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## Executive Committee

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## **IAN Business Meeting-Wednesday November 8, 2017**

### **Warren County, Iowa 4:15 PM**

- I. Call to order-** Meeting was called to order by President Johlas-Szalkowski at 4:18 PM.
- II. Secretary's Report-**
  1. Approval of Fall Business Meeting Minutes- Mike Krebill suggested a name correction of Annette Wittrock. With Corrections, Heather Hucka made a motion to accept the Business meeting minutes from spring of 2017. Jess Wagner seconded, motion approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report-**
  1. Financial Report- Victoria DeVos – The checking/savings/Halbur total is \$41, 300.55. There is \$14,641.02 in the general checking account. \$7,314.14 in the Joe Halbur account, and \$19, 345.39 in the savings account. Victoria moved \$10,000 to savings from checking. There are also two CD's, one for \$5,039.67 (19 month at .5%) and \$5,308.97 (59 month at 1.49%) that are not included in the above amounts. The total net is \$51,649.19. Annette Wittrock moved to approve the treasurer's report. Jess Wagner seconded, motion approved.
  2. Victoria mentioned the \$10,000 idea to members as a way to spend some of the balance down. If members have a project for \$10,000, let ExCom know.
- IV. Committee Reports-**
  1. Junior Naturalist- Michele Olson- order forms are by the snack table. The order forms have been updated to reflect the new designs of the kestrel and catfish.
  2. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Lora Kanning - \$7,314.14 in the Joe Halbur fund. The Joe Halbur fundraising committee has not fundraised for a while but are starting to again. At spring IAN there will be a photography contest by popular vote or possibly a line to check on the registration form to directly donate to the Joe Halbur Scholarship.
  3. IAN Scholarships- Jessica Steines- No report

4. Membership- Victoria DeVos- Right now, IAN has 188 members paid, there are 31 members paid for 2018. These numbers do not reflect the renewals on the Fall IAN registration form. If members are having issues with the listserv, check with Victoria.
5. REAP Alliance Liaison- No report
6. IAN Website- Cari Nicely – The software that our website uses is becoming obsolete. We used to piggyback off Henry County’s website but they are getting a new site and this probably will not be possible anymore, or if it is there will be a service charge to make changes. Right now, the web developer is trying to find a way to get around this so that Cari can still change the IAN website as needed. She also mentioned that if you need changes to the IAN website, she needs to have the url, as she only sees the website from the backside when making changes. Lilly Jensen suggested the need to look at a new website.
7. IAN Mentoring Program- Heather Hucka – If you are curious about the program she will gladly get you involved.
8. Wilderness Trips- Aaron Askelson- There were \$500.00 of scholarships given out. They are working on a set of standards for taking people on wilderness trips. Darrin Siefkin told the members that it would be taken to ExCom.
9. Fundraising- Mary Bulger – Fall is the biggest fundraising event that the committee does each year. There are change jars, guess the number jars, pop sales, and silent/live auction items. The silent auction will close at dinner.

## **V. Administrative Reports**

1. NAI Liaison- Heather Hucka – Heartland Region workshop will be in Austin Minnesota on April 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. There is a call for presenters out until January 12 for this workshop. Scholarship applications are due out in December. During this time, Heather was recognized for winning the Master Frontline Interpreter Award.
2. DNR Liaison- No report
3. IACCBE Rep- Christine Roelofs- 2018 will be in Waterloo but for 2019, they are moving to Coralville.
4. REAP-CEP- No report
5. ICEC- No report

## **VI. Upcoming Workshops**

1. Spring 2018- Clinton County, March 14-16.
2. Summer 2018- Yellow River, August 1-3, may try to incorporate Wilderness First Aid training.

3. Fall 2018- Black Hawk County, November 7-9. This will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IAN
4. Spring 2019- no county host yet.

**VII. Action/Discussion Items**

1. IAN Election- Amy Loving presented the results from the Executive Committee Election. Unanimous vote for Karen Johlas-Szalkowski, Emily Herring, and Emily Ostrander for treasurer. Jess Wagner made a motion to destroy the ballots, seconded by Karen Phelps, motion approved.
2. Honorary Member- Karen Johlas-Szalkowski recommends Miriam Patton to become the next honorary member. Sarah Subbert made a motion to vote Miriam Patton as IAN's next honorary member, seconded by Mike Krebill, motion approved.
3. IAN/ICEC Awards- Sarah Subbert announced that December 1 is the last day to turn in IAN/ICEC award nominations. They will be awarded at Clinton County in spring of 2018.
4. Carpooling Efficiency Award- Scott County Conservation Board won the award for 368 miles with four people.
5. Host County Recognition- Jackson County (Summer IAN) and Warren County (Fall IAN) were recognized for organizing and hosting workshops.
6. Rare Sightings- Darren Siefkin saw a short-eared owl. Mark Roberts saw a flock of 10,000 robins.
7. Other-
  - a. Laura DeCook is taking pre-orders for her and Karen Phelps new book about the Mammoths of Mahaska County. \$10 for soft cover, and \$16 for hard cover.
  - b. Patti Petersen-Keys has an air rifle training set up and if interested in attending, let her know.
  - c. Mark Roberts is looking for presenters for Clinton County Fall IAN that is happening in March of 2018. Email him with ideas.

**VIII. Adjourn-** Jess Wagner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m. Seconded by Matt Crayne, motion approved.