



Iowa Association of Naturalists

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IAN Business Meeting Spring 2019 Jester Park Nature Center, Polk County 4:15 PM

Executive Committee

Karen Johlas-Szalkowski

Amy Loving

Emily Ostrander

Emily Herring

Michelle Berns

- I. **Call to order-** The meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM by President Karen Johlas-Szalkowski.
- II. **Secretary's Report-** The secretary's report was presented by Dave Bakke for Michelle Berns. Cindy Blobaum made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Mike Krebill, motion approved.
- III. **Treasurer's Report-** Emily Ostrander presented the treasurer's report. There was no discussion. Beth Waage made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Matt Crayne, motion approved.
- IV. **Committee Reports**
 1. Professional Development- Charlene Elyea- 31 completed the professional development, with one five-year award and two ten year awards.
 2. Junior Naturalist- Michele Olson- Patches are now available, four are new. They are \$1.00 each.
 3. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Lora Kanning- There seems to be more interest in the scholarship this year.
 4. IAN Scholarships -Jessica Steines- Forms for the scholarships are on the website, there has been \$609.00 spent.
 5. Membership- Victoria DeVos- There are 161 members, 34 did not renew. Please remember to renew when registering for Fall IAN.
 6. IAN Mentoring Program-Lilly Jensen- IAN "Mentoring Program" is now called the "Welcoming Committee."
 7. ICEC/IAN Awards- Sarah Subbert- Presented a plaque to Charlene Elyea, two others will be delivered.
 8. Traveling Exhibits- Jen Meyer- There is information on the traveling exhibits uploaded to the Google Drive. Contact Jen for assistance getting onto the Google Drive.
 9. Fundraising-Mary Bulger- Fundraising brought in \$1400 at the fall conference and there are still some stickers for sale.
 10. Website & Social Media-Cari Nicely, Heidi Reams, Jackie Gautsch- Check out the new website. Job postings should be short and with a link.
 11. Wilderness Committee- Aaron Askelson- There is scholarship money available for wilderness trips.
 12. Workshop Committee- Emily Herring- Booked out to the summer of 2023! Looking into a possible Friends Group Summit.
- V. **Administrative Reports (3 minutes each)**
 1. NAI Liaison-Heather Hucka- Workshop at Stevens Point, please give your basket materials to Heather H. 98 Iowa members and 27 IAN members will be

- attending.
2. DNR Liaison- No report
 3. IACCBE Rep. - Christina Roelofs- Please fill out Winterfest Surveys and send any ideas or thoughts from that event to Christina R.
 4. REAP-CEP- Amy Holley- No report.
 5. ICEC- Mary Bulger- Looking to refill the Executive Director Position. ICEC Summit was two weeks ago, connecting teachers to conservation. There was a STEM workshop that followed.

VI. Upcoming Workshops

1. Summer 2019-Walking Stick Adventures & Iowa County July 31-August 2, 2019- Held in cooperation with ICEC.
2. Fall 2019- Hamilton County November 6-8, 2019- Notify ExCom with suggestions for speakers, sessions, and meals.
3. Spring 2020-Pottawatomie County
4. Summer 2020- Lee County or Wilderness Committee
5. Fall 2020- Indian Creek Nature Center

VII. Action/Discussion Items (5 minutes each)

1. Professional Development Awards- The awards were handed out.
2. Update on \$10,000 Idea Project- Lilly Jensen thanked the membership for all of the help with this project. She is still looking for common ground in our experiences with the land. She is speaking with everyday people about how/why nature is important to them. There will be a State Fair Listening Booth, other big events like a poster contest, kids/adult 100-word essay, etc. Talk to Lilly if you have suggestions or questions about this project.
3. Update on IAN Booklets- This project is moving forward.
4. Carpooling Efficiency Award- The award goes to Lyon County.
5. Host County Recognition- Thank you to Polk County for hosting the workshop.
6. Rare Sightings- Nothing unusual.
7. Other-
 - a. Mike Krebill- Prairie States Mushroom Club- Symbiosis (newsletter) and website- IAmushroom.org
 - b. Andrea Porter- Monona Co. May 31- June 2, LoessHillsPrairieSeminar.com is the website. The theme is "Art and the Landscape." There will be free camping at the event.
 - c. Larry Stone- Reminder to let your legislator's think of the value of being able to acquire rare or non-Ag land. This is a big plus for citizens of Iowa!
 - d. Lee County will be hosting a "Bee aware of active bees" training.
 - e. Pete Eyheralde- Can IAN write letters to the editors or to legislators expressing the groups views on conservation issues. (Re: recent proposed legislation to prohibit government agencies and nonprofits from acquiring land for recreation/conservation use by the public.) ExCom will look into this.

VIII. Adjourn- Victoria DeVos made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jess Wagner, motion approved.