

Iowa Women in Natural Resources

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2007

The board meeting was called to order at 11 AM.

Board Members Present: Karen Osterkamp, Lori Eberhard, Amber O'Neill, Jacklyn Gautsch, Terri Rogers, and Theresa Shay. New board members present: Andrea Evelsizer and Megan Wiscap.

Minutes and Agenda: The meeting at Lime Creek in November 2006 was not an official board meeting as a quorum was not met. Rogers moved to accept the minutes; Eberhard second; passed.

Treasurer's Report: The balance is the same as in November about \$8000.00. The Iowa DNR travel bill has been submitted to the state, it is about \$1280.00. Lori volunteered to help with the DNR billing for next year's conference. \$50 was donated to Lime Creek for the use of the building for the 2007 conference. Megan is going to get a Quick Books program for Deb to use. Roger moved to approve the report, O'Neil second; passed.

By-Laws: Outdoor Journey for Girls was added as committee at the annual meeting in February. The By-laws will need to be updated on the website and sent to the membership in the next newsletter. Any wanting to be on the committee should talk to Eberhard or Rogers.

Education: Evaluations from the conference were good. Attendees enjoyed the speakers. One attendee said that there were too many separate handouts, that they should be combined into one packet or folder to be handed out at check in (Rogers stated that folders could be donated from Hawkeye CC). A new member Julie Mitchell said she would help out with the conference next year. It will be the 20th year of IWINR meetings. The board is interested in moving the conference to a more central location such as Ames or Pella. There is a new retreat in Newton with cabins that could provide onsite lodging. Liz Christianson had ideas on speakers such as Iowa DNR Director Leopold on sustainable funding. The board is looking for other suggestions for locations and speakers. Another suggestion given was Jennifer Lancaster a founding member. The conference will also follow the format of the last one-day conference of having pre-conference workshops. Suggestions for workshops are GIS and Leopold Center on Land Ethic. Dates for next conference are Jan 31- Feb 1 or Feb 21- 22.

Elections: 2 open 2 terms were filled by Megan and Andrea. Theresa and Jackie are outgoing. Lori, Karen and Deb are off. Amber was re-elected.

Issues & Legislative: All those born in 1972 and after must now take Hunters Education before purchasing a hunting license. There are a few bills still in the works: 13 and under passengers in a boat are required to wear a life jacket and the new .08 alcohol level for BWI. There will be public meetings held in June on commercial shovelnose harvest.

Items on the agenda include changing the season dates, increasing the non-resident fee, and closing areas below the locks and dam. The new dock permitting rules go into effect April 14th. Boat registration fee increased and registration is now for 3 years. There is proposed to have a bobcat-trapping season this year. The Honey Creek State Park is up for re-bidding, the lodge is to open in 2008.
See www.iowadnr.com for more information.

Long-Range Planning: Nothing

Membership: Brenda Vargas a new member has volunteered to help with this. There are 47 members. To make it easier for people to become members there has been a suggestion to include the membership fee in our conference registration fee.

Newsletter: The next newsletter theme is Spring/Earth Day. Articles due to Jackie April 13, newsletter goes out to the membership April 30:

OJ info: Terri

Conference recap: Lori

Spring fishing: Karen

Legislative things: Jackie will get from DNR website

Youth Hunting Challenge: Megan

IOWATER events: Jackie

Pres. Letter: Karen

Prairie Rescue: Jackie will get from NHF website

Kid page: Jackie

Recipes: Watercress – Karen, Cattail pollen – Amber, Violet Jelly – Amber

Member profile – Megan

The newsletter article due dates are:

June 8 articles to Jackie, newsletter to membership June 29

September 14 articles to Jackie, Newsletter to membership September 28

November 16 articles to Jackie, Newsletter to membership December 7

OJ: A planning meeting was held at Hickory Hills March 23, 2007. The meeting mainly worked on the planning for the new camp at this location. There will be another planning meeting is in the works. Anyone wanting to help can contact Terri or Lori.

Website: Updates to the website need to be sent to Tracy the Iowa DNR Webmaster.

Elections for board positions:

President: Karen nominated by Lori, second Terri, Passed.

V- president: Jackie nominated Lori, second Amber, Passed.

Secretary: Amber nominated Terri, second Lori, Passed.

The next meeting will be May 29, 2007 at 10:00 AM in North Liberty, IA.

Gautsch moved to adjourn the meeting, Lori second. Meeting was adjourned at 2 PM.