

**Iowa Women in Natural Resources**  
*Executive Board Meeting Minutes*  
May 2, 2006

The board meeting was called to order at 10:30 PM.

OJ packets were assembled after the meeting.

**Board Members Present:** Karen Osterkamp, Lori Eberhard, Stephanie Penniston, Jacklyn Gautsch, Deb Howe, Brian Smith and Terri Rogers.

**Minutes and Agenda:** Officer Elections were added to the end of the meeting agenda by Osterkamp. Howe moved to accept the minutes; Eberhard second; passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Deb submitted a report. Our starting balance from June 1, 2005 is \$17,420.34 and our ending balance was \$17,893.47 on April 1, 2006. We still have a bill that is coming from the IRS for filing late in 2002. The bill is about \$700, the IRS is tacking on a \$98 fee every year. Deb is going to pay the bill since the IRS won't budge. The old laptop is very outdated. Stephaine will check to see if she can get a deal on one. Karen will check to see if Dale can get a used one at the school. We can spend around \$500 for a laptop. Oskerkamp moved to approve the report, Gautsch second; passed.

**By-Laws:** Eberhart and Rogers will work with Elaine to meet this summer on this.

**Education:** The new committee is Eberhard and O'Neill. There was a bunch of people that signed up at the annual conference to volunteer to help out. At the next meeting we can talk more about planning the conference. A suggestion for the location for next year is Lime Creek Nature Center. Deb will talk to Renee about this. A good speaker would be Becky Kautlain (she used to work for IEC and now works for NRCS on the Dry Run Watershed Project), another is Wendy Wintersten the new ISU Dean of Agriculture. The breakouts should try to include an indoor and outdoor session. The conference tentative date is Feb 9, 2007.

For the conference especially the one-day we need to have more sessions were members can get to know each other. Especially for new members. Ice breakers, small group discussions and old members making an effort to introduce themselves to new members. Jennifer Lancaster said that she would help with the 20<sup>th</sup> ann. conference. We should also see if the new First Lady would come and speak. Location suggestions were the 4H camp in Madrid or the Boone Y camp. Tentative dates would be Feb 7-8, 2008 or 14-15, 2007 or Jan 30, 2007-Feb 1, 2008. A suggestion for training is Aldo Leopold Education Project.

**Elections:** At the annual meeting Oskerkamp, Eberhard and Rogers were elected to the board.

New officers are: Deb is Treasurer, Gautsch is Secretary, Eberhard is Vice-president, Osterkamp is President.

**Issues & Legislative:** We will add links to our website to IEC for this.

See [www.iowadnr.com](http://www.iowadnr.com) for more information.

**Long-Range Planning:** Oskerkamp would like to set up a mentoring program for students entering the field. There could be place on our website to list contacts for specific tracks (fisheries, water quality, parks, law enforcement, education, naturalist).

**Membership:** Directory has been sent out to board members. Please review this and let Theresa know the changes.

**Newsletter:** The themes for the next 4 newsletters: June 2006 – Wilderness; September 2006 – Paddling; December 2006 – Hunting. The deadline for having articles to Jackie is May 21, 2006 the newsletter will go out by June 21, 2006.

Wilderness newsletter duties

Article –Terri

Member profile - Deb

Recipe – Osterkamp and Deb

Naturalist article - Brian, George Wyth

Alaskan wilderness – Stephanine

Historical wilderness - Mark Wagner

Kids Page – Jackie

Jackie will send an announcement of our newsletter themes on the yahoo group for people to write articles and to send their upcoming events.

**Yahoo Group:** New invites to Terri and Deb (deb.howe@hotmail.com).

**Website:** There is a new website. It is being managed by Tracy Fahrion the DNR webmaster. We are going to make her an honorary member for all her work. Member profiles should be posted on the website.

**OJ:** We need lots of chaperones for both weeks. Jackie will send out an announcement to Yahoo group. We will ask Michelle Wilson if she has any summer employees. Jackie will send it out to IAN also. Osterkamp will ask Liz to DNR everyone to see if more DNR employees will sign-up.

We still need someone to be the coordinator for August. Lori will help on the first day. There are stickers and visors (yellow with blue printing) for the chaperones. Advanced design will do the t-shirts for \$3 a piece. Chaperone gifts will be drawstring backpacks (blue with yellow OJ logo printing). Primary Source put the OJ logo in a EPS format.

The next meeting will be August 7, 2006 at Gary's cabin (meet at Motor Mill) at 10 AM. We will float the Turkey River afterward.

Osterkamp moved to adjourn the meeting, Lori second. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.