

**IAN Business Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 4, 2004**  
**Calkins Nature Center**  
**Hardin County Conservation Board**

- I. **Call to order** – Linda Zaletel called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm. We did introductions since we ran out of time this morning.
- II. **Secretary's Report** – Heather Freidhof handed out copies of minutes. Jerry Keys moved to approve the minutes. Pam Holz seconded the motion. MCU.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Greg Wolf
  - A. The Financial Report of \$14,319.46 savings, \$3,788.08 checking and \$5,514.59 in the Joe Halbur scholarship was moved for approval by Maria Koschmeder and seconded by Aaron Hershberger. MCU.
  - B. Membership Report - Total membership is at 143 members.
- IV. **Committee Reports**
  - A. Promotions
    1. **Fundraising Committee** – Katie Dalton (Chair), Pam Holz, Nicole Moestchen, Dave Bakke, Patti Peterson-Keys, Sarah Droste, Jackie Neely, Andria Cossolotto, Karen Johlas-Szalkowski, Wes Wiese, Mike Havlik, and Ann Burns
    2. **Junior Naturalist** – Joel Van Roekel; Jr. Naturalist patches are available at a cost of \$1.00 each. This cost should not be passed on to the participant. \$500 dollars is budgeted to make new patches. Turtle, fox, or frog
    3. **Joe Halbur Scholarship** – New Chair Maria Koschmeder; This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the project. The money is now over \$5000 and will be offered and promoted to high school and college students. Take copies to counselors.
      - a. First Recipient of the Joe Halbur Scholarship – Joann McNally
  - B. **Professional Development** due Dec. 31 to Miriam Patten
    1. **Scholarships** – Patti Petersen-Keys; There are funds up to \$400 available for scholarships. Applicants can apply for \$100 but must apply 40 days prior to a workshop. Linda Zaletel and Jerry Keys each received awards for NIW in MI.
  - C. **ICEC/IAN Awards** – Heidi Anderson is the Chair. There are eight awards that are being offered. The deadline to apply is Dec. 1. Applications can be sent to Judy Levings. The committee includes Darrin Siefken, Mark Roberts, Greg Wolf, Christina Groen and Maria Koschmeder.
  - D. **Administrative Report** (3 minutes each)
    1. **IAN Grants** – up to \$500 is available
    2. **NAI Liaison** – Amy Yoakum; IA has 61 members. Grand Rapids, MI is in 2 weeks. Members received a yellow ballot to vote on a restructuring of NAI.
    3. **DNR Liaison** – Jackie Neely handed out a report.
    4. **ISU Extension Liaison** – Darrin Siefken was absent so Jason O'Brien filled in. EE booth (Achieve) is on display during IAN. Wilderness Leadership trips are looking for participants. Nature Mapping trainings are still going on. Extension is experiencing financial problems and are working on cost recovery in their programs.
    5. **IACCB E Rep.** – Angela Bries was nominated.
    6. **IEC** – Gail Barels; Rich Leopold is working on the State Governor's Conference for 2005. Jackie Neely volunteered. Jerry Keys also said he'd be on it.

## 7. Upcoming Workshops

- A. Spring – Johnson Co. March 16 – 18, 2005
  - B. Summer – August 8 – 10 in Harrison, Shelby and Audubon counties.
  - C. Fall – November 16 – 18, 2005 in Pottawattamie Co.
  - D. Summer – Panama – Jim Pease (Jason O'Brien spoke on it. \$1500 - \$2000 includes meals, lodging. Need a passport. Late June or early July for 10 days. More details to come.)
8. **Web Page** – Mark Roberts; Minutes are now online. It is 90 – 95% complete. Any recommendations are accepted. Pam Holz will do guidelines by January.
  9. **REAP-CEP** deadline is November 1. Linda Zaletel encouraged people to attend just to observe in order to prepare a better grant.
  10. **Master Conservationists** – 3 more grants are available
  11. **Guide to Interpretive Services** – Will be updated within 6 months.
  12. **Policy and Procedure manual** – This is a folder with the criteria and guidelines for each ExCom position.

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

1. **Voting discussion and bylaws** – Welcome Katie Dalton and Greg Wolf. Thanks to Lisa Anderson, Katie Cantu and Joe Boyles for running. Bylaws passed. Next fall, we will vote at the meeting for elections. The fall newsletter will still have candidates and request for absentee ballot.
2. **IAN Newsletter** – Discussion on Electronic/mailed – New emails need to be given to Vice President. Kelly Sonnichsen will send new invites to those requesting them.
  - A. Next deadline for newsletter is January 15, 2005
3. **5 Year Strategic Plan: Committee** – At least 1 meeting and lots of emailing. Lewis Major, Kelly Sonnichsen, Andria Cossolotto, Katie Cantu, & Aaron Hershberger; What do we want to accomplish? Networking, workshops, etc.
4. **Awards** – Thanks to Wes Wiese for commitment on the IAN ExCom
5. **Carpooling Efficiency Award** – Rochelle Ebel
6. **Mentoring** – Heather Freidhof; Guidelines for mentors are done and on web as well as other information. Moles revealed were Andria Cossolotto and Cristina Groen.
7. **Other:**

**Region 5 NAI** is going to be held March 30 – April 3 at Starved Rock State Park in IL. Darrin Siefken is helping plan 2006 in Dubuque County, IA at the National Mississippi River Museum. **Midwest EE Conference** will be July 20 – 23 in Mason City.

**Rivers & Bluffs Fall Birding Festival** will be held in Lansing on Nov. 12 – 14.

**Winter Solstice** will be held January 14 – 16. Theme is IA Past and Present.

**Andria Cossolotto** will be hosting a Sandhill Crane Tour. She asked for any suggestions.

**Sunday Ford** had Lewis and Clark cd roms for sale at \$10.

**Joel VanRoekel** met a person from the Great APE Trust. He might be a potential speaker for Spring.

**VI. Adjourn** - Jerry Keys moved to adjourn at 5:55 pm. Miriam Patten seconded the motion.

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