

**IAN Business Meeting  
Friday November 15, 2013**

Grimes Farm and Conservation Center  
Marshall County

- I. Meeting was called to order by President Wagner (Jackson) at 11:23
- II. Secretary's Report
  - a. Brian Gibbs (Clayton) motioned to approve the minutes from the business meeting of March 14, 2013. Seconded by Cindy Blobaum (Dallas), Carried.
- III. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Treasurer Jacobsen reported the numbers of total income (\$9,544.28), total expenses (\$7,547.66), and the net total of the account (\$42,912.47). Nathan Unsworth (City of Newton) motioned to approve the secretary's report. Seconded by Tina Popson (Pottawattamie), Carried.
- IV. Committee Reports
  - a. ICEC/IAN Awards- Angi Reid (Silos and Smokestacks) mentioned that not many applications had been received yet and that more are encouraged to submit an application.
  - b. Professional Development- Wagner reported that the deadline is December 31.
  - c. Junior Naturalist- No report
  - d. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Lora Canning (Cass) reported that scholarship winner Kelsey Graham had attended MEEC. The new scholarship should be out around mid-December. She also mentioned that past winners are eligible to reapply for \$150 more. More rules and provisions are in discussion.
  - e. Scholarships-Aaron Askelson (Benton) reported that \$1700 has been allocated for scholarships for 2013. To date there has been 8 requests totaling \$738.63, leaving \$561.37 left for the remainder of the year. The requests have been for the NAI Region V(3), Spring IAN(3) MEEK (2). This is more than we have had in recent years.
  - f. Membership- Missy Smith (Warren) reported that she had only received membership dues from 29 members and was awaiting more.

- g. IAN Mentoring Program- Heather Hucka (Story) reported that there wasn't a lot going on as most new members had been hired in a county that already has a naturalist to mentor them.
- h. IAN Website- Cari (Henry) reported that everything was good and that if someone had not heard back from her in 3 days or more to try to contact her again.
- i. Travelling Exhibits- Jess Wagner (Jackson) reported on behalf of Ann Burns (Jackson) that the committee is looking for additional help to help finish up work on the panels so that funds can be applied for again, once that the project is further along. She mentioned the benefits that members of IAN receive from having this display, as well as other organizations.
- j. REAP Alliance Liaison-Chair: Remains Vacant
- k. IAN Publications- President announced that committee was dissolved by EXCOM on 7-30-13.
- l. Fundraising- Emily Herring (Story) reported that \$1200 was raised at MEEC. More efforts will be concentrated on the next fall IAN conference in Iowa County.
- m. Wilderness Trips- Laura DeCook (Mahaska) reported that there was no news from the committee.

V. Administrative Reports

- a. IAN Grants- Jess Wagner reported that applications are due November 30<sup>th</sup>. None had yet been received. There is \$500 available for IAN members only. It was also mentioned that the felt murals located across the state have been a hit with kids.
- b. NAI Liaison- Heather Hucka reported that the next workshop will be held in Rockford, Illinois, on April 2-5. Information will come out by the end of December. In 2015, there will be a workshop in Ames, IA, at the Quality Inn and Suites Conference Center. The committee is looking for sub-committee members to help.
- c. DNR Liaison- No Report
- d. IACCBE Rep- Christina Groen (Shelby and Audubon) reported that the upcoming Winterfest will be held at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center in Waterloo, IA, from January 21-23, 2014. It will start again on a Tuesday to avoid Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- e. IEC- No Report

- f. ICEC- Karen Phelps (Benton) Reported that Winter Solstice will be held this coming January (2014). She also reported that they are trying to get several organizations together to have one conference amongst them.
- g. Reap-CEP- Charlene Elyea (O'Brien) reported that applications are due on May 15 for the next round of grants. They will cap at \$3,500.

VI. Upcoming Workshops

- a. Annette Wittrock (Wapello) reported the following locations for upcoming IAN workshops: Spring 2014- Dickinson County, March 12-14; Summer 2014-Cerro Gordo; Fall 2014- Iowa County. She asked that members interested in holding future workshops contact her.

VII. Action/Discussion Items

- a. Letter to Toys-R-Us- There was discussion as to whether or not IAN should send a letter to the Toys-R-Us Corporation. It was mentioned that Toys-R-Us had pulled the commercial. There was a motion made by Karen Phelps that in the future when such a situation arises that the EXCOM representatives go ahead and take necessary action. Motion was seconded by Lisa Anderson, Carried
- b. Elections- Election winners were Kelly Dix (Pottawattamie), Victoria DeVos (Plymouth), and Matt Wetrich (Carroll). President Wagner and Secretary Jacobsen were thanked by those in attendance for their service.
- c. Carpooling Efficiency Award was awarded to Plymouth and Story Counties for their efforts.
- d. Rare Sightings- Matt Wetrich mentioned the rare occurrence of the sharp-tailed sandpiper in the Otter Creek Marsh Area. Karen Phelps mentioned the spotting of 2 sandhill cranes in Benton County 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Aaron Askelson also mentioned the spotting of a marsh hawk in Benton County in October. Groen also mentioned an elk spotting in the Shelby/Audubon County area. There was also discussion of a moose travelling Iowa.
- e. Other Business- Jen Meyer (Jackson) wanted to remind everyone of help needed for the Wade Into Watershed exhibit. Cindy Blobaum wanted to let everyone know that she is available in the summer for workshops that are eligible for AEA approved credits. She can present over a variety of topics

VIII. At 12:07 a motion was made by Brian Gibbs to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Karen Phelps, Carried.