



Iowa Association of Naturalists

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**2023 Fall IAN Business Meeting
Carroll County Conservation
Swan Lake Conservation Education Center - Carroll, IA 51401
November 2nd, 2023
12:00 PM**

In attendance: *Luke Hart, Mary Blair, Michelle Berns, Matt Crayne, Clay Steele, Julie Tosado, Brianne Blom, Annette Wittrock, Heaven Walker, Lana Artz-McComb, Sarah Martinez, Connie Betts, Mike Havlik, Kelsey Longnecker, Hannah Hernandez, Kei, Burke, Kayla Clausen, Amy Warnke, Heather Hucka, Zach Moss, Mariah Myers, Kari Sandage, Sunshine Laursen, Sara Runya, Amanda Jones, Amber Piatt, Clair Pfantz, Aaron Askelson, Megan Hamm, Connie Svoboda, Katie Klus, Marley Millar, Faith Hunt, Cassandra Barbosa, Tony Vorwald, Jen Stroyan, Darrin Siefken, Britney Snell, Lindsey Kleinhesselink, John M. Laird, Sarah Davekver, Hannah Edfors, Brittany Costello, Keri Jeffrey, Jill Schmidt, Brandon Hardy, Curtis Schnack, Gage Lauritensen, Sunday Ford, Dayton Harson, Michele Olson, Emma Bruck, Heidi Anderson, Emily Ostrander, Stratton Bond, Sarah Subbert, Kyle Neuendorf, Erica Northwick, Chloe Proffitt, Shania Hansen, Kendall Prehn, Lia Risser, Emily Schallert, Alyssa Klauer, Amy Loving, Allison Nordurft, Lora Kanning, Katie Struss, Jessica Wagner, Molly Hicks*

- I. **Call to order** – President Chelsea Ewen Rowcliffe
Meeting was called to order at 12:31 pm
- II. **Secretary's Report** – Secretary Rene Stroud
 - a. Approval of Minutes
Bree B. moved to approve minutes and Curtis S. seconded.
Motion Passed.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Victoria DeVos
 - a. Membership Updates-All numbers look normal except for Jr. Naturalist was higher due to membership demand but it came out even as members paid for the extra stickers they wanted.
 - b. Current workshop line item may look off but it is normal for this time of year.
 - c. Membership-she has not received the ICCS check yet. 213 are paid for 2023. Seven honorary. We are adding about 7 members per year.
 - d. \$19,000 is what we run off of and for the other is for special projects.
 - e. Joe H. will close but will be funded through the general account.
 - f. Thrivent is down, if you have a question let her know since she will be talking to the investor soon.
 - g. There was a question about looking into bonds since they are at 5%
 - h. Approval of report-Annette W. made a motion to approve, Matt C. seconded. Motion approved.



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IV. **IAN Committee Reports (Approx. 3 min each)** – Vice-President Michael Maas

- a. Professional Development - Katie Struss- Due Dec 31st and a reminder email will be sent out on listserv soon. There are awards and certificates and can help with future employment or justification.
- b. Junior Naturalist - Michele Olson- This program provides stickers for kids who complete programs and independent activities. If you want patches or stickers, use the order form on the table or contact Michelle. A pre-order will be sent out on listserv by Rene soon. They need more committee members.
- c. Joe Halbur Scholarship - Lora Kanning- Abigail Bates won the scholarship this past year! The scholarships go out to schools around Christmas break and committee reads in April/March. They need 2 more committee members.
- d. IAN Scholarships - Faith Hunt- These help to fund members to go to professional development workshops. Scholarships are for \$150. They are applying for a REAP-CEP grant for NAI. They hope to send 68 members with a \$250 scholarship. They will find out in a couple months.
- e. Welcoming Committee - Brianne Blom- She is looking for members to be on the committee and she is looking for all new folks to go talk to her.
- f. ICEC/IAN Awards - Sarah Subbert- There are 12 categories to apply for and they are due Dec.1st. Winners receive a plaque and recognition for their work.
- g. Traveling Exhibits Committee - Lisa Ralls- Jen explained that the exhibit sign-ups are in the IAN google drive so you can reserve a traveling display. They are looking for committee members. They are ready for letters of support for the REAP-CEP grant.
- h. Fundraising - Britney Snell- There is a fun event, the foodie walk tonight. There is also a silent auction at supper as well. They raise funds that go back to IAN. They are looking for committee members. This is a good way to get into IAN. Britney is looking for someone to take on the chair position.
- i. Wilderness Trips - Tony Vorwald- They empower counties and agencies to do more back-country camping with kids. There will be a roundtable discussion.

Sign-up's sheets are in the front of the room for interested individuals to join the committees.

V. **Affiliate Reports (Approx 3 minutes each)**

- a. ICCS - Bobbi Donovan-She recently had a baby and will have more info later on.
- b. ICCBE/Winterfest - Christina Roelofs- No report



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- c. ICEC Liaison- Lilly Jensen-Winter workshop will be Feb. 3rd at Honka Community College.
 - d. IDNR – Christina Roelofs- New information will be coming out of the state that will require people to move 50 miles after 14 days of camping. Use the education trailer they have for free!
 - e. NAI Liaison - Heather Gamm- no report
 - f. REAP Alliance - Amy Warnke- It has been quiet with changes of leadership. Please be sure to go to your REAP assembly. The counties that advocate for it, have had better attendance.
 - g. REAP CEP – Victoria DeVos- Grants were due yesterday. The next meeting is Dec 11th. Then they will be awarding grants. It is wise to view the meeting to watch the process to understand what information people like when writing a grant. You can find it on the DNR web page or by googling REAP CEP. The next cycle is due May 15th. The meetings are live but are not currently recorded.
- V. **Workshop Committee Report** - Workshop Coordinator Heidi Reams
- a. Heidi reported that Emma with Marshall County hosted an amazing summer workshop!
 - b. Spring 2024 – IAN/NAI - Council Bluffs- April 3rd-5th-
Bree needs help with fundraising & SWAG chairperson and more committee help.
NAI will waive the membership fee for IAN members (you will not receive a NAI membership). Volunteering at the workshop is needed and that is a part of the scholarship requirements. The price is currently \$275. It will jump up with the late fee.
 - c. Summer 2024 - Clay & Dickinson County- Aug 7-9th- Come for work, stay for fun!
 - d. Fall 2024 - Johnson County
 - e. The workshop committee needs volunteers to come help during workshops. They would love about 4 more people.

VII. Discussion/Action Items (5 minutes each)

- a. ExCom Elections
 - i. Voting results- VP is Micheal M. and Chole P. is the new Secretary
 - ii. Ballot count- Completed by Bobbi
 - iii. Motion to destroy ballots-Britney S. made a motion and Jessica W. seconded. Motion passed and ballots were destroyed.
- b. Upcoming NAI/IAN Conference- See above sections
- c. Traveling Displays-Membership needs to choose between: Animals in our Backyard; Monarch; Iowa Native Pollinators. We need to pick 2.



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- i. Voting was done by raising hands and counting.
 - ii. Topic Winners Were: Backyard Critters and Iowa Native Pollinators.
 - iii. If you've read this far, please give me a high five (either in person or virtual, and thank you)
 - iv. If you would like to join the committee, please join!
 - d. Wilderness Committee- Usually they get \$500 and divide it up into 2 scholarships of \$250. They are requesting \$1,000.
 - e. Carpooling Efficiency Award-skipped due to time.
 - f. Rare/Cool Sightings & Happenings-skipped due to time
 - g. Fundraising reminder
 - h. Host County Recognition-Heidi awarded recognitions.
 - i. Other(s)- Grant winners: Linn and Dickinson Counties were awarded \$2,500 each for kayaks (Linn) and snowshoes (Dickinson)
- VI. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 1:27**
- A. Matt C. made a motion to adjourn and Marly M. seconded. Motion passed.