

Iowa Women in Natural Resources
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2006; Springbrook Education Center Guthrie Center, IA

The board meeting was called to order @ 5:20 PM.

Agenda: Terri Rogers moved to accept the minutes; Andera Evelsizer second; passed.

Minutes: There is addition to the agenda, bobcat and otter harvest proposal regulation letter of support. Renee Bartling moved to accept the minutes; Terri Rogers second; passed.

Treasurer's Report: We currently have about \$9,000 dollars right now in our account. Deb will distribute a copy of the report in the AM tomorrow.

By-Laws: Nothing new in the by-laws this year. The electronic version will be sent out after the conference to all new members. It is also available on our webpage. A hard copy of the by-laws is available if you want a copy contact Theresa and she can send you a hard copy.

Education: The committee did a great job with planning this year. Emy, Deb (co-chair), Terri, Karen (co-chair), Lori, Amber, Theresa were the committee this year. We need two volunteers to take over the co-chairs for planning the conference. We are looking for locations for the one day next year. Location suggestions include Lime Creek (would need board approval), Swiss Valley, Rockville Fossil Park, Hurtsville, or Neil Smith. It usually is in February since it is a little bit of a slower time of year. Any ideas or suggestions for conference speakers are welcome. It is suggested that we keep the format of having trainings/workshops the first day of the two day trainings.

Elections: Three people are running for open spots on the board. Lori and Karen currently on the board are re-running and Terri Rogers is running for her first time on the board. There is also a place to write in if you are interested in serving on the board. There is also a place to nominate yourself or others to serve on the Education committee. Ballots are due at 2 PM tomorrow.

Issues & Legislative: There is a last minute addition to the agenda tomorrow to talk about the proposed bobcat and river otter harvest regulations with Ron Andrews at his request. At the public meetings there has been lots of opposition from women about the proposed harvest, this may be a good opportunity for us to talk to other women to education them about issue. The task force put together to put together the regulations ask that IWINR draft a letter of support for this proposed harvest. Deb Howe moved that IWINR write a letter of support for these proposed regulations, Terri Rogers second. There was discussion about where the harvest area is. There was also discussion of how the over population of river otters can negatively impact Iowa's natively reproduction trout streams. There is a lot of information on the Iowa DNR website

(www.iowadnr.com) about this proposal. The membership passed a vote to draft a letter of support for this proposed harvest.

There is also a proposed legislation (Bill 701, chronic complainant bill) out there to limit the ability of citizens to report environmental problems that they observe. If a person calls in a three complaints to the Iowa DNR Field Office that are deemed unwarranted that that person will receive a fine that will go to the Iowa DNR Field Office and to the landowner the complaint was against. Call your Representative if you would like to voice your opinion.

Membership: We currently have about 51 individual memberships. Please fill out the membership directory form that was included in your conference agenda especially if your information has changed. Please talk to other individuals that you would believe to

Newsletter: We need themes for the next four newsletters. Suggestions include: Wildlife, Fishing/Camping season, and Wilderness edition. Currently we have a recipe section, member profile, and kids page in every issue. There is a suggestion to have a student section specifically for students to write articles. Anyone who is interested in writing an article is welcome to.

OJ: There is a meeting tonight at 9 PM. There is a sign-up for members to get involved to be instructors, chaperones or other shorter commitments. It is important for our membership to show these young women that they can do similar things in the future. There is a new webpage linked to the Iowa DNR website specifically for Outdoor Journey. There also great support from the Iowa DNR to continue and expand the camps to beyond Springbrook. The SPOC also donated \$1,475 to this camp.

Website: The website is going to get pictures added from this conference. It is hard to find when a web search is done so it will be sent out with the next membership directory and by-laws. There is a way to list certain words on your website that moves you up the search rankings. We need to delete the old websites. Karen will contact Tracy F the Iowa DNR webmaster to get rid of them. Tracy also said that she could maintain a website for a year for \$100. The board will discuss that at the next board meeting.

Smith moved adjourn the meeting; Howe second; passed.