

IAN Business Meeting

Friday, April 7, 2006

Best Western Midway Hotel

Dubuque, Iowa

- I. **Call to order** – Heather Freidhof at 4:40 pm
- II. **Secretary's Report** – Karen Phelps Karen was not back from a field trip so we passed on this item of business
 - A. Minutes of the last meeting
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Greg Wolf
 - A. Financial Report Savings Account \$7311.29, Checking Account \$463.51, Joe Halbur \$5481.10, CD \$8280.30, REAP-CEP \$10,673.23
 - B. Membership Report 2005 members 62, 2006 members 77, and 2007 members 4 (reminder dues will be due in the Fall of the year)
- IV. **Committee Reports**
 - A. Promotions
 1. Fundraising – Karen Johlas-Szalkowski Karen was not back from the field trip yet. Everyone was informed about the bugs for a buck to go to the Joe Halbur scholarship. T-shirts for sale: You might be a naturalist if and goldfinch t-shirts all the money goes to the Joe Halbur scholarship.
 2. Junior Naturalist – Joel Van Roekel Joel was not present so Greg reminded everyone to make sure when they are turning in checks that they have Greg's name or no name on them. When they are coming from counties they have the county naturalist name on and the bank does not want to accept the checks.
 3. Joe Halbur Scholarship – Maria Koschmeder
 - a. Recipient of the Joe Halbur Scholarship – Maria was not back from her field trip. But Aaron and Dana reported that they selected Adam Vatel from Hampton. They had a very hard time selecting the final person to receive the scholarship they had 5-6 that were very good. This year there were 21 applications. (Maria will do a newsletter article on this.)
 - B. Professional Development
 1. Scholarships – Patti Petersen-Keys Patti came in late and informed us that there were 3 scholarships given out to Karen Phelps, Katie Hammond and Kim Perlstein. They were in the amount of \$75 and this helped those with costs associated with NAI region 5 workshop.
 2. Grants Greg reported that Clinton County received \$250 to help fund their earth day at the Quad Cities Expo Center.
 3. Guide to Interpretive Services – Kelly Sonnichsen Kelly reported it's done. It isn't on the web yet, but will be soon.
 4. Web Page – Mark Roberts Mark Roberts said it is GREAT he was not back from his field trip. Also if the membership could help get updated items to Mark to get them on the web.
 - C. ICEC/IAN Awards – Heidi Anderson Plaques were already awarded.
 - **Bohumil Shimek Environmental Educator Award:** *Barbara Tagami, Dickinson County Conservation Board Naturalist.*
 - **Chris Holt Youth Environmental Education Award:** *Kevin Farmer, West Elementary, Glenwood Community Schools.*
 - **"Ding" Darling Environmental Education Award:** *U.I. Wild.*

- **Frederic Leopold Environmental Education Award:** *Clinton County Enviro Kids Team.*
- **Outstanding County Conservation Board EE Program (> 35,000):** *Marshall County Conservation Department.*

V. Administrative Reports (3 minutes each)

1. IAN Grants **no other business**
2. NAI Liaison – Amy Yoakum **Evaluation forms are available for the REAP Scholarship please make sure you get them put in the box or sent to Beth Waage to get your reimbursement.**
3. DNR Liaison – Jackie Gautsch **No new business.**
4. IACCBE Rep. – Angela Bries **Winterfest dates for 2007 are January 22-24 and will be at Waterloo. At this time the Iowa Trust for Local Conservation (ITLC) was brought up. Reminder state fair booth schedules are out and you can work a shift 9-2:30 or 2:30-8. They would like 2-3 people to work the booth and they would prefer 1 naturalist with every group because they like to talk to people. Your district VP is in charge of the state fair booth scheduling. They are working on a joint website for IACCBE and IATLC.**
5. IEC – Gail Barels **No Report**
6. ICEC – Pam Holz **reported they needed an administrative assistant and Heather Niec was hired who previously was employed at Cedar County Conservation board. www.iowaee.org check out the website to get more updates. Winter Solstice will be staying at Wesley Woods next year.**
7. REAP-CEP – Linda **Reminder the deadline is May 15th!**
8. Upcoming Workshops
 - A. Summer 2006; August 7-9, Polk County – Heidi Anderson **“Fun” Theme next newsletter will have more information and there will be an added registration fee of \$5 for the summer workshops**
 - B. Fall 2006; November 1-3, Carroll County – Aaron Hershberger **Things are being planned if anyone has any suggestions let Aaron or Katie know and they will try to get that included.**

VI. Action/Discussion Items (5 minutes each)

1. IACCB Foundation **Jerry Keys informed the membership of the IA TLC. Refer to the brochure for more information. Update on the Treasury to get the membership thinking about how much money is available. TLC is being run very much like a University Foundation. Patti Peterson-Keys made a motion to pay \$2500 for the first year and to continue with the \$2500 to pay off over the next 5 years. So it isn't one big lump. Jim Pease seconded that motion. 44 members present who said yes.**
2. Will IAN support hunting/trapping of otters & bobcats?
Too late to vote on
No letter of support to be sent a motion was made by Amy Yoakum and seconded by Dana Dettmer and there were 44 members present who agreed.
3. Fall Elections Committee **Candidates are being sought for two positions. We would like to see 4 people run. Patti Peterson-Keys said**

she would recruit from the middle of the state, Ann Burns for the eastern part of the state and the western part of the state is open.

4. New IAN booklets – Scout programs & Scat cookbook Pam Holz talked about a “Scat Cookbook” of fun things of how to make edible owl pellets and other cool stuff.
Jerry Keys then offered he has the framework of a scout booklet and would share that with other naturalists. It will be added to the website soon. This will be discussed more at the Fall meeting.
5. Strategic Plan – membership survey Fall membership survey will be at the fall meeting. Ann Burns talked about a project that they might like to travel around the state in a few years. They were talking about traveling exhibits and how do we get them started, rotated and who would like to help with this?
6. Mentoring – Heather Freidhof Heather mentioned the awards will be listed on the list serv. No new news.
7. Professional Development Recognition – Miriam Patton Miriam handed out 34 awards

Heidi Anderson

Julie Brazell *

Molly Caldwell

Katie L. Cantu

Dawn Chapman **

Laura DeCook *

Dana Dettmer

Rochelle Ebel

Laura Elfers

Charlene Elyea *

Sunday Ford

Bradley H. Freidhof

Heather Freidhof

Christina Groen

Katie Hammond

Pamela Holz

Kristi Karwal-Clark

Jerry Keys

Barbara McKinstry

Jody Moats

Michele Olson

Miriam Patton

Kim Perlstein

Karen M. Phelps

Diane Pixler

Tina Popson

Heidi Reams

Mark Roberts *

Victoria Shamblen

Ginger Vietor

Greg Wolf

Amy Yoakum

Todd VonEwegen

Linda Zaletel

* Five year recognition

**Ten year recognition

8. Carpooling Efficiency Award Jim Pease and students won. Nicole will get that award to them. (Nicole forgot the award)
9. Other Trek Training by Laura and Chris “Wilderness” here in Iowa to teach high school students how to get wild.
August 23 and 24 Laura and Chris and other volunteers will open it up to Iowa naturalists to come with them to have a mini trek to see what it is like and take it back home to their county.

A gift of a small bent willow basket was given to Linda Zaletel and Kelly Sonnichsen to thank them for their time on ExCom.

VII. Adjourn at 5:40