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Executive Committee

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IAN Business Meeting-Thursdays March 9, 2017

Plymouth County, Iowa 5:00 PM

- I. Call to order-** Meeting was called to order by President Johlas-Szalkowski at 5:05PM.
- II. Secretary's Report-**
 1. Approval of Fall Business Meeting Minutes- Jen Meyer moved to approve meeting minutes from fall 2016, seconded by Annette Whittrock. Motion approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report-**
 1. Financial Report- Victoria DeVos - the budget total was \$40,111.24. The general fund has \$22,972.75, the Joe Halbur fund has \$7,793.66, and the savings has \$9,344.83. There are two CD's, one with a value of \$5,025.07 and one with \$5,308.97. Victoria reported an additional \$2,688 from IAN workshop fees. There has been \$996.50 in expenses not including spring 2017 workshop. Heather Hucka made a motion to approve treasurer's report and Heidi Anderson seconded, motion approved.
- IV. Committee Reports-**
 1. Junior Naturalist- Jen Meyer - has patches on hand.
 2. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Lora Kanning - April 2nd is the winner announcement and at fall IAN, new fundraiser ideas will be in place.
 3. IAN Scholarships- Jessica Steines- has four requests for \$400.00. One for Plymouth Co, and three for NAI in South Dakota. There is \$1,000 allocated per year for these scholarships.
 4. Membership- Logan Roberts - there are 120 members and 18 new from ISU, email reminders for renewal will go out. Membership is from January 1st to December 31st starting in 2018.
 5. REAP Alliance Liaison- Logan Roberts - \$10,000 was donated for IWILL education. Also March 29th, is REAP day at the Capital.
 6. IAN Website- Cari Nicely - if there is a job opening she needs the deadline on it, and needs to have a change request form from the website accompanied with the request.

7. IAN Mentoring Program- Heather Hucka – there are several new pairs around the state.
8. Wilderness Trips- There was a good turnout at meeting and lots of discussion. Committee will adopt a set of standards. Summer 2018 may include a wilderness training opportunity.
9. Fundraising- Mary Bulger - over \$1,000.00 was raised at Fall IAN and there are a few more t-shirts for sale.

V. Administrative Reports

1. NAI Liaison- Heather Hucka - the NAI workshop is coming up April 5th-9th in Deadwood, South Dakota. The early bird rate will apply until the end of the workshop registration. She is looking for donations for the Heartland Region basket.
2. DNR Liaison- no one in attendance.
3. IACCBE Rep- Christine Roelofs- the first meeting is coming up and they need ideas for other places, collegiate day there is up to 400 people, and CCB day close to 200.
4. REAP-CEP- met in November and worked to revise the grant and reporting program.
5. ICEC- Alicia Vasto started as the new director of ICEC in December.

VI. Upcoming Workshops

1. Summer 2017- Jackson, Jen Myer - the dates of the summer workshop which are August 2nd-4th. Topics include outdoor skills, voyager canoes, and more.
2. Fall 2017- Warren, Karen Johlas-Szalkowski - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday workshop as Friday is Veterans Day.
3. Spring 2018- Clinton County
4. Summer 2018-
Fall 2018- is the 40th anniversary of IAN, maybe a combo county workshop?

VII. Action/Discussion Items

1. Listserv & website- ExCom needs to come up with a new description for the listserv, it needs to go into bylaws and be voted on in Fall 2017. But for now use your own discretion. ExCom reserves the right to remove any posts.
2. Professional Development Awards- 30 participants, 2 new this year.

Heidi Anderson

15 years

Lyndsey Anderson	10 years
Aaron Askelson	
Katie L. Cantu	15 years
Megan Cook	
Laura DeCook	
Victoria DeVos	
Charlene Elyea	
Chelsea Ewen Rowcliffe	5 years
Sunday Ford	
Diane Hall	25 years
Abbey Harkrader	5 years
Emily Highnam	
Rebecca Horton	
Heather Hucka	
Lilly Jensen	
Amy Loving	New
Jennifer Meyer	
J. Dave Murcia	
Cari Nicely	
Michele Olson	20 years
Emily Ostrander	
Miriam Patton	
Karen M. Phelps	
Christian Roelofs	
Emily Santiago	
Elizabeth Schram	New
Katie Struss	5 years

Sarah Subbert 5 years

Jessica Wagner

3. IAN/ICEC Awards-

Chris Holt Youth Environmental Education Award- Justin Kinney

Outstanding Interpretative Print Media- E Resources Group, Women Food and Agriculture Network (WFAN) and Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication at Iowa State University

Aldo Leopold Environmental Education Award- Miriam Patton

Ada Hayden Conservation Education Award- Polk County Conservation

4. Carpooling Efficiency Award- Lee County with three people and seven hour trip.

5. Host County Recognition- President Johlas-Szalkowski recognized Victoria DeVos from Plymouth County for all of her hard work for this conference.

6. Rare Sightings- Dave Bakke with Pasque flowers at Broken Kettle. Victoria with 80 degrees and then snow, and Matt Crayne with juvenile golden eagles in Chickasaw County.

7. Other-

a. Mike Krebill said the Prairie State Mushroom Foray would be taking requests for programs this upcoming year in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa city, and Coralville areas. Also Mike reported that there is a Midwest Wild Festival coming up on September 29th-October 1st, register online.

b. Andrea Porter from Moana county announced the 41st Loess Hills Prairie Seminar on June 2nd-4th. There is free camping and food for purchase.

c. Jen Meyer said that Jackson CCB will be taking part in crayon recycling and marker recycling and anybody can do it.

d. Emily Herring said that nametags were made by Annette Whittrock and please fill out evaluations.

e. Victoria DeVos- now accepts credit cards. There will be a \$3.00 convenience fee per transaction. Also will see if it can be incorporated into the website.

VIII. Adjourn- Motion to adjourn meeting by Annette Whittrock at 5:56 PM, seconded by Heidi Anderson. Motion approved.