

**IAN Business Meeting
Thursday March 14, 2013**

National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium
Dubuque, IA

- I. Called To Order at 4:35
- II. Secretary's Report
 - A. Approval of Fall business meeting minutes
Several corrections to the minutes were made. Motion by Brian Gibbs (Clayton) to approve the changes to the minutes, second by Pete Eyheralde (Iowa State)-Carried
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Financial Report- IAN's 3 accounts: Checking- \$11,924.43
Savings- \$17,631.90
CD- \$10,181.94
Motion Made by Mike Krebill (Retired) to approve report. Second by Angela Bries (Howard). Carried.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. ICEC/IAN Awards
The following awards were presented by Angi Reid (Silos and Smokestacks): Lifetime Achievement Award- Mark Wagner (NMRM&A), Outstanding Environmental Education for a county with 2 or less naturalists- Laura DeCook (Mahaska), Ada Hayden Conservation Award for Preservation of the Land- Gary Siegarth.
 - B. Fundraising- Emily Herring (Story)- Fundraising Jars were in place for the pie in the face of a committee member. During MEEC there will be a 'seasons of giving' theme. Please let her know if you have any ideas.
 - C. Professional Development- Miriam Patton (Palo Alto)- The following received recognition for professional development for 2012: Lyndsey Anderson, Katherine Brakeville (new), Katie L. Cantu, Charlene Elyea, Sunday Ford, Bradley H. Freidhof, Diane Hall, Abbey Harkrader, Emily Herring, Heather Hucka, Lilly Jensen, J. Dave Murcia, Cari Nicely (Griffin), Michele Olson, Emily Ostrander, Miriam Patton, Karen M. Phelps (10 years, plaque), Tina Popson, Missy Smith, Sarah Subbert (new), Katie Van Der Linden (new), Jennifer Meyer (new), Jess Wagner. These recipients were entered in a drawing to win one of two books. Cari Nicely won *A Country So Full of Game*. Katie Cantu won *Iowa's Archeological Past*.
 - D. Junior Naturalist- No report
 - E. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Lora Kanning (Cass)- There were currently a few applicants. She would like a better set of rules for awarding the scholarship. After discussion, Jess Wagner suggested that the committee work with what they had and discuss new requirements as needed.
 - F. Scholarships- Linda Zaletel (Retired)- There is \$1700 allocated for scholarships to attend the Midwest Environmental Education Conference (MEEC) in Coralville, September 25-28. Those awarded scholarships will receive a \$200 discount on registration, and will receive the other \$50 after the conference for completing a survey (\$250 total). Please let people know about the opportunity.

G. Membership- No report

H. IAN Mentoring Program- Jess Wagner (Jackson) spoke for Heather Hucka (Story)- Just wanted to let people know that they should contact them if they are interested in participating.

I. IAN Website- Cari Nicely- Cari mentioned that anyone that has submitted anything and has not received a response to contact her again if she has not gotten back to them in a week or two.

J. Travelling Exhibits- Ann Burns (Jackson)- Prairie exhibit is booked into September 2014. There were some pieces from the magnetic table replaced. The watershed exhibit is being worked on. Bids are being taken from companies. The committee is also looking for donations of at least \$250 to show interest in having the display. Donors will not be charged a rental fee when display is in use, and will have first dibs on dates of rental.

K. REAP Alliance Liaison- Vacant, no report

L. IAN Publications- Kelly Dix started discussion of rewriting/updating the IAN booklets. There was a motion made by Angi Reid to request proposals from qualified candidates to update the booklets Second by Pete Eyheralde. Motion Carried. After further discussion it was decided that a survey would be sent out on the IAN listserve to see which booklets would be the best to update.

M. Wilderness Trips- This was moved to the New Business portion of the meeting.

V. Administrative Reports

A. IAN Grants

Miriam Patton talked about the interactive felt murals that had been made with a \$500 grant. There are 5 in total and they will be located regionally throughout the state and housed in the following counties: O'Brien, Cerro Gordo, Shelby, Benton, and Washington. The host counties will be in charge of the process of loaning the murals out. Abbey Harkrader mentioned that 2 of the murals were used at their Eagle Days and said that they were a hit.

Jess Wagner mentioned that the criteria for the mini-grants are available on the website for those interested.

B. NAI Liaison- Jess W. reported for Heather Hucka that registration for the Region V workshop is still available through April.

C. DNR Liaison- No Report

D. IACCBE Rep.- The first Winterfest meeting for the upcoming Winterfest will be on March 19, 2013.

E. IEC- No Report

F. ICEC- Linda Zaletel informed everyone of available REAP scholarships for MEEC that could attract teachers in your area, as well as assist some of us in attending. Please contact her for more info. The Winter Solstice workshop will return in 2015.

G. REAP CEP- No Report

VI. Upcoming Workshops

As reported by Annette Wittrock

- A. Summer 2013- Warren/Story county will host August 7-9, including leave no trace training.
- B. Fall 2013-
 - 1. MEEC (Midwest Environmental Education Conference) will be held at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Coralville.
 - 2. An IAN fall workshop/naturalist swap day will be held in Marshall County on November 15. Ideas from MEEC will be shared for those unable to attend. The business meeting will be held on this date.
- C. Spring 2014- Dickinson County, Date TBD
- D. Summer 2014- Sac County, Date TBD

VII. Action/Discussion Items

- A. Discussion for IAN Wilderness Trips

Sondra Cabell (Buchanan) explained that 4H is no longer going to be part of the wilderness trips. As the group is looking for a chance to continue taking more young people to trips in remote locations, they asked if IAN would be willing to be the main sponsor of the trip. IAN's roles would be the following: fiscal agent for the trips, publicize the trips, accept applications and reservations, find insurance to cover the trips, and continue to give scholarships as IAN has done in the past. With the cost charged to trip participants, any money that is used, minus scholarship contributions, is returned along with a small profit. There was a motion by Pete Eyheralde for IAN to take over the trips. Second by Brian Gibbs. Carried.
- B. Announcement from Pete Eyheralde-Iowa State University is publishing copies of Field Notes and making it accessible online for use. Please incorporate it for classroom use so that more can learn about it and become involved.
- C. Newsletter Items

Jess Wagner asked all members to share any grapevine news, "can you top this" stories, or favorite green things for the upcoming newsletter. If emailing to Jackie Gautsch please use her personal email and not her state email address.
- D. Carpooling Efficiency Award

The award (which was not present at the meeting) was awarded to Kate Zimmerman (Ringgold) and Christina Roelofs (Shelby/Audubon).
- E. Host County Recognition

Thanks was given by committee President Jess Wagner to the Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium for hosting along with Dubuque CCB.
- F. Rare Sightings

Rare sightings that were shared included first sightings of red-winged blackbirds, woodchucks and turkey vultures.
- G. Other

One member shared a website called ghettohikes.com as something to

give a naturalist a laugh.

VP Kelly Dix shared with everyone that there will be an upcoming election at the fall business meeting with three openings for new ExCom members. Please let Kelly or any of the other ExCom members know if you or someone else is interested.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Brian Gibbs. Second by Angela Bries. Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40