

Iowa Women in Natural Resources

Board Meeting

November 5, 2007

Christian Conference Center

Present

Karen Osterkamp, Lori Eberhard, Amber O'Neill, Joli Vollers, Traci Fahrion, Jerah Gallinger, Terri Rogers,

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 in the main conference room of the Christian Conference Center near Newton, Iowa.

Minutes

The minutes were approved. Motion by Lori Eberhard. Second by Amber O'Neill.

Treasurer Report

Balance of \$15,919.70 . We have a \$277 error that we can't account for. Karen Osterkamp offered to take it to an accountant to set it up into Quick Books. Terri Rogers moved we have an accountant set up the Quick Book program. Lori approved seconded the motion. Motion approved. There are no outstanding bills. There is a balance of \$108 in the Educational fund. It was moved/seconded and approved we use this for student paper awards at the 2008 Conference.

Committee Reports

By-Laws

Lori Eberhard and Elaine Hammer updated the by-laws as voted at the last conference, making Outdoor Journey an official committee. These will be posted on our web site.

Education

Lori Eberhard reported updates on the conference. On Thursday there will be a session on GIS. There is wireless internet at the center, so attendees can bring their laptops. Andres has contacted Janine Kohn for the Leopold workshop at a cost of \$30 but the Pheasants Forever chapters may assist in covering that cost. Pauline Drobney will do a session on research and reconstruction of a fen; then participants can visit the Jasper County fen. Rebecca Kauten (NRCS) can do a half day session on elements on urban watersheds. Thursday evening there will be an activity by Jasper Winery. Jennifer Lancaster will be our keynote speaker on Friday. Liz Christiansen will speak on sustainable funding. Jane Mild is coming up with a session on diversity in the workplace. It was discussed to honor the "Founding Mothers" at a Thursday evening banquet. When to hold the business meeting was discussed. Lori suggested making a pamphlet showcasing the purpose of IWINR and the board. We will need student presentations. We visited about doing a Geocaching session. A water trails program would be great by Nate H or Susan Stocker. The conference is January 31-February 1, 2008. Megan will try to come up with a logo for the 20th anniversary shirts here and get some quotes to pass onto the board. There will be a business meeting at the conference; before the meeting actually starts we will have a brief introduction about what the business meeting is all about. We will include a synopsis in the packets as well. IWINR membership will be included free with conference registration this year.

Elections

Lori will ask Elaine Hammer if she would like to run again. Karen Osterkamp and Lori Eberhard will be going off the board.

Issues & Legislative

None

Long-Range Planning

Lori and Terri will get together with Elaine after hearing conference comments. Terri moved, Andrea seconded that IWINR materials be digitized by Jareh or other members of the DNR. Motion carried.

Membership & Directory

Karen Osterkamp is working with Brenda Vargas on current membership.

Newsletter

Jackie Gautsch will be getting a newsletter out soon. Jareh will take Jane Mild's photo, which is the last item needed. Karen will send an updated President's letter. The next one has articles due November 16, with publication the following month. The highlight being "Great Strides Into the Future". Lori will do an article on cross-country skiing at George Wyth. Terri will do an article on planning ahead. Amber will do an article Christmas tree disposal. Let's all send in our favorite holiday recipes. We will ask Brenda to write an article on Outdoor Journey for next year.

Outdoor Journey Committee

Joli gave the following report on potential changes for OJ:

1. working with ITE (piggy-backing on Hunter Ed. along with HACC & BOW) to make OJ registration available on-line (including sponsorships/scholarships, chaperones, developing interest lists, taking payments, etc.). In a best case scenario, this system will not be "up & running" until summer 2008 (for 2009 camps).
2. Currently, an inventory is being built to be shared by both BOW and OJ in a trailer acquired by the DNR Law Enforcement Bureau for the programs – some is DNR & some is OJ. In the past, IWINR donated equipment back to DNR (liability concerns). However, DNR property can't really be "tagged" for use only by specific programs. This is being looked in to.
3. OJ logo items and the responsibilities for sales & storage needs to be discussed by Board.
4. possibly establishing a "clearing account" within the IDNR to handle incoming & outgoing \$\$ for running the OJ programs. This would place OJ under all the state accounting rules, while taking the responsibility of running the books from our volunteer treasurer's responsibility. Megan, Joli, & Susan Stocker met with Marsh Peterson of the IDNR Finance Bureau to discuss:
 - Clearing accounts are usually revertible – meaning that they must be down to zero by June 30 (end of fiscal year) annually. Obviously, this will not work for Outdoor Journey, as we're in the heart of our programs. More info is being gathered to find other options and possibility of a non-revertible account.
 - Some kind of an internal account is necessary to accept monies through an on-line system for registration (see #1 above).
 - Setting up an account would require an MOU (memo of understanding) between IDNR & IWINR – This would detail items such as how the fund is to be used, who has access, integrity of program (IWINR "owns the program"), equipment inventory & use, etc. IDNR legal is being consulted.

Website

Terri Rogers will be Tracy Fahrion's contact and will immediately send all information. This includes drafts of minutes. We need a designated photographer. Jareh and Tracy Fahrion will do it at this year's conference.

New Information

There will be a separate Conference Planning Committee meeting the first week of December in Waterloo.

The meeting adjourned at noon to tour the facilities at the conference center. Lori, Terri, and Karen toured Jasper Winery who will be doing a wine tasting the Thursday evening of our conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Rogers.