

Iowa Women in Natural Resources

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2006

The board meeting was called to order at 9 PM.

Board Members Present: Karen Osterkamp, Lori Eberhard, Amber O'Neill, Jacklyn Gautsch, and Theresa Shay. Others present Erin Meehan, Emy Sautter, Brian Smith, Terri Rogers, and Deb Howe.

Minutes and Agenda: Lori moved to accept the minutes; Deb second; passed.

Treasurer's Report: 1500 dollars was donated to OJ from SPOC. We need to send them a thank you. The checking account is balanced. Ending balance right now is \$9,016.46. Osterkamp moved to approve the report, O'Neil second; passed.

By-Laws: Nothing.

Education: Conference is tomorrow. Duties for board members include helping at registration at 8 AM; selling IWINR merchandise in the AM, at lunch, and at night; introduce speakers that you invited; registration Friday AM; set up AV equipment; judge student presentations; and set up and help with silent auction. Volunteers are needed to plan the next two IWINR conferences. There is a place to write in the ballot if you want to volunteer.

Elections: Lori has ballots and bios for tomorrow. They need to be turned in by 2 PM to Lori or Theresa. There is room for write in. Lori, Karen and Terri are running for board for two more years. There are 3 openings. Lori, Karen, and Stephanie are off. Stephanie cannot run again.

Issues & Legislative: Online cabin reservations have been going on since January 3, 2006. Monday morning the online and phone reservation for campsites will start. Shovel Nosed Sturgeon harvest regulations proposed a 27 inch min and 34 inch max. There will be a season will be closed from May 16- Oct 14. Eggs must be processed at final destination so that short fish will not be taken and carcasses won't be dumped back in the water. Row permit must also be obtained. There will be slightly different restrictions between the border states. There will be three public meetings held in March in Guttenburg, Clinton, and Burlington.

There are also proposed bobcat and river otter season. Ron Andrews will be talking on the topic on Friday.

See www.iowadnr.com for more information.

Long-Range Planning: Lori and Elaine Hammer are meeting. Karen proposed we start a mentoring program to get more young women started in the natural resources fields. This could be started with college students so that members could help them choose classes, summer jobs and research projects that will help them prepare for applying for

positions. We could start with the members and students at the conference tomorrow. We also need to put focus on getting high school and junior high school students involved in the outdoors or just to realize that there are opportunities in the natural resources for them. We could add a session at OJ where these career opportunities are introduced. We could also create a list of members who would be interested in talking to high schools about career opportunities that could be distributed to OJ participants, high school guidance councilors and AEAs.

Membership: There are 51 members right now. There are a lot of new members or renewing members because of the conference.

Newsletter: The themes for the next 4 newsletters will be picked at the membership meeting. The deadline for having articles to Jackie is March 21, 2006 the newsletter will go out by April 21, 2006.

Website: It's up. Pictures and other items need to be sent to Terri for the website. We need to make sure that there is not info about BOW on our website since it is not IWINR's event. We can have a link to the BOW site in our other links section.

The next meeting will be May 2, 2006 at George Wyth at 10:00 AM at the lodge.

Osterkamp moved to adjourn the meeting, Lori second. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.