

IAN Business Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Hitchcock Nature Center

Pottawatomie County Conservation

- I. **Call to order** – Linda Zaletel called the meeting to order at 4:37pm.
- II. **Secretary's Report** – Heather Freidhof
 - A. Minutes of the last meeting were distributed. Patty Peterson-Keys motioned to approve minutes. Mark Roberts seconded the motion. MCU.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Greg Wolf
 - A. Financial Report - \$7,873.23 in savings, \$3,683.75 in checking, \$5,920.05 in the Joe Halbur scholarship fund, and \$8,193.68 in a cd.
 1. 99% of the projected income for the budget is in for the year.
 - B. Membership Report – 70 - 2005 members, 60 - 2006 members, 4 - 2007 members, 1 - 2005 student, 4 - 2006 students and 16 Honorary Members.
 1. Both reports were read. Mark Roberts motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Rochelle Ebel seconded the motion. MCU.
- IV. **Committee Reports**
 - A. Promotions
 1. Fundraising – Karen Johlas-Szalkowski sold naturalist t-shirts. See below.
 2. Junior Naturalist – Joel Van Roekel reminded everyone that patches are available for \$1.00. The next patch will be a turtle. The form is online. Call or email to get billed.
 3. Joe Halbur Scholarship – New Chair Maria Koschmeder
 - a. Recipient of the Joe Halbur Scholarship – Ben Rees
 - b. T-shirts (You might be a naturalist if. . .) will be sold to raise funds for Joe Halbur. Buy yours now. The committee plans to do a Bug for a Buck promotion at NAI in Dubuque in April.
 - c. The upgraded application will be online. All naturalists are asked to help promote this scholarship. Send it to local colleges as well as high schools. The deadline is March 10.
 - B. Professional Development – Due Dec. 30
 1. Scholarships – Pattie Petersen-Keys
 - a. Please note that IAN offers up to four \$100 scholarships for members to attend conferences.
 - C. ICEC/IAN Awards – Heidi Anderson said that the deadline is Dec. 1.
 - D. Administrative Report (3 minutes each)
 1. IAN Grants - none
 2. NAI Liaison – Amy Yoakum commented that the grant for IAN people to go to NAI Region V has had around 50 applicants. There is money for 50 more. So, sign up!
 3. DNR Liaison – Jackie Gautsch commented that advanced Iowater workshops would be held this January – March.
 4. IACCBE Rep. – Angela Bries could not attend but sent a report encouraging everyone to attend Winterfest on Jan. 23-25.
 5. IEC – Gail Barels was not in attendance and no report was given.
 6. ICEC – No report, but Winter Solstice will be at Camp Wesley Woods with Mel Boring as one of the speakers.
 7. Upcoming Workshops
 - A. **Spring - Dubuque** – In conjunction with NAI Region V workshop - Mississippi River Museum April 5-9 2006
 - a. Angi Reid handed out magnets as a reminder. IAN will have a booth at the Exhibit Hall on Thursday. Some Friday

fieldtrips will include Coldwater Cave near Decorah and Bixby State Park. Look for your packet in December. They will be due March 1st.

B. **Summer 2006 Polk County** – Heidi Anderson doesn't have a date yet.

C. **Fall 2006 Carroll County** – Aaron Hershberger has set dates of Nov. 1-3. NAI is Nov. 7 – 11, 2006.

8. Web Page – Mark Roberts needs updates from all committees.
9. REAP-CEP – Linda Zaletel mentioned that there were new changes. These were highlighted in the fall IAN newsletter. Changes include a new application online at Iowa EE website (www.iowaee.org), new evaluation information and Susan Salterburg is helping with grants. A workshop on evaluations was held with the Iowa Recycling Association in October. IAN hopes to have a workshop as well. Grants were due Nov. 1.
10. Guide to Interpretive Services – Kelly Sonnicksen will distribute this in the spring.

V. Action/Discussion Items (5 minutes each)

1. Women in the Outdoors – Cindy Gretter, Women's Regional Coordinator - National Wild Turkey Federation
A. Cindy hopes to partner with naturalists to provide women's outreach events. Counties can go together or work with the NRCS or a local gun club. She passed out contact information.
2. IACCB Foundation – Others have been invited to be a part of this foundation with a \$1500 donation. Should IAN donate? We need more information was the consensus by the membership.
3. Strategic Plan – A membership survey is needed. Volunteers included Linda Zaletel, Lew Major, Aaron Hershberger, Maria Koschmeder and Beth Waage.
4. Election Results – Heather Freidhof, Nicole Moestchen, and Karen Phelps were elected to ExCom.
5. Awards – Kelly Sonnicksen presented Linda Zaletel with a 4 yr. Service award to ExCom. Connie Betts got an award for hosting summer IAN and Tina Popson received an award for hosting fall IAN. Kelly also received an award for serving on ExCom for 6 years.
6. Carpooling Efficiency Award went to Julie Brazell, Nicole Moestchen, Laura DeCook, Karen Phelps and Maria Koschmeder.
7. Mentoring – Heather Freidhof had new members stand up again to introduce themselves and then those who had introduced themselves to the new members stood up. Certificates were handed out to Theresa Kruid, Ann Burns, Rochelle Ebel, Therese Cummiskey, and Kelly Sonnicksen. Charlene Elyea and Kim Perlstein volunteered to be on the committee.
8. Other – Kelly Sonnicksen mentioned that new people will need to get an invite in order to be on the IAN listserv. An idea for tourism might include a passport to see different nature centers. See Barb McKinstry for more information. A new naturalist package was mentioned. It might include books with activities and a cd with lesson plans. Maybe IAN would fund this.

VI. Adjourned by Linda Zaletel at 5:29 with a motion from Karen Phelps and a second from Nicole Moestchen. MCU.