

Iowa Women in Natural Resources  
Annual Business Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2005 Wickiup Hills Outdoor Learning Center, Toddville, IA

The board meeting was called to order @ 10:50 AM.

Agenda: Deb Howe moved to accept the minutes; Brian Smith second; passed.

Minutes: The spelling of Wickiup Hills is incorrect. Karen Aulwes moved to accept the minutes; Deb Howe second; passed.

OJ: Joli Vollers gave an introduction of what Outdoor Journey for Girls is. This program is now planned and run by the IWINR organization. Members are encouraged to get involved with planning or attending the camps as chaperones. The informational email contact is: [outdoorjourneyia@yahoo.com](mailto:outdoorjourneyia@yahoo.com). The two dates for camps this summer are June 8-10, and July 20-22, 2005. Chaperone forms were handed out for members or family / friends to get involved. Chaperones can learn outdoor skills and take the hunters safety education course. Topics covered are: shotguns, orienteering, canoeing & water safety, outdoor survival, hiking & camping, firearms safety, rifles, fishing, fish ID, fishing equipment.

Planning is in the works. Flyer and registration forms are done. Christie Vilsack has taken an interest in the program and has written a letter of support. The letter is to go to AEA and schools to get more urban girls involved. She is also attending the June camp. There is going to be an official OJ planning committee, if anyone is interested in becoming part of the committee talk to Stephanie, Deb, Joli, or Meggan. Planning is done throughout the year. You do not have to attend the camp to help with the planning; most is done over email and phone communication so it is not a huge time commitment.

Treasurer's Report: The report was handed out. This is not quite the end of the fiscal year. There is one more bill yet to pay for from OJ that will subtract from the OJ balance about \$1200 for lodging at Springbrook. The boys' camp fee has increased to this year to \$100. The girls' camp will stay at \$75. If we continue to make money on OJ each year we may develop "scholarships" for girls that can't get sponsored through their local PF chapters. Deb Howe move to approve the report, Terri Rogers second; passed.

By-Laws: As discussed at the last annual meeting Elaine Hammer put before the membership to remove the Child Care fund be removed from the Treasurer's Report. Elaine Hammer move to approve the motion, Terri Rogers second; passed.

Education: Please fill out evaluations as they are a great way to get ideas and make changes to next years conference. Next years conference will be slightly different than previous years' two day conferences. The first day will be a special training day and the second the conference day with speakers. Any trainings or speaker suggestions are appreciated. A suggestion for locations for 2007 one day meeting is Hitchcock Nature Center in Pottawatee County, Hawkeye CC, or Neil Smith.

Elections: Please fill out your ballots today. The winners will be announced at 2:30 PM today. Three people are running. There is also a special place on the ballot to volunteer to serve on the Education committee. Again this communication can happen mostly over email and phone and is not a large commitment.

Finance: Nothing.

Issues & Legislative: Proposed budget for the Iowa DNR is out, it includes an additional 4.5 million for REAP, additional funding for livestock studies and water safety. There are bills out on dove hunting, deer, water tax and many other items. Information is available online at [www.iowadnr.com](http://www.iowadnr.com).

Long-Range Planning: Nothing

Membership: Our membership is up 28. Recruiting of new members is needed. Let your friends / family know. Brochures are available at our yahoo group site. To become a member of that site contact Jackie Neely. All members must fill out a membership directory.

Newsletter: Jackie Neely is the editor. Yahoo group works. E-copy of the newsletter works well. The newsletter dates are: April 21, 2005; July 21, 2005; October 21, 2005; January 21, 2006. Article due dates will be one month before the newsletter date. Anyone can write an article for IWINR. Email articles and upcoming events to Jackie. Themes for the next year's newsletters need to be picked out. Any suggestions can be given to any board member or put on your conference evaluation. One is "foods in season".

Website: Anne Lyman is in charge of the website. A student was volunteering but can no longer do it. Our website address is: [www.members.tripod.com/iawinr3/](http://www.members.tripod.com/iawinr3/). [www.members.aol.com/IAWIR/](http://www.members.aol.com/IAWIR/) is the old web address; it needs to be deleted because the information is very outdated. Anyone who knows anyone who does web design or does web design themselves their help would be greatly appreciated. Trish Young at Kirkwood has students that are looking for projects. Terri Rogers may also have students who can work on it.

Deb Howe moved adjourn the meeting; Elaine Hammer second; passed.