



Spring 2021 Business Meeting

March 19, 2021

12:30-1:00 Via Zoom

Call to order – Meeting called to order at 12:30 by Bree Blom

- I. Workshop Chair Bree Blom
This meeting was called to order by

Present: Bree Blom, Rene Stroud, Christina Roeloefs, Victoria DeVos, Kristen Bieret, Decator Co. Heather ramm, Anne Riordan Signey Hilby, Woodbury Co., Katie Healy, Michelle Burns, Lilly Jensen, Jess Wagner

- II. **Workshop Committee Report**

- a. Summer 2021 – MEEC- July 26-30th
- b. Fall 2021 – Woodbury Co -Nov 3-5th
- c. Spring 2022- Jackson County- March 9-11th
- d. Summer 2022-Clinton County
- e. Fall 2022 – Mahaska County
- f. Spring 2023- Sioux County
- g. Summer 2023-Open
- h. Fall 2023-Winneshiek County

Bree suggested a central county might be good for 2024.

- III. **Discussion/Action Items**

- a. Chelsea emailed the members about becoming bird friendly. If you have any questions contact Katelyn from Palo Alto
- b. She also emailed members about the wildlife training and book opportunity. Contact Marline for more info. Victoria told us that the book is \$90. We can do a bulk order so if you want to purchase one, most likely we can get a discount for bulk order. The participants deciphered if it was the book and training. They decided it was the book and a training if requested. Kristen suggested someone look into grants. Bree mentioned that Woodbury Co. is hosting next IAN and possibly this could be a pre-workshop session or in the Spring for Jackson County.
- c. Statewide Field Trips - Bree reviewed the desire to revisit state wide field trips since the winter slowed down the project

- IV. Carpooling Efficiency Award (Field trips)- *Woodbury and Sioux County drove together*

V. Rare Sightings-

- a. *Victoria saw a moose in Plymouth Co. Woodbury county's intern saw it.*
- b. *She and Christina and Bree saw 10-12 Swans.*
- c. *Christina had a white robin,*
- d. *Heather Gamm said they had 50-60 Sandhill cranes.*
- e. Other:
 - i. Katie Healy had to do an ice water rescue for her dog and watched 3 deer attempt to swim and break through the thin ice.
 - ii. The lack of ice in Plymouth Co. made it hard to teach ice fishing
 - iii. Victoria DeVos did a 5K every day in February!
 - iv. Kristen Bieret made her hole park a candy land board game.
 - v. Heather Gamm has a ½ mile trail with clay tree faces made by Angie Reid. Each has a name and is super fun and cute. She also made birds and they are in Blackhawk county
 - vi. Decatur Co. is doing a geocaching challenge in April.
 - vii. Clay Co. is doing nature survival with a school group.
 - viii. Bree is doing an amazing job run the zoom conference.

VI. Adjourn- Meeting ended at 12:59