

IAN Business Meeting
Wickiup Hill Learning Center
Thursday, November 5, 2015

Meeting Was Called to order at 5:04 PM by Matt Crayne (president)

Minutes from the last business meeting were discussed: Mike Krebill moved to approve the minutes; Jess Wagner seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's report

- Victoria DeVos presented that \$14,000 was in checking; \$9,343.71 was in savings account; \$8292.65 was in Joe Halbur account; and \$10,221.48 was in short term CD

- Victoria explained that money had been redistributed back to two separate accounts so Joe has its own account for legal reasons.

- Discussion was had on what to do with the short-term CD. Jessica Wagner asked about interest differences between CD terms, and suggested all 10 grand went into longer CD; Sondra Cabel suggested splitting 5K in short term and 5K in long term; Mark Wagner suggested doing "something" with the money instead of longer CD term; Mike Krebill suggested book for teachers on NGSS with Naturalists

- A motion was made by Karen Phelps to place 5K in short term CD and 5K in long term CD; was seconded by Heather Hucka; motion passed unanimously

ICEC/IAN Awards

- Linette Bernard reminded us that award applications are due December 1, 2015.

Professional Development

- Charlene Elyea reminded the group that applications are due by December 31

Junior Naturalist

- Diane Hall introduced the new goldfinch patch and offered them for sale, and informed group that more wild rose patches were made and ready for sale as well – patches are \$2 each

- Diane also explained to everyone what the Junior Naturalist program is

Joe Halbur Scholarship

-Lora Kanning reported that no one had reapplied for the scholarship but they were still waiting for new applicants; she also reported that they need guidelines in place for forfeiture of scholarship money by recipients; the committee would be working on that.

- Further discussion lead to a suggestion from Larry Stone of possibly creating a community foundation endowment; upon further discussion, it was decided that Lora and Larry would look into this option further

Scholarships

- Aaron Askelson reported that \$4121.84 had been awarded out of the \$5,000 allotted

Membership

- Logan Roberts reported that there were 120 members in 2015 before the workshop

- Logan will also be attempting to update the picture list for our state's naturalists

IAN Mentoring Program

- Heather Hucka reported a good turnout at the new naturalist luncheon

- contact Heather if you would like a mentor or would like to be a mentor

IAN Website

- Cari Nicely reminded us to send her anything that needs to be changed and be very specific as to the page on which it is found a change that need to be made

REAP Alliance Liaison

- Logan Roberts has information on REAP and political contact for anyone who would like to contact them

Wilderness Trips

- Sondra Cabel informed the group that they have met in committee and things will be brought to us at a later date

NAI Liaison

- Heather Hucka reminded the group that the next NAI Workshop is in Bismarck, ND April 6 – 10, 2016 (“Catch the Spirit” theme)

- Call for papers due January 1, 2016

- Heather also reminded us that we are now part of the Heartland Region and no longer called the Region V – and we have over 100 Iowa NAI members

REAP-CEP

- Charlene Elyea informed us that the next meeting is November 23; the next deadline is May 15 and mini grants are now available with easier evaluation process

ICEC

- A presentation was given prior to the business meeting

IEC

- Gail Barrels said they are gearing up for the next legislative session and just had the annual conference

IACCBE Representative

- Christina Roelofs informed the group that winterfest is January 19-21, 2016 and there are some changes to allow non-CCB members to attend as well

DNR Liaison

- Holly Schulte presented that many changes are taking place within the DNR Aquatics division – it is now split into two regions (Holly Schulte now covers the eastern half of the state and Barb Gigar covers the western side of the state for FishIOWA)

- Fish Iowa games registration is available

- You can put your events on the DNR Calendar/website

- State Fish Art contest is coming up – asked us to help spread the word to teachers/schools

- Brass Bluegill Award application deadline is November 30

IAN Grants

- no report was available

Fundraising Report

- Mary Bulgar reported the wining shirt design would be revealed soon and asked the group to continue to bid on the silent auction

Upcoming Workshop

- Annette Wittrock reported that 2016 workshop were currently spoken for, but asked for volunteers for 2017 workshops

- Spring 2016 – Henry County; March 9 -11

- Summer 2016 – Shelby; August 1 – 3
- Fall 2016 – Floyd – Date Unknown

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Changes to ByLaws

- Victoria reported some errors/typos found in the bylaws that needed to be corrected; Heidi Anderson made a motion to approve the changes; Jess Wagner seconded the motion; Motion passed unanimously

Vote to make Ann Burns an Honorary Member of IAN

- Matt Crayne proposed making Ann Burns an honorary IAN members; Diane Hall moved to approve this designation; Charlene Elyea seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously

Traveling Exhibits

- Jen Meyer informed the group they had received a fully equipped stream table and proposed the possibility of offering it as a travelling exhibit for IAN

- After some discussion Aaron Askelson motioned to use travelling exhibit funds to fix up the table; Clay Steele seconded the motion; motion carried

Tote of furs, etc given to IAN by IACCBE

- introduced a full tote of furs, skull etc, and wanted discussion on what to do with these materials

- after some discussion Steve Martin moved to auction the tote off as a whole piece; motion was seconded by Pete Eyheralde; further discussion lead to Steve Martin Amending the motion to give the money made from this auction item to the travelling displays committee; amended motion was seconded by Pete Eyheralde; motion passed 38 yes to 12 no

Newsletter Items

- we are always looking for input and writers for the newsletter – be sure to let the committee know what you would like to see or if you have a story you would like to share with the entire organization

Carpooling Efficiency award went to Story County who brought 5 people and travelled 112 miles one way

Executive Committee Election resulted in the reelection of Victoria DeVos and the additions of Karen Johlas-Szalkowski. and Emily Herring; Karen J-S moved to destroy the ballots; seconded by Steve Martin and motion passed unanimously

Linn County Conservation Board and staff were thanked for hosting the workshop

A rare sighting of an Emu was reported by Victoria DeVos

Discussion was had on whether or not to update the CCB directory on the website or take it down entirely; Sondra Cabel moved to update the information; Diane Hall seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously

Discussion was begun on possibly making the treasurer a non-voting member of ExComm and adding a separate at large member of the Executive Committee so the treasurer could serve multiple years and information would be better accounted for (so things do fall through the cracks); good discussion was had, and this will likely be voted on in the near future

Karen Phelps motioned to adjourn the meeting; Diane Hall Seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously; **meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm**