

IAN Business Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, Woodbury County

Sioux City, Iowa

I. Call to order- 5:08 pm

A. Board members present: Pete Eyheralde, V.P., Mahaska Co., Karen Phelps, Workshop Chair, Benton Co., Tina Popson, Treasurer, Pottawatamie Co., Lisa Anderson, President, Keep Boone Co. Beautiful, and Reba Reddick, Secretary, Cedar Co.

II. Secretary's Report

A. Minutes of the last meeting were posted on the web page for review. Annette Wittrock (Wapello Co.) moved to approve and Mike Krebill seconded. All aye, motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

A. Financial Report

1. Tina Popson presented financial report. We are almost to the end of the year and we have spent less than 50% of the budget. Motion to approve report was made by Brad Freidhof (Johnson Co.) and seconded by Emily Herring (Hardin Co.). All aye, motion carried.

B. Membership Report

1. Missy Smith (Warren Co.) and Danny Henderson (Lee Co) will co-chair the new membership Committee and report to membership from now on. We have 161 active members and 26 not renewed from 2008 (see attached.)

IV. Committee Reports

A. Professional Development

1. Professional Development- Miriam Patton (Palo Alto Co)- Applications are due the end of December. They will be looking at updating the professional standards soon.

2. Junior Naturalists- Joel Van Roekel- No report

3. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Maria Koschmeder-11 applications were reviewed and 1 scholarship was given out last year. Membership is urged to promote the scholarship more. Logan R., recent recipient, is attending this workshop with her mom.

4. Scholarships- Jessica Steines (Clinton Co)- We have used \$700 of the \$1500 allotted. The committee will be making a few changes to requirements, including turning in receipts and will update membership when they are finished.
5. IAN Mentoring Program- a member is needed to step up to chair this committee
6. Web Page- Cari Burnstedt (Henry Co)- No update
7. ICEC/IAN Awards- Nathan Ungsworth (Jasper Co)- Nominations are due December 1st. They are looking for more people to review the applications, e-mail Nate if you are interested.
8. Traveling Exhibits Committee- Ann Burns (Jackson Co)- We have all the matching funds for the REAP grant. The Prairie exhibit will be complete by March and begin traveling in April.
9. REAP Alliance Liaison- A chair person is needed
10. IAN Publications- We need to form a committee to begin reviewing the booklet series and have only 2 people so far, Pam Holt (Washington Co.) and Michelle Olson (Muscatine Co). Let ExCom know of your interest.

B. Promotions

1. Fundraising- Matt Wetrich (Carroll Co.) presented for chair head Jenny Ammon (Dubuque Co.) who is on maternity leave. Group met 2 times this year and have great new ideas to try.
2. IAN Display/brochure- Lisa Anderson (Keep Boone Beautiful) is leading the work to revamp the 10+ year old publications. Funds to pay for the new printing has been allocated.

V. Administrative Reports (3 minutes each)

1. IAN Grants- No report
2. NAI Liaison- Amy Yoakum (Story Co), report by Heather Hucka (Story Co)- Awards are due February 2, list is available online. 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 St. Paul, MN November of 2012. Will be working on a grant to help people attend. Buffalo Bull deadline is December 1.
3. DNR Liaison- Jackie Gauth (DNR) No report
4. IACCBE Rep.- Christina Groen (Shelby and Audubon Co.) Winterfest is January 25-27. Agenda can be found on mycountyparks.com
5. IEC- Gail Barels- No report
6. ICEC- Karen Phelps (Benton Co.)- Winter Solstice is January 15-17 at Honey Creek Resort. Agenda is online, two great programs are planned.

7. REAP-CEP- Linda Zaletal (Story Co)- Deadline was November 1st, more money is being requested than is available. Next deadline is May 15.

8. Upcoming Workshops

- A. Spring 2010- Washington CCB, March 3-5
- B. Summer 2010- Bremmer CCB, August 11-13
- 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- open
- G. Spring 2012- Pottawattamie CCB
- H. Summer 2012- open
- I. Fall 2012- Clinton CCB, November 7-9

Action/Discussion Items (5 minutes each)

1. IAN Website- By January we should have a new site with a new name. Lisa Anderson (Keep Boone Co. Beautiful) is signing the contract.
2. IAN Publications Committee- We are asking for members to join
3. Carpooling Efficiency Award- Given to Greg Wolf (Davenport Park and Rec) for rescuing Karen Phelps, Sondra Cabell, Pam Holtz and Heather Niec after they struck a deer on the way home from MEEC in Illinois in September.
4. IWILL- Scott Moats- presented on Sustainable Funding information. Trust fund will give permanent funding, protected by the constitution. It will be up for a vote November of 2012. Dawn (Woodbury Co.) moved to have IAN join the coalition in support of IWILL, Brad Friedhof (Johnson Co.) second. All aye, motion passed.
5. Rare Sightings- four river otters at Swan Lake by Matt Wetrich (Carroll Co)
6. Other-Certificates were presented to Lisa Anderson and Karen Phelps for their two full terms served on ExCom. New members voted onto ExCom include Tina Popson (Pottawattamie Co), Laura DeCook (Appanoose Co.) and Nathan Ungsworth (Jasper Co). Karen Phelps moved to destroy ballots, Brad Freidhof second, all aye, motion passed.

VI. Adjourn

With no further business, Matt Wetrich (Carroll Co) moved to adjourn, Karen Phelps (Benton Co) second. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Reba Reddick,

Secretary of Iowa Association of Naturalists

Cedar County Conservation Naturalist