



IOWA ASSOCIATION OF NATURALISTS COMMITTEE REPORT SUMMER 2013

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Committee: Traveling Exhibits

Chair: Ann Burns

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Members: Prairie Team – Sondra Cabell, Anita Fisher, Charlene Elyea, Jessica Wagner, Reba Reddick Wade into Your Watershed (formerly *Aquatics*) Team – Hilary Markin (USACE), Holly Schulte (IDNR), Chuck Unga, Jacklyn Gautsch (IDNR); Angela Freyermuth, (M MVR); Marybeth Stevenson (IDNR); Michelle Olson; Lora Kanning, Jeny Meyer

Brief description of the purpose of the Committee: The purpose of the committee is to develop a series of medium sized traveling exhibits that would be available to IAN members for display at facilities in their areas

Specific progress since the last IAN meeting: The prairie exhibit is booked into September 2014. The committee delayed submitting a REAP CEP grant from May to November 2013. The matching funds were not there, nor were the concept panels to the point that we would have had a competitive REAP CEP grant. An RFP was sent out to six exhibit companies. Two responded with estimates. This gave us numbers to work with for a grant. We are looking at a low estimate of \$40,000 and a high estimate of \$67,000 for the exhibit. Team members need to do additional work on their panels to provide potential partners with a better idea of the exhibit content. We did send out an appeal to IAN members that resulted in \$7000 in partner commitments to date. On July 26, MaryBeth, Michelle and Ann met to discuss the REAP CEP grant, logistics details, and review the letter that will be sent to potential partners such as resource associations, paddling groups, water alliances, etc. Ann has been in contact with Gary Tonhouse of the Ames area. He has an older prairie photo exhibit (60 some photos) that he is interested in having someone take over. I have requested more info from him and some images. I will send this info out on the listserv to judge interest.

Will the committee report only take 2-3 minutes and be informational in nature?

No committee member plans to be at the ExCom meeting

Will the committee report take 5-10 minutes and require discussion and/or action from the membership?

No

If you do have an item for Discussion/Action, will you be able to present this to the Executive Committee at our meeting? When we have the grant ready for the November 1 deadline, we will have ExCom Chair Wagner review the grant application and sign it.

Thank you for all of your work!