15, 2017 DCCE conference call (#9)

Committee Members present: Don Kirby, Joe Porten, Mike Pierce, Bruce Urben
Excused: Eric Urben

Mike Updates:

- Mike was able to procure another set of Judges for the contest now that Roger Hansen had to bow out. Two members of the Ohio Decoy contest will be attending and one or the other will judge in Roger's place. This also gives us another experienced backup if there is another emergency.
- Mike reported that he had a great Interview with Paul Smith from Milw Journal/Sentinal at his home. Paul spent several hours with Mike. Great job being an ambassador for the DCCE!
- Mike also did a carving demo at Mead WL area and pitched the DCCE. Small turnout but a good cause.
- Mike emailed Tom Christie to confirm his ability to judge the contest. No response to date.
- Ribbons and rosettes are ordered, Mike will follow up with delivery time in the next week or so.

Don Updates:

- Don met with Stacey at UWSP on 8/3, reviewed room layout, tank location (confirmed the location we will use), parking. Plan to do tank setup on Saturday am with local FD and fill.
- Don plans to use his "feather flags" rather than a banner for the contest outside.
- Don negotiated a \$100 fee to UWSP (down from the initial \$1200 requested) for use of facilities.
- UWSP will engage the student LE club on campus for security support for carving contest.
- Entry buttons are here, they look great!
- The committee approved the commemorative shirt logo and color. Don plans to order 144 pieces initially.
- Don is adjusting the staffing assignments document and will aggressively campaign for additional volunteer help. Help is still needed.

Bruce's update:

- Guy McFarren was confirmed again as a judge. He has held some health issues lately so he could not respond. He plans to come to Wausau area on Friday (daughter). Judge meeting will be on Saturday early am.
- John Regan (WWA VP) reported that he sent invites to 1000 TDS computers in the Madison area (John works for TDS) to attend the carving contest. Thanks John.
- Bruce indicated that the Working Decoys forum has posts from Carvers that plan to submit decoys! The word has gotten out well.
- Bruce discussed the 4 documents sent to Joe and the committee for Joe's team use. Joe will forward inventory sheets routinely to Diane Urben for logging into the excel tracking sheet.
- reminded Joe of needs for Decoy labeling, including white dots to record Carving number info on antiques with no way to affix a zip tie, tape to cover carver brands/logo on the bottom and ultra fine sharpies to record numbers on zip ties.
- Reminded to forward credit card info to Kelcy routinely (Bruce's info currently).
- Diane requested that the decoy entry forms include the full numbering scheme on the top right corner of the form for easy tracking during on the event days.

Joe's update:

- Joe has not received any more decoy submissions to date. Mike thought we would begin receiving decoys after 8/26 as another contest concludes then.
- Joe is ready to go on the decoy receiving end.
- No comments on the cheat sheet prepared for numbering and the process document for his team's training during event days!
- The committee could not find documentation of when we would accept decoys. We discussed 30 days before the event, however it was unfortunately not added in the final website documents. Need to correct for 2018!

Next meeting will be face to face at UWSP on **Wednesday, August 30th.**

To review logistics with the Leadership team. Time to be determined on Eric's schedule, considering he is the only one with potential work conflicts (other than us retired folks, Don who is at our mercy for this event and Joe reporting that he can be flexible for a meeting time with advance planning). Don will contact Stacey at UWSP to arrange time on the 30th once Eric confirms ability to attend. A separate email will be sent to the committee confirming the time for the 30th!

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.