

IAN Business Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2012- 5:00 pm

Mississippi River Eco Tourism Center, Clinton Co, Iowa

- I. Call to Order- 4:50 pm
- II. Secretary's Report
 - a. Minutes of the last meeting- posted on web page. 2 corrections made by Mike Krebill(retired Nat)
 1. In Admin Reports #3- misspelling of Jackie Gautsch.
 2. #6-Add year 2013 to MEEC details
 3. With these corrections, Krebill moved to approve, with a second by Karen Phelps (Benton Co). All aye, minutes approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Financial Report- IAN has 3 accounts: \$12,000, \$17,600 and \$10,000. We have been even for workshop costs and income. Income for 2012 \$11,649.23, expenses \$11,500.83. Brad Freidhof (Johnson Co) motioned to approve report, with a 2nd by Cindy Blobaum (Dallas Co) All aye. Motion approved.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Professional Development
 1. ICEC/IAN Awards- Angie Reed (Silos and Smokestacks) Applications are due Dec. 1st. With MEEC next year (IAN and ICEC at the same meeting) the deadlines for next year may be changed, discussion is ongoing.
 2. Professional Development- Miriam Patton ((Palo Alto Co)- Applications due Dec 31.
 3. Junior Naturalists- Joel Van Roekel (Warren Co)-The frog and dragonfly patches are available, you can have your county billed for the purchase. Crystal Knafel is here at the workshop- she is this years winner from ISU.
 4. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Lora Kanning (Cass Co)-The PDF of the app will be out on the website and listserve in Dec. HS Students will have Christmas to complete.
 5. Scholarships- Jessica Steines (Clinton Co)-.Have not been a lot of members using the money lately, membership can spread the word. Next year we will again combine the money with the REAP grant for people to attend MEEC.
 6. Membership- Missy Smith (Warren Co)-members can send photos to Missy for adding to the membership list.

7. IAN Mentoring Program- Heather Hucka (Story Co)-. Sent out a welcome to the new members, of which we have had many this year. If you are new and do not have a mentor yet, but would like one, contact Heather soon.
8. Website- Cari Nicely (Henry Co.)- there was a firewall glitch earlier this fall, but everything is in working order now.
9. Traveling Exhibits Committee- Ann Burns (Jackson Co)- the Prairie exhibit has been traveling since 2009. The Aquatics team is moving forward, and has a survey for you to complete about the exhibit format- a trailer vs. indoor panel. Please fill out one per agency.
10. Reap Alliance Liaison- Chair- vacant. Asked membership for volunteer. It includes going to REAP meetings in DM, and forwarding info on listserve every other month.
11. IAN Publications- Kelly Dix (Potawatomi Co)- we need more members to proof additional books. If you have one finished let Dix know and she can help you get it uploaded to the web
12. Fundraising Jenny Ammon- (Dubuque Co)- Ammon will be stepping down as chair, Emily Herring (Story Co) will step up to take her place. Silent auction closes at 6:20.
13. Wilderness Trips- Katie Hammond (Louisa Co) Karen Phelps shared that scholarships allowed students she knew to take part in a trip, and it was life changing for them. We like the idea of having these students write letters to help members prove the usefulness of these long distance trips to boards.

V. Administrative Reports

1. IAN Grants- Tina Popson (Pottawattamie Co) No report
2. NAI Liaison- Amy Yoakum (Story Co) – Heather Hucka shared that Yoakum has taken a different position with Story Co., and is no longer a Naturalist. The current Region 5 director is a Naturalist in Cherokee Co. and the hope is that he/she will take Yoakum's place. Region 5 workshop is April 3-7, 2013 in NE.
3. DNR Liaison- Jackie Gautsch (IDNR) No report
4. IACCBE Rep- Christina Roelofs (Shelby/Audubon Co) Winterfest is Jan 22-24th in Waterloo, with lots of great topics planned for sessions.
5. IEC – Gail Barels- No report
6. ICEC- Linda Zalatel (retired naturalist) Sondra Cambell (Buchanan Co) and Phelps are co-chairs on MEEC and will provide more info on the fall plans tomorrow. A call for presenters for MEEC was shared by Brad Freidhof (Johnson Co), which closes Nov 19th.
7. REAP-CEP Charlene Elyea (O'Brien Co) No report

8. Upcoming Workshops-Kelly Dix (Pottawatomie Co)

*Spring 2013- National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, Dubuque, IA. March 13-15

*Summer 2013-Aug 7-9 Story or Warren Co-Leave no Trace Training,

*Fall 2013-MEEC: Marriott Hotel, Coralville, IA, Sept 25-28th

*Fall 2013 Statewide one day workshop- Story Co. Nov, Date TBD

*Spring 2014- Dickensen Co. Dates TBD

*Summer 2014- Sac County Date TBD

VI. IAN 5 Year Strategic Plan 2012-

1. Powerpoint was presented to membership. All were asked to give feedback or ideas to ExCom. Michelle Berns (Muscatine Co) mentioned a Halloween skit and costume swap. Rebecca Christoffel (ISU) told group about NREM Graduate publications that are available, including an electronic newsletter, and other newsletters with research info posted in them. She also had the PP's from last springs turtle program available, and brochures on White nose syndrome in bats to take.

VII. Action/Discussion Items

1. Newsletter- If you have any grapevine news, favorite green things or "Can you top this?" stories for the newsletter please sent to Gautsch at her gmail account.
2. Host County Recognition- Certificate of Appreciation was given to Naturalisist and staff of Clinton Co. for hosting Fall 2012.
3. Carpooling Efficiency Award- Given to the 3 ISU student from Ames.
4. Rare Sightings- snowy owl in Jackson Co, almost all white red-tailed hawk, TH paper in Dubuque had info on 5 Bigfoot sightings, a cat caught a short tailed weasel, 30+ Eurasian tree sparrows, deer with a growth or drop tine by its eye, 6 American Abasets, a Common Red Poll, White and Red Crossbills, Clay Steel hit a deer on the way to the workshop and totaled his car.

5. Other

- I. If members are outside and find a number of dead deer it could be from EHD (Blue Tongue disease). The DNR is watching for it so feel free to contact them.
- II. Heidi Anderson (Polk Co) has 2 Red -Eared Sliders and a Musk Turtle looking for homes.
- III. There will be info on new workshops and other fliers on the free table.

IV. Cindy Blobaum (Dallas Co) the next book for the reading group will be “Peril in the Ponds” by Judy Helgen.

V. Books are for sale from Lisa ??who presented a session on using children’s books in programming.

VI. Jean Elles ?is asking for soil samples from her part of the state.

VII. ExCom vote results were the election of Annette Wittrock (Wapello Co) and Matt Crayne (Chickasaw Co). Abby Harkrader (Clayton Co) made a motion to destroy the ballots, with a 2nd by Mark Wagner (Mississippi River Aquarium). All aye, motion passed.

VII. Adjourn- Motion to adjourn made by Karen Phelps (Benton Co) 2nd by Sondra Cambell (Buchanan Co). All aye, meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Reba Cook,

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