

IAN Business Meeting
Thursday, March 15, 2012
Hitchcock Nature Center
Pottawattamie County

I. Call to order- 5:00 pm

A. Board members present: Pete Eyheralde, President., ISU., Kelly Dix, Workshop Chair, Pottawattamie Co., Chuck Jacobsen, Treasurer, Clinton Co., Jessica Wagner, VP, Jackson Co., and Reba Cook, Secretary, Augustana College

II. Secretary's Report

A. Minutes of the last two meetings (spring and fall 2011) were posted on the web page for review. Copies were also available and handed out to each table. Victoria DeVoss (Plymoth Co.) moved to approve the spring minutes and Karen Phelps (Benton Co) seconded. All aye, motion carried. Miriam Patton (Palo Alto Co.) moved to approve the fall minutes and Charlene Elyea (O'Brien Co) seconded. All aye, motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

A. Financial Report

1. Chuck Jacobsen presented the financial report and informed the membership that our taxes had been completed for the year.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Professional Development

1. ICEC/IAN Awards-looking for new chair- many awards were handed out at ICEC wintersolstice and Winterfest. At IAN we gave out a Lifetime achievement award to Linda Zalatel (Story Co.) and Outstanding EE for a large group to Story Co.

2. Professional Development- Miriam Patton (Palo Alto Co)- Awards were handed out. For 5 years members will now receive a bookmark created by Phelps. 10 yrs will receive a plaque, 15 and 20 yrs will get \$20 from IAN for the gift shop, Larry Stone or Darrin Siefken. List of awards is attached.

3. Junior Naturalists- Joel Van Roekel (Jasper Co)- there are extra fox, turtle oak and catfish patches \$2 each. Kestrel patches are free, email Roekel to order.

4. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Lora Kanning (Cass Co)- 18 applications have been received

5. Scholarships- Jessica Steines (Clinton Co)- Applications can be turned in starting again this year now that NAI has passed.

6. Membership- Missy Smith (Warren Co)- Reminder was given to renew membership. Not having IAN in fall caused many to forget.
7. IAN Mentoring Program- Heather Hucka (Story Co)- 3 new naturalists took part in today's luncheon. Check out the mentoring page of our website for more information
8. Web Page- Cari Burnstedt (Henry Co)- No changes to the page were made in Jan or Feb due to schedule, but you can now continue sending emails to Burnstedt. If you have a large number of photos, please send on a CD.
9. Traveling Exhibits Committee- Ann Burns (Jackson Co)- albino exhibit is available for borrowing. Any other exhibits that can be borrowed should be put up on the website. Aquatics group meeting March 22nd. Black Hawk Co. got a REAP grant to get another Smithsonian exhibit in the state which will start traveling soon.
10. REAP Alliance Liaison- Charlene Eylea (O'Brien Co) – is forwarding news on the listserv as she receives it
11. IAN Publications- A new committee chair is needed. Books will be put onto the website as they are completed. A notification will be sent out on listserv.
12. Fundraising -Jenny Ammon (Dubuque Co) silent auction will be held today, ending at 7:00 pm. Quiz will be in snack room until tomorrow
13. Wilderness Trips- Katie Hammond (Louisa Co) deadline for students to participate is approaching. There will be a prize for getting kids involved.

V. Administrative Reports (3 minutes each)

1. IAN Grants- A grant was awarded to Palo Alto Co for their idea to create felt murals, which originated at NAI in St. Paul. They will be available for large county events. Mirriam Patton will create 5 for the entire state and she will collaborate with others to create, store and share murals.
2. NAI Liaison- Amy Yoakum (Story Co)-. Grant report for the money awarded to attend NAI has been turned in. There will be no spring Region 5 meeting. It will be in NE in 2013, and should be back in Iowa in 2 years.
3. DNR Liaison- Jackie Gautsch (DNR) Gautsch will be stepping down and the Aquatic Ed staff will take over as liaison. They are looking for presenters to take part in this spring's Iowa Children's Water Festival. Also information for IOWATER and a lot of training dates will be put on listserv as they come up.
4. IACCBE Rep.- Christina Roelfs (Shelby and Audubon Co.) Ideas are needed for keynote speakers for Winterfest. It will be held on a Tue-Thurs in 2013.
5. IEC- Gail Barels (Linn Co)- No report
6. ICEC- Karen Phelps (Benton Co.-) MEEC is having its meeting in Iowa City in September 2013. It has been suggested that IAN not hold its fall meeting and instead combine with MEEC for a better turnout. Cost to go is higher than IAN, approximately \$200 + hotel. May look to get another grant to have members go, as we did for NAI. This suggestion to combine MEEC and

fall IAN will be put out to membership on listserve for a vote next week (online vote motion was made by Yokum, seconded by Gautsch (DNR). All aye. Questions people have before voting can be sent to SondraCambell (Buchanan Co) or Phelps.

7. REAP-CEP- Charlene Eylea (O'Brien Co) deadline for next round of grants is May 15th A meet and greet will be held on the 6th if you have received a REAP grant before. More info is on the website.

8. Upcoming Workshops

A Summer 2012 Jones County

B. Fall 2012- Clinton County- November 7-9

C. Spring 2013- Dubuque River Museum- Dates TBD

D. Summer 2013- TBA

E. Fall 2013- depending on vote, MEEC (Midwest Environmental Education Council) Conference: September 25-28, Iowa City

Action/Discussion Items (5 minutes each)

1. Newsletter- Deadline is May 1st, out to membership May 15th. We are still looking for grapevine news, a favorite green thing and/or a "Can You Top This?" story. Send articles and any photos to Jackie Gautsch
2. IAN Grants- \$500 was awarded to Palo Alto Co. for "Felt Habitat Mural" project
3. Iowa Critter Posters- Yokum brought many to meeting, get a set if you have not. One on Bats is coming soon. If you have other ideas let Ehyeralde know. Also the DNR wildlife diversity web site will have Owl brochures in PDF form soon. A fish brochure is already available and will be sent on the listserve from ISU.
4. Carpooling Efficiency Award- Won by a car of 5 from North eastern Iowa- Clayton, Dubuque, Jackson and Cedar Co's.
5. Rare Sightings- Members have seen bats, butterflies, a tiger salamander, Blandings turtles, Pileated Woodpecker, and dead and live snowy owls already this spring.
6. Ehyeralde has the White-tailed deer DNA test kits for those who agreed to collect data in the snack room. People can also pick up fresh droppings in a ziplock then mail to him or freeze until fall.
7. Rebecca Christoffel (ISU) has brochures about white nosed bat syndrome available along with University programs on wildlife and USDA brochures for anyone interested.
8. Book Discussion group- Next book will be *The Thunder Tree* by Robert Pyle

9. Matt Crayne (Co) shared with the group that Tom Hasleton may push to increase sales tax for “1000 Acts of Conservation” –an idea we may be able to incorporate into our programming. More details will be put on listserv.

10. Jenny Ammon informed us that Loras College is conducting research on links between kids in nature and cortisol. An evaluation will be sent out on listserv to help them gather their data.

11. From an earlier session, 6 ‘unofficial’ core values of IAN were identified; passion, resourceful, inspire, comradery, dedication, professional. Ideas were to make this into a T-shirt.

VI. Adjourn

With no further business, Karen Phelps (Benton Co) moved to adjourn, Brian Gibbs (Clayton Co) second. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Reba Cook,

Secretary of Iowa Association of Naturalists

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