

IAN Business Meeting

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Marr Park, Washington County

Ainsworth, Iowa

I. Call to order- 5:04 pm

A. Board members present: Pete Eyheralde, V.P., Mahaska Co., Laura DeCook, Workshop Chair, Appanose Co., Tina Popson, President, Pottawatamie Co., Nate Unsworth, Treasurer, Jasper Co, and Reba Reddick, Secretary, Cedar Co.

II. Secretary's Report

A. Minutes of the last meeting were posted on the web page for review. Amy Yokum (Story Co.) moved to approve and Heather Gamm (Bremer Co) seconded. All aye, motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

A. Financial Report

1. Nate Unsworth presented financial report. Amounts in our bank accounts were given and so far this fiscal year money has been spent on awards. They are still working on transferring accounts to the new Treasurer. Motion to approve report was made by Annette Wittrock (Wappelo Co.) and seconded by Amy Yokum (Story Co.). All aye, motion carried.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Professional Development

1. ICEC/IAN Awards- Nathan Unsworth (Jasper Co)- Presented awards for 2009 (see attached list)
2. Professional Development- Miriam Patton (Palo Alto Co)- Gave out certificates, pins and plaques. Ann Burns (Jackson Co) and Karen Phelps (Benton Co) won the books. (See attached list)
3. Junior Naturalists- Joel Van Roekel- Working on an Oak Leaf patch. Karen Phelps (Benton Co) made a motion for **ExCom to move needed funds to budget for patch printing**, Mike Krebel 2nd. All aye, motion passed.
4. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Maria Koschmeder- Nate Unsworth spoke for group- Only 2 applications have been received so far. We need to promote the scholarship more.

The committee will work to put the application on the web and make the whole process digital eventually.

5. Scholarships- Jessica Steines (Clinton Co)- No Report
6. Membership- Missy Smith (Co)- No Report
7. IAN Mentoring Program- Heather Hucka (Story Co)- No Report
8. Web Page- Cari Burnstedt (Henry Co)- The new site is now up, but some are having trouble finding it using a search engine. Lisa Anderson (Keep Boone Co. Beautiful) will help work on this issue. A new change request form will soon be available to help Burnstedt in making web changes and corrections on the new site.
9. Traveling Exhibits Committee- Ann Burns (Jackson Co)- The Prairie exhibit will be done by April and the Aquatics team has text completed. New ideas include Native Americans and Insects for future displays. New volunteers are needed to work on grants and ideas for the next exhibit and to keep the committee moving. Talk to Burns if interested.
10. REAP Alliance Liaison- Rebecca Christoffel stepped forward to chair this committee.
11. IAN Publications- Rebecca Christoffel (ISU Extension)- Working on getting PDF versions of the books to make corrections and changes easier by editing directly. Committee will hold a meeting at lunch tomorrow (Friday 5th)

B. Promotions

1. Fundraising- Jenny Ammon (Dubuque Co.) Two games will be going on until lunch tomorrow. (Friday 5th) If you have new fall auction ideas let the group know.
2. IAN Display/brochure- Lisa Anderson (Keep Boone Beautiful) –Kelly Dix (Pottawattamie Co.) designed the brochure and the new display will be printed to match. Both will be available to promote IAN soon.
3. Website- Lisa Anderson (Keep Boone Beautiful) Kinks are being worked out, so please be patient. The Members Only section, with photo directory will be added later. Until then a PDF form of the directory will be put out on listserve.
4. New Logo- Tina Popson (Pottawattamie Co)- New logo, designed by Pete Eyheralde, (Mahaska Co) is now on the web, our letterhead and other places. Great Job Pete!

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

1. IAN Grants- No applications have been received.
2. NAI Liaison- Amy Yoakum (Story Co)-. 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 Las Vegas in 2010 and St. Paul, MN November of 2011, Nov. 8-12th. She will be working on grants to help people attend, including IAN matching if possible. We could consider combining IAN with Nationals in 2011. Buffalo Bull deadline has passed. We have a new Regional President.

3. DNR Liaison- Jackie Gautch (DNR) Project AWARE will be July 12-17 on the East and West Nishnabotna River.
4. IACCBE Rep.- Christina Groen (Shelby and Audubon Co.) Ideas for Winterfest speakers are needed.
5. IEC- Gail Barels- No report
6. ICEC- Karen Phelps (Benton Co.)- Angi Reed (Silos and Smokestacks) and Mike Krebel are now on the ExCom. Winter Solstic will be at Honey Creek again in 2011, January 21-23. They are working to build up membership.
7. REAP-CEP- Linda Zaletal (Story Co)- Charleen Elyea (O'Brien Co) will be shadowing Zaletal and then take over the chair position. The group looked at increasing funds from 350 to 500 thousand and decided to ask for the increase after IWILL has passed. Next deadline is May 15.
8. Upcoming Workshops
 - A. Spring 2010- Washington CCB, March 3-5
 - B. Summer 2010- Bremmer CCB, August 11-13- Activities will include rolling Kayaks, netting bats, a rattlesnake search, and Geocaching
 - 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- Iowa Co or possibly with regional?
 - G. Spring 2012- Pottawattamie CCB
 - H. Summer 2012- open
 - I. Fall 2012- Clinton CCB, November 7-9

Action/Discussion Items (5 minutes each)

1. Bylaws- Popson updated group on rewording about majority needed for voting at meetings. Brad Freidof (Johnson Co) moved to approve these changes to the Bylaws and Lisa Anderson (Keep Boone Beautiful) seconded. All aye, motion passed.
2. Listserv Issues- If you have problems contact Eyheralde tomorrow
3. Host County Recognition- Eyheralde presented a certificate to Pam Holtz (Washington Co) for hosting the Spring 2010 IAN.

4. Carpooling Efficiency Award- Given to Charlene Elyea (O'Brien Co) and Miriam Patton (Palo Alto Co). for the distance they traveled together.

5. Rare Sightings- Brown Thrashers have been seen one month early, Red Shouldered Hawks are also early. The two Saw Whet Owls were in Iowa County again this year. The skunk cabbage is up this spring.

6. Other-Jackie Gautsch (IDNR) requested that any information for the WEB newsletter be sent to her personal e-mail address and not her DNR address. Darren Siefken (Crawdaddy Outdoor) asks that if you want a canoe or kayak training you let him know. A new book for nature centers is available from Larry Stone. Angi Reed (Silos and Smokestacks) informed us of upcoming workshops and speakers.

VI. Adjourn

With no further business, Karen Phelps (Benton Co) moved to adjourn, Heidi Anderson (Polk Co) second. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Reba Reddick,

Secretary of Iowa Association of Naturalists

Cedar County Conservation Naturalist