



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