



**IAN Business Meeting Minutes**  
**November 7, 2019**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Hamilton County**

- I. **Call to order-** The meeting was called to order at 4:53 by President Karen Johlas-Szalkowski.
  
- II. **Secretary's Report -** Approval of Spring Business Meeting Minutes
  1. Michelle Berns presented the secretary's report for the business meeting minutes from March 2019. Cindy Blobaum made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, with a correction of a name (Jess not Jen), at the adjourn section, seconded by Annette Wittrock, motion approved.
  
- III. **Treasurer's Report-** Approval of the Financial Report
  1. Emily Ostrander presented the treasurer's report. The checking/savings total is \$41,520.40. The Joe Halbur savings is \$6,556.45. There are two certificates of deposits. A 19-month CD for \$5,051.68 and a 59-month CD for \$5,469.52. Katie Struss made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Jean Eells, motion approved.
  
- IV. **Committee Reports**
  1. Professional Development- Charlene Elyea reported that there will be a fillable form soon and that the forms are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>.
  2. Junior Naturalist- Michele Olson reported that there are patches available.
  3. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Lora Kanning reported that the winner of the scholarship couldn't be here. After January 1<sup>st</sup> there will be new scholarship applications to review.
  4. IAN Scholarships -Jessica Steines reported that the amount was raised last year and the scholarships are being utilized.
  5. Membership- Victoria DeVos reported that there are 186 members with four being honorary members. There will be some changes coming to the listserv soon, one being that you can't save documents. She reminded members that they may have to login to their yahoo account to get in the group. If there are questions ask Victoria.
  6. IAN Mentoring Program-Lilly Jensen reported that there would be a new naturalist table at dinner if any new naturalists would be interested in a mentor.
  7. ICEC/IAN Awards- Sarah Subbert reported that there had been some talk among committee members to add a category to the awards. It would be a new ONE Naturalist category. It would go into effect in 2020, and would have to be agreed upon by ICEC at their winter meeting. By show of hands, the majority of the members were interested in pursuing this.
  8. Traveling Exhibits- Jen Meyer reported that if repairs are needed on any of the exhibits to let her know, there is money to fix the exhibits. There are six available exhibits right now; Tallgrass Prairie, Secrets of the Slough, Secrets of the Shell, Get the Lead Out, The Snake Exhibit, and an albino animal exhibit.

9. Fundraising-Mary Bulger reported that there are several fundraisers going on right now; Stump the Naturalist, Silent Auction, and after supper the live auction. There aren't any more t-shirts. Members raised hands if they wanted to see a new t-shirt design. There is also a need for new members for the fundraising committee.
10. Website & Social Media-Cari Nicely, Lilly Jensen, Heidi Reams-The website change form is available now, it was not working correctly. The Committee would like to have something for guidelines on what should or should not go on the IAN website relating to workshops that aren't ours. Short discussion. ExCom advised them to come up with guidelines.
11. Wilderness Committee- Vacant- Karen Johlas-Szalkowski reported that a chair was needed for this committee.
12. Workshop Committee- Emily Herring reported on the upcoming workshops. She thanked Hamilton, Webster, and Boone County for hosting this workshop. Ringgold County is excited for spring 2020.

**V. Administrative Reports (3 minutes each)**

1. NAI Liaison-Heather Hucka- No report
2. DNR Liaison- Christina Roelofs reported that the Iowa DNR is looking for CCB's that would be willing to loan IA DNR Summer Naturalists education materials to use for their programs. Send her a message if your county could help.
3. IACCBE Rep- Christina Roelofs reported that Winterfest 2020 will be in Coralville again at the Marriott.
4. REAP-CEP- Amy Warnke reported that the committees will be meeting soon.
5. ICEC- Mary Bulger reported that there will be a workshop in Marshalltown on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. There are two ExCom members up for election.

**VI Workshops Committee Report- Emily Herring**

1. Spring -Ringgold County (March 18-20, 2020)
2. Summer 2020- Lee County (August 5-7, 2020)
3. Fall 2020- Indian Creek Nature Center- will check on dates for fall 2020.
4. Spring 2021 Jackson County
5. Summer 2021 Open
6. Fall 2021 Woodbury County
7. Spring 2022 Muscatine
8. Summer 2022 Clinton
9. Fall 2022 Mahaska
10. Fall 2023 Winneshiek (Spring/ Summer Open)

**VII. Action/Discussion Items (5 minutes each)**

1. Wilderness Guidelines- Karen Johlas-Szalkowski explained that membership could not vote on the standards due to needing prior permission to use the material from the original author. There was discussion on this matter.
2. EXCOM Voting- The new ExCom members are Brianne Bloom (Clay CCB) and Chelsea Ewen Rowcliffe (Mitchell CCB). Emily Ostrander (Lyon CCB) was elected to another two year term Karen Johlas-Szalkowski and Emily Herring are exiting the committee after four years. Annette Wittrock made a motion to destroy the ballots, seconded by Victoria, motion approved.
3. Financial Options for IAN- ExCom talked to the membership about investing money differently to gain more interest than what is being received from the CD's. Both

- CD's are coming open in 2020. ExCom had a meeting with Thrivent Financial and was given a couple of options on how to invest. A couple examples was handed out to membership. There was discussion on this. It sounds like the membership is open to investing but is more interested in Green Options. ExCom with check into this.
4. MEEC Workshop- the Midwest Environmental Education Conference is coming to Iowa in 2021. There was discussion as to what the membership would like to do. In the past, IAN Spring/Fall workshops were combined with the larger EE conferences when they came to Iowa. Sondra Cabell made a motion to forego the fall conference pending Woodbury and Mahaska Counties are okay with it and go to Winneshiek County and combine the IAN/MEEC conference. Heidi Reams seconded this motion, motion approved.
  5. 501 C3 Update/ Possible Committee- Karen Johlas-Szalkowski said that according to our IRS status, we can lobby. It was suggested that we actually pay someone to lobby in our name because they would already know the politicians. If there is an interest in lobbying, members could set up a committee and come to ExCom.
  6. Traveling Exhibits- Nothing to report
  7. Carpooling Efficiency Award- Scott County Conservation wins the award with five people.
  8. Host County Recognition- Recognized above with workshop section.
  9. Rare Sightings- Jackson County Conservation found an albino American toad. Mike Granger at Scott CCB found a red bat hanging on a bush.
  10. Other- Lilly Jensen talked about the \$10,000 idea update. She played a story for the membership. The project needs more stories, they have microphones available, and even stipends to help out with costs. Emily Herring announced that the INHF bought the Madrid 4H camp. The 4H is going through all of the materials, there may be some stuff that naturalists can use. Watch for an email. Darren Siefken announced that if members are looking to get a paddling event scheduled, now is the time to call him. Cari Nicely announced that the AmeriCorps still have money available for internships. Larry Stone has a new book to check out. Kaitlin Anderson announced a website [www.birdfriendlyiowa.org](http://www.birdfriendlyiowa.org). Katie Klus announced that UNI is going through their collections and giving away old uniforms, shoes, etc. that could be used in CCB programming.

**VIII. Adjourn-** Patti Peterson-Keys made a motion to adjourn at 6:06 PM, seconded by Matt Crayne, motion approved.