

IAN Business Meeting  
Thursday, March 19, 2009, 5:00 pm  
Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center, Linn County Iowa

- I. Call to order by Pete Eyheralde at 4:55 pm.
  - A. Board members present: Pete Eyheralde, V.P., Mahaska County, Karen Phelps, Workshop Chair, Benton County, Tina Popson, Treasurer, Pottawatomie County and Reba Reddick, Secretary, Cedar County. President Lisa Anderson, Boone County Landfill, was absent on maternity leave.
- II. Secretary's Report
  - A. Minutes of the last meeting had been posted on the webpage for review. Annette Wittrock's county was listed incorrectly. Phelps will make the change. Motion by Ann Burns (Jackson Co), second by Diane Pixler, (Marshall Co.), to approve minutes with change. All aye, motion carried.
- III. Treasurer's Report
  - A. Financial Report
    1. Tina Popson presented financial report. We are 1.6% through the year and have used 1.4% of the budget. Motion to approve made by Chuck Unga (Linn Co.) and seconded by Brad Freidhof (Johnson Co.) All aye, motion carried.
  - B. Membership Report
    1. See attached (147 active members: 14 honorary, 2 students)
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Promotions
    1. IAN/ICEC Awards- Presented by Christina Groen (Shelby-Audubon Co) to web designer and photographer Bruce Morrison (see business card) for work on Watchable Wildlife website.
    2. Jr. Naturalist- moved to action items
    3. Joe Halbur Scholarship- Deadline for applications is March 31<sup>st</sup>
    4. Web Page- No report
    5. Fundraising- Jenny Ammon (Dubuque Co) Members recognized for work; Matt Wetrich (Carroll Co), Victoria Shamblen (Plymouth Co), Heather Hucka (Story Co), Emily Herring (Hardin Co), Jackie Gauth (DNR), Annette Wittrock (Wapello Co), and Reba Reddick (Cedar Co). Fall auction raised a total of \$1159.00. The theme for fall 2009 is "Naturalists Got Talent"
    6. Traveling Exhibits- moved to action items
    7. IAN Mentoring Committee- No report
- V. Administrative Reports
  1. IAN Grants- Phelps reported to membership ExCom's decision that any person applying for a grant must be an IAN member, must wait one full year after receiving a grant to reapply, and must file the final report within two months of project completion.
  2. NAI Liaison- Amy Youkum (Story Co) is working on bird themed basket for NAI, if anyone has donations contact her. The National Conference will be in Connecticut this fall.

3. DNR Liaison- Jackie Gautch- Project AWARE dates and registration is available online. Bring kids along! The dates are June 20-27 and will travel from Center Point to Muscatine on the Cedar River.
4. IACCBE Rep.- Christina Groen (Shelby-Audubon Co) Winterfest will be January 25-27. If you have presenter ideas share them with her. Also, trainings for mycountyparks.com will be May 19 in Ames and May 20 in Carroll Co.
5. IEC- No report
6. ICEC- Karen Phelps (Benton Co). Winter Solstice will again be at Honey Creek on January 15.
7. REAP-CEP- Linda Zaletel (Story Co) Grant proposals due in May. There is \$5000 available for Good Idea Grants, talk is of increasing the money for CEP grants in the near future.
8. Upcoming Workshops
  - a. Summer 2009: August 17-19, Jefferson and Henry County
  - b. Fall 2009: November 18-20, Woodbury County.
  - c. Spring 2010: Washington County, date TBD
  - d. Summer 2010: Palo Alto and Clay County, date TBD
  - e. Fall 2010: Tentatively Kossuth County
  - f. Spring 2011: Pottawatomie County, date TBD
  - g. Fall 2011: Tentatively Iowa County

#### VI. Action/Discussion Items (5 minutes each)

1. Professional Development- see attached list, Katie Cantu (Jasper Co) and Linda Zaletel (Story Co) won the drawing for books “The Emerald Horizon” and “Children’s Blizzard.”
2. Membership Coordinator Committee- Heather Gamm (Bremer Co) will chair this new committee. Others interested in joining must let ExCom or Gamm know.
3. “Ask a Naturalist” Guide –PDF, Polk County- will be posted in the member’s only section on the website.
4. Spring Newsletter Items to Add- Grapevine news to Jackie Gautch (IDNR), deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>
5. Rare Bird/Snake/Bigfoot/etc, sightings- Eyheralde saw 36 lb. bobcat, Trumpeter Swans with 7 cygnets seen in Iowa County, 6 naturalists went on Monarch trip to Mexico and saw one with tag
6. Carpooling Award- To Miriam Patton (Palo Alto Co) and Stacy Young (Clay Co.)
7. Jr. Naturalist- Joel Van Roekel (Warren Co)- Reviewed program for new naturalists then informed membership of new vendor, Catfish patch design and increase in price of production. Call Joel to purchase more patches. Motion by Charlene Elyea (O’Brien Co) to increase patch price to cover new cost, second by Nate Ungsworth (Jasper Co.). All aye, motion carried.
8. Traveling Exhibits- Prairie Team sent panels out for bids. Ann Burns (Jackson Co.) is gathering information to begin writing grant proposals,

including CEP. Looking for matching funds from Friends Groups or other sources. Inform Burns of connections you have that may help. Team also asking for high resolution photo of Iowa's prairies. Will be looking for a member to coordinate exhibit travel at a later date.

9. Other- Recognition of Charlene Elyea (O'Brien Co) who was awarded an Educator of the Month award by the National Astronomy From the Ground-Up Group.

- VII. Adjourn- With no further business motion to adjourn was made by Karen Phelps, second by Mark Wagner (Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium). All aye, meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Reba Reddick,

Secretary of Iowa Association of Naturalists

Cedar County Conservation Naturalist