

IAN Business Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2010- 5:00 pm

Water's Edge Nature Center, Kossuth County, Algona, Iowa

- I. Call to Order- 5:01 pm
- II. Secretary's Report
 - a. Minutes of the last meeting- are posted on web page. Reddick forgot to send a reminder to have members look at them again prior to meeting so not enough members had recently reviewed them. Yoakum made a motion to table report approval, all aye. Motion approved. Reddick will email all 2010 minutes on listserve before spring 2011 meeting. At that time both spring and fall 2010 minutes will be up for approval.
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Financial Report- \$6721 in Joe Halbur Scholarship fund. Expenses to date -\$7,931.40. Julie Brazel (SD State Parks) motioned to approve report, with a 2nd by Rene Stroud (Sac Co) All aye. Motion approved.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Professional Development
 1. Professional Development- Miriam Patton ((Palo Alto Co)- Applications are now online and can be emailed. They are due December 31st. We will go over professional standards in a general session tomorrow.
 2. Junior Naturalists- Joel Van Roekel (Warren Co)- The new Oak Leaf patch is available for \$2 each. A proposal to include another \$1000 in the IAN budget next year to print another patch was made. Angie Reed (Silos and Smokestacks) made the motion, with a 2nd by Maria Koschmeder (Kids in Nature). All aye, motion passed
 3. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Maria Koschmeder (Kids in Nature)- Sarah Stubbard was recognized as being the first scholarship recipient to become a fulltime naturalist in Cedar Co. They have received 21 applications this year. They would like to put the app online soon so it can be accessed and submitted there. Koschmeder announced her resignation as chair and asked anyone interested in joining the committee or serving as chair to see her soon.
 4. Scholarships- Jessica Steines (Clinton Co)- The changes to reimbursement from last year have been in place. Let Steines know of your thoughts on how its going, she feels it is working well. \$271 of the \$800 have been used this year.
 5. Membership- Missy Smith (Warren Co)- we have 134 members in 2010
 6. IAN Mentoring Program- Heather Hucka (Story Co)- the new Naturalist lunch went ok. Hucka invited anyone with questions about the program to see her.
 7. Website- Cari Burnsteadt (Henry Co.)- There have been growing pains with the new site. We have purchased a flash drive to begin collection of original document

copies, making future changes easier. Popson will contact Mark Roberts about having the old site completely shut down now.

8. Traveling Exhibits Committee- Ann Burns (Jackson Co)- the Prairie exhibit is scheduled through February of 2013. Group will be looking for new ideas and others interested in moving forward with other exhibits

9. Reap Alliance Liaison- Rebecca Christhoffel (ISU) – no report

10. IAN Publications- Rebecca Christhoffel (ISU)- the group tracked down the original word documents for the books and has begun to make changes. Format of the new books came up and ExCom voted to make electronic versions only. Katie Hammond (Louisa Co) made a motion to approve the change from a printed version to IAN offering only an e-version with a 2nd by Linda Zaletel (Story Co). All aye, motion passed.

11. ICEC/IAN Awards- Nathan Unsworth (Jasper Co)- committee is taking applications for awards until December 1st. They are available online. Unsworth asked if anyone in membership or from ICEC would be interested in helping review apps.

b. Promotions

1. Fundraising- Jenny Ammon- (Dubuque Co)- We will again have a live and silent auction tonight. The group has been trying new things for a year or two now and would like feedback to help keep improving on the workshop evaluations. A new item tonight will be the tickets for a "Naturalist" Tote full of over \$300 of stuff every naturalist needs.

V. Administrative Reports

1. IAN Grants- Tina Popson (Pottawattamie Co) ExCom met in August and awarded the grant for 2010 to Polk Co's Playscape/Nature Trail project.

2. NAI Liaison- Amy Yoakum (Story Co) Region 5 is looking for a new web master or newsletter editor. Both the Buffalo Bull submissions and NAI nominations are due Jan. 1st. Region 5 spring workshop is April 14-17 in Canada.

3. DNR Liaison- Jackie Gautsch (IDNR) Project AWARE will be July 9-17, 2011 on a river yet to be determined. There is no longer an international River of Words, however, the Iowa contest will continue. IOWATER workshops for 2011 are being scheduled. There are 2 sessions that last 8 hours each, on chemicals and on BMI's. They need presenters for the Iowa Children's Water Festival on May 12th.

4. IACCBE Rep- Christina Roelofs (Shelby/Audubon Co) Winterfest is January 24-26, schedule is available. It is the 40th anniversary in 2011 so there will be a special giveaway.

5. IEC – Gail Barels- Heather Gamm reported (Bremer Co) a meeting was held in October. They discussed the 350.org web page.

6. ICEC- Karen Phelps (Iowa Co) Winter Solstice is January 21-23 and brochures are available on the listserv.

7. REAP-CEP Linda Zaletel (Story Co) Met on Wednesday. By spring 80% of the group will be new. Charlene Elyea (O'Brien Co) will be taking over as Rep in December. The group is trying to simplify the application process.

8. Upcoming Workshops-Laura DeCook (Mahaska Co)

*Spring 2011- Polk CCB March 2-4 @W Des Moines Raccoon River Nature Lodge

*Summer 2011-Palo Alto CCB

*Fall 2011-TBA- (NAI is in St Paul, MN Nov 8-12)

*Spring 2012- Pottawattamie CCB

*Summer 2012- open

*Fall 2012- Clinton CCB- November 7-9

VI. Action/Discussion Items

1.NAI Grant for Fall 2011 in St. Paul- Amy Yoakum (Story Co) polled the group to see if there was interest in attending NAI national workshop in MN Nov 8-12 of 2011. She will send out surveys to gather more info and then begin to write a REAP grant helping members pay to go. If enough people go, this may take the place of our IAN fall workshop. If anyone was interested in helping Yoakum write the grant, let her know. It was decided that the IAN scholarship money for 2011 will be used as matching funds for a REAP grant, and ExCom may even increase this line item for 2011. Maria Koschmeder (K.i.N.) suggested \$2000, like we did for NAI in Dubuque a few years ago. Others thought we could consider up to \$4000. ExCom will decide at our December meeting. Jessica Steines made note of this for her committee and will be updated on the amount by ExCom later. A motion to move forward with the grant writing was made by Darrin Siefken (Crawdaddy Outdoors), 2nd by Katie Hammond (Louisa Co). All aye, motion passed.

2.Host County Recognition- Certificate of Appreciation was given to Naturalist Billie Willie, Julie and her other staff for hosting Fall 2010.

3.Carpooling Efficiency Award- Given to Laura DeCook and crew who had 5 adults and 2 children in the car all the way from Mahaska Co.

4.Rare Sightings- emails were sent this fall about late Monarch's around central and eastern Iowa.

5.Other

- I. Ann Burns (Jackson Co)- Traveling Exhibit committee needs a few new people to step up and coordinate the next project, whether it is the Aquatics or another concept.
- II. Mike Havalik (DM YMCA)- Took a moment to thank membership for their support of IWILL which passed the state vote in November.
- III. Nathan Unsworth (Jasper Co)- Asked membership about the need for extra liability insurance IAN would hold to cover these new exhibits, beyond what each hosting county must have. The suggestion was made by Greg Wolf (Davenport Parks and Rec) to purchase liability insurance.

It was also suggested to contact Jester Insurance regarding the issue. Angie Reed (Silos and Smokestacks) made a motion to look into getting this insurance, with Lisa Anderson (Boone Recycling Center) seconding. All aye, motion passed.

- IV. Cindy Blobaum (Dallas Co) She posted a 'snake challenge' for naturalists to make a guess at a snake length in a photo and she gave us the results. The snake in question was a plastic toy about 6 inches long. This size estimate and 'fooling photo' exercise was for her new book.
- V. Jackie Gautsch- IAN newsletter deadline is January 1, to be sent to her hotmail account.
- VI. Larry Stone (Clayton Co)- Humanities Iowa has a grant available for public programs. You can see him for more details.
- VII. Laura DeCook (Mahaska Co) We played the "Moles" game again at this workshop to help people get to know each other better. DeCook handed out stickers to all members for us to place on the people we thought were the moles and then the real folks were revealed.
- VIII. ExCom vote resulted in a tie for one position. Membership all voted again for either Brian Gibbs (Clayton Co) or Reba Cook. Final results were the re-election of Pete Eyheralde and Reba Cook. Karen Phelps (Iowa Co) made a motion to destroy the ballots, with a 2nd by Cindy Blobaum (Dallas Co). All aye, motion passed.

- VII. Adjourn- Motion to adjourn made by Victoria DeVoss (Plymouth Co), 2nd by Dave Murcia (Scott Co). All aye, meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Reba Cook,

Iowa Association of Naturalists, ExCom Secretary

Augustana College, IRIS Coordinator