

# IAN Business Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, Woodbury County

Sioux City, Iowa

## **I. Call to order- 5:08 pm**

A. Board members present: Pete Eyheralde, V.P., Mahaska Co., Karen Phelps, Workshop Chair, Benton Co., Tina Popson, Treasurer, Pottawatamie Co., Lisa Anderson, President, Keep Boone Co. Beautiful, and Reba Reddick, Secretary, Cedar Co.

## **II. Secretary's Report**

A. Minutes of the last meeting were posted on the web page for review. Annette Wittrock (Wapello Co.) moved to approve and Mike Krebill seconded. All aye, motion carried.

## **III. Treasurer's Report**

### A. Financial Report

1. Tina Popson presented financial report. We are almost to the end of the year and we have spent less than 50% of the budget. Motion to approve report was made by Brad Freidhof (Johnson Co.) and seconded by Emily Herring (Hardin Co.). All aye, motion carried.

### B. Membership Report

1. Missy Smith (Warren Co.) and Danny Henderson (Lee Co) will co-chair the new membership Committee and report to membership from now on. We have 161 active members and 26 not renewed from 2008 (see attached.)

## **IV. Committee Reports**

### A. Professional Development

1. Professional Development- Miriam Patton (Palo Alto Co)- Applications are due the end of December. They will be looking at updating the professional standards soon.

2. Junior Naturalists- Joel Van Roekel- No report

3. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Maria Koschmeder-11 applications were reviewed and 1 scholarship was given out last year. Membership is urged to promote the scholarship more. Logan R., recent recipient, is attending this workshop with her mom.

4. Scholarships- Jessica Steines (Clinton Co)- We have used \$700 of the \$1500 allotted. The committee will be making a few changes to requirements, including turning in receipts and will update membership when they are finished.
5. IAN Mentoring Program- a member is needed to step up to chair this committee
6. Web Page- Cari Burnstedt (Henry Co)- No update
7. ICEC/IAN Awards- Nathan Ungsworth (Jasper Co)- Nominations are due December 1<sup>st</sup>. They are looking for more people to review the applications, e-mail Nate if you are interested.
8. Traveling Exhibits Committee- Ann Burns (Jackson Co)- We have all the matching funds for the REAP grant. The Prairie exhibit will be complete by March and begin traveling in April.
9. REAP Alliance Liaison- A chair person is needed
10. IAN Publications- We need to form a committee to begin reviewing the booklet series and have only 2 people so far, Pam Holt (Washington Co.) and Michelle Olson (Muscatine Co). Let ExCom know of your interest.

#### B. Promotions

1. Fundraising- Matt Wetrich (Carroll Co.) presented for chair head Jenny Ammon (Dubuque Co.) who is on maternity leave. Group met 2 times this year and have great new ideas to try.
2. IAN Display/brochure- Lisa Anderson (Keep Boone Beautiful) is leading the work to revamp the 10+ year old publications. Funds to pay for the new printing has been allocated.

#### V. **Administrative Reports (3 minutes each)**

1. IAN Grants- No report
2. NAI Liaison- Amy Yoakum (Story Co), report by Heather Hucka (Story Co)- Awards are due February 2, list is available online. Spring region V NAI is April 7-11 in Baraboo, WI, and 2010 is will be in Manatoba, Canada April 14-17. National is in St. Paul, MN November of 2012. Will be working on a grant to help people attend. Buffalo Bull deadline is December 1.
3. DNR Liaison- Jackie Gauth (DNR) No report
4. IACCBE Rep.- Christina Groen (Shelby and Audubon Co.) Winterfest is January 25-27. Agenda can be found on mycountyparks.com
5. IEC- Gail Barels- No report
6. ICEC- Karen Phelps (Benton Co.)- Winter Solstice is January 15-17 at Honey Creek Resort. Agenda is online, two great programs are planned.

7. REAP-CEP- Linda Zaletal (Story Co)- Deadline was November 1<sup>st</sup>, more money is being requested than is available. Next deadline is May 15.

8. Upcoming Workshops

- A. Spring 2010- Washington CCB, March 3-5
- B. Summer 2010- Bremmer CCB, August 11-13
- C. Fall 2010- Kossuth CCB, November 17-19
- D. Spring 2011- Appanoose CCB, March 2-4
- E. Summer 2011- Palo Alto CCB-
- F. Fall 2011- open
- G. Spring 2012- Pottawattamie CCB
- H. Summer 2012- open
- I. Fall 2012- Clinton CCB, November 7-9

**Action/Discussion Items (5 minutes each)**

1. IAN Website- By January we should have a new site with a new name. Lisa Anderson (Keep Boone Co. Beautiful) is signing the contract.
2. IAN Publications Committee- We are asking for members to join
3. Carpooling Efficiency Award- Given to Greg Wolf (Davenport Park and Rec) for rescuing Karen Phelps, Sondra Cabell, Pam Holtz and Heather Niec after they struck a deer on the way home from MEEC in Illinois in September.
4. IWILL- Scott Moats- presented on Sustainable Funding information. Trust fund will give permanent funding, protected by the constitution. It will be up for a vote November of 2012. Dawn (Woodbury Co.) moved to have IAN join the coalition in support of IWILL, Brad Friedhof (Johnson Co.) second. All aye, motion passed.
5. Rare Sightings- four river otters at Swan Lake by Matt Wetrich (Carroll Co)
6. Other-Certificates were presented to Lisa Anderson and Karen Phelps for their two full terms served on ExCom. New members voted onto ExCom include Tina Popson (Pottawattamie Co), Laura DeCook ( Appanoose Co.) and Nathan Ungsworth (Jasper Co). Karen Phelps moved to destroy ballots, Brad Freidhof second, all aye, motion passed.

**VI. Adjourn**

With no further business, Matt Wetrich (Carroll Co) moved to adjourn, Karen Phelps (Benton Co) second. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Reba Reddick,

Secretary of Iowa Association of Naturalists

Cedar County Conservation Naturalist