

**IAN Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 6, 2014**

Lake Iowa Nature Center  
2550 G Ave., Ladora, IA 52251

- I. President Kelly Dix (Pottawattamie) called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.
- II. Secretary's Report
  - a. Heather Hucka (Story) motioned to approve the Secretary's Report, Seconded by Karen Phelps (Benton), Carried.
- III. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Treasurer Victoria De Vos (Plymouth) reported the numbers of the different accounts:

Checking balance	\$19,205.69
Savings balance	\$17,634.69
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,206.11

She mentioned that the amount under Workshops would be correct after she received all of the workshop registrations. Angie Reid (Waterloo Center for the Arts) mentioned that she would like to see the amount given out to scholarship recipients raised.
- IV. Committee Reports
  - a. ICEC/IAN Awards- Angie Reid is waiting for applications and that they are due December 1.
  - b. Fundraising- Emily Herring (Story) announced that she would be stepping down from her position and encouraged new members to join. She also mentioned that the live and silent auctions were to take place that evening.
  - c. Professional Development- Miriam Patton (Palo Alto) reminded everyone that applications for recognition are due December 31 and that the application is available online.
  - d. Junior Naturalist- Diane Hall (Marshall) mentioned that 2 patches needed to be ordered and would like for the budget to be increased so that they both can be purchased. A motion was made to do so by Jess Wagner (Jackson), Seconded by Jackie Gautsch (IDNR), Carried.
  - e. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Lora Kanning (Cass) reported that there haven't been any applications for scholarships. Aaron Askelson (Benton) motioned for the students that won the \$500 scholarship could then reapply for an additional \$150 as a college student to attend and additional IAN event, Seconded by Brittney Tiller (Louisa), Carried.

- f. Scholarships-Sondra Cabell (Buchanan) said that \$1,000 was allocated and that there were 7 requests, 4 qualified (2 pending, 1 cancelled). This leaves behind \$700 for the remainder of the year. Cabell motioned to increase the amount allotted to scholarships to \$6,000 for the coming year, Seconded by Askelson, Carried.
- g. Membership- Logan Roberts (Warren) would like to update the IAN member list and would appreciate any updated information from all new and existing members, as well as pictures.
- h. IAN Mentoring Program- Heather Hucka (Story) there are currently not any requests for mentoring but the option is always out there.
- i. IAN Website- Cari (Henry) reported that everything was good with the website.
- j. Travelling Exhibits- Ann Burns (Jackson) stated that the committee had met with Mark Wagner of the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium (NMRMA). She stated that the committee will give further input to the NMRMA to be used for the watershed display that they are working on. They would like to see panels that could be used outdoors during a program along a river. The counties that donated \$ would have the first shot at use of said panels. She also announced that the Prairie Exhibit could be rented out for a second time for \$100 to counties that already had it. It could then be distributed to be used by other organizations when IAN members are done using it. They are looking for a new liaison for the Prairie Exhibit.
- k. REAP Alliance Liaison- Logan Roberts (Warren) will give updates at the next business meeting.
- l. Wilderness Trips- Sondra Cabell (Buchanan) state that they are trying to get a meeting time set for their next committee meeting.

V. Administrative Reports

- a. IAN Grants- President Dix reported that there were no applications.
- b. NAI Liaison- Heather Hucka (Story) reported that Chip Taylor, famous for his monarch work, will provide 2 sessions at Spring '15 NAI in Ames. The theme for the event is "Cultivating Creativity." She also put a call out for presenters and volunteers for the event. Chris Adkins (Dallas) added that Chip Taylor would be providing information about the large movement to plant milkweed this coming year.
- c. DNR Liaison- Holly Schulte (IDNR) announced that FISH IOWA has gone electronic. Instead of the traditional binders, people would be

receiving a CD with YouTube links. She also mentioned that there is a casting competition at the Iowa Games as well as a 'Take it Outside' art contest. They would love to hear about different ideas for training opportunities. She also put out a 'thank you' to all of the trainers that help with their programs.

- d. IACCBE Rep- no report
- e. IEC- Linda Zaletel (retired) wrote a grant to the DNR and also mentioned that to anyone out there that would like to reinvent Kindernature, the option is there.
- f. ICEC- Zaletel also mentioned that ICEC could use support. If the organization dissolves, so would their spot on the REAP-CEP board.
- g. Reap-CEP- Charlene Elyea (O'Brien) reported grants will be reviewed on November 21 in Fort Dodge. Those who would like to voice their opinion should come at 11:00 am for the pre-session.

#### VI. Upcoming Workshops

- a. Annette Wittrock (Wapello) reported the following locations for upcoming IAN workshops: Spring 2015- Will be at NAI in Ames, March 18-22; Summer 2015-Cerro Gordo; Fall 2015- Linn County; Summer 2016- Henry County. She asked that members interested in holding future workshops for fall and spring of '16 or any other time to please contact her.

#### VII. Action/Discussion Items

- a. Newsletter- Please send in any ideas for articles or grapevine news to Kelly Dix (Pottawattamie), as Jackie Gautsch has resigned her position as the Newsletter Editor.
- b. Carpooling Efficiency Award was awarded to Charlene Elyea and Crew from NW Iowa. Since the award has not returned from the ISU students that received it, Charlene will be providing a new trophy for the next winner.
- c. Executive Committee Election Results- Annette Wittrock (Wapello) and Matt Crayne (Chickasaw) were both re-elected to EXCOM. Ann Burns (Jackson) made a motion to destroy the ballots, Seconded by Karen Phelps (Benton), Carried.
- d. Rare Sightings- Karen Phelps mentioned some excellent birding in the Amanas. Jackie Gautsch (IDNR) mentioned a dead porcupine found in Mills, IA. Jenny Ammon (Dubuque) mentioned a Brass Pickerel found in Dubuque County.

e. Other Business- Emily Herring (Story) said that the Halloween Hike Booklets will be made into E-books. The price will remain at \$15. Victoria De Vos is looking for carpool volunteers for Spring NAI.

VIII. A motion was made at 5:36 pm by Herring to adjourn, Seconded by Phelps, Carried.