



**IAN Business Meeting
Friday, November 18, 2011**

Newton Arboretum, Jasper County

I. Call to order @ 11:36 am

II. Secretary's Report

- A. Minutes of the Spring 2011 meeting will be posted on the IAN website. Minutes of spring and fall will be up for approval in Spring

III. Treasurer's Report

- A. Financial Report – Nathan Unsworth (Newton Parks and Rec) noted nothing out of ordinary – membership checks continue to come in. Members should send checks to Missy Smith (Warren Co). Cindy Blobaum (Dallas Co) motioned to approve with a second by Heidi Anderson (Polk Co)

IV. Committee Reports

A. Professional Development

ICEC/IAN Awards – Nathan Unsworth (Newton Parks and Rec) - needs award applications sent by Dec 1st

2. Professional Development – Miriam Patton (Palo Alto Co) – Charlene Elyea (O'Brien Co) spoke – need to get applications to Miriam by Dec 31 – Amy Yokum (Story Co) mentioned that this is a large part of the REAP grant.

3. Junior Naturalist – Joel Van Roekel (Warren Co) - Diane Hall (Marshall Co) spoke - Fox and Turtle patches are ready for purchase.

4. Joe Halbur Scholarship – Lora Schwendinger (Cass Co) – will be sending information by email. Winner will be receiving money soon.

5. Scholarships – Jessica Steines (Clinton Co) - all money went to NAI

6. Membership – Missy Smith (Warren Co) – Reba Cook (Augustana College) spoke - only 26 members have renewed for 2012 so far.

7. IAN Mentoring Program – Heather Hucka (Story Co) – new member lunch will be held at Spring IAN workshop

8. IAN Website – Cari Burnstedt (Henry Co) - everything is going well. No issues

9. Traveling Exhibits – Ann Burns (Jackson Co) – Charlene Elyea spoke - Prairie exhibit is still going around – Charlene is compiling survey data from around state for REAP grant. The exhibit has been viewed by 3,113 visitors so far. Ann is looking for grant writers to fund the Aquatic Display. The awesome Dallas County snake exhibit has been to Lyon and now Jackson County.

10. REAP Alliance Liaison – Rebecca Christoffel (Iowa State University) – no update
11. IAN Publications – Rebecca Christoffel (Iowa State University) – Lisa Anderson (Boone County Landfill and Recycling) spoke – working on new solid waste booklet – close to finishing the hard draft – will review and finalize by February and bring to IAN in March.
12. Fundraising – Jenny Ammon (Dubuque Co) – has lots of great items for Spring IAN workshop auctions. She has a big box full of t-shirts and wonders what she should do with them - make into quilt and auction it for Joe Halbur scholarship? Make tote bags from t-shirts? The old root mat from traveling display will be auctioned at Spring IAN. Cindy Blobaum will donate her new snake book at wholesale cost for fundraising.
13. Wilderness Trips – Katie Hammond (Louisa Co) – Chris Adkins (Dallas Co) spoke – will be promoting the wilderness scholarships more next year.

V. Administrative Reports (3 minutes each)

- A. IAN Grants – Tina Popson (Pottawattamie Co) – IAN has awarded Jackson County \$200 for its playscape building project
- B. NAI Liaison – Amy Yoakum (Story Co) – encouraged IAN members to attend the NAI regional workshop – it will be in Nebraska 2013, Illinois 2014, Iowa 2015
- C. DNR Liaison – Jackie Gautsch (Iowa DNR) – no report
- D. IACCBE Rep. – Christina Roelofs (Shelby-Audubon Co) – no report
- E. IEC – Gail Barels (Linn Co) – no report
- F. ICEC – Brian Gibbs (Clayton Co) – Winter Solstice will be held Feb 3-5 2012 - David Stokes is this year's keynote speaker. There will be a Leopold training on Friday. Sessions will emphasize citizen science. REAP funds are available for attending.
- G. REAP-CEP – Charlene Elyea (O'Brien Co) – REAP review board meet this Monday (11/21/11) Application formats have changed – please check. Any questions about the grant application should be directed to Charlene.

V. Upcoming Workshops – Brian Gibbs (Clayton Co)

- A. Spring 2012 – Pottawattamie County: March 14-16 – If members have workshop ideas, they should let Brian or Tina know.
- B. Summer 2012 – Jones County
- C. Fall 2012 – Clinton County: November 7-9
- D. 2013 Dates are open
- E. Karen Phelps asked if ICEC-IAN would like to cooperate with MEEK conference in Iowa, to be held the last week in Sept 2013 Wed – Fri.

VI. Action/Discussion Items (5 minutes each)

1. Newsletter – Popson asked for contributions from the membership

2. Recognition for Ex-Com members – Outgoing Ex-com officers Tina Popson, Nathan Unsworth, Brian Gibbs
 3. ExCom Election Results – Winners were Jess Wagner (Jackson Co), Chuck Jacobson (Clinton Co) and Kelly Dix (Pottawattamie County)
 4. Carpooling Efficiency Award – goes to Charlene and the sunshine girls from Western Iowa
 5. Rare Sightings – Chris Adkins (Dallas Co) saw 2 male monarchs on October 22. Dave Bakke (Muscatine Co) saw a great horned owl eating a skunk. Karen Phelps (Benton Co) saw a bald eagle catch a fish from her tree stand. Patti Peterson-Keys (Polk Co) saw a pileated woodpecker. Mark Wagner (Dubuque River Museum) had a pileated woodpecker fly over his head while roofing. Brian Gibbs (Clayton Co) saw a river otter and kits at 10 feet. Sydney Hyatt (Pottawattamie County) saw a house cat.
 6. Other – Tina Popson (Pottawattamie County) passed out IAN bookmark/flyers
Cindy Blobaum announced that *Driftless* will be next book club selection to read for spring IAN – she will do a snake program based on her new book for a future IAN workshop.
- VII. Karen Phelps (Benton Co) motioned to adjourn, second by Matt Crayne (Chickasaw Co)
Meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm