

Iowa Women in Natural Resources

Board Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2008

Oakdale, Iowa

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by President Karen Osterkamp.

Board members in attendance were: Andrea Evelsizer , Deb Howe, Amber O'Neill, Jackie Gautsch, Lori Eberhard, Brenda Vargas, Megan Wisecup, Mimi Habhab, and Terri Rogers. Committee members in attendance included the above and Jane Mild.

It was moved by Lori Eberhard and seconded by Amber O'Neill to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Additions to the agenda was a reminder that we join the Iowa Environmental Council, as was discussed at the last meeting. The check had not yet been written, as a bill was not received.

Deb Howe gave her final Treasurer's report. Mimi Habhab will be the new treasurer. The books balanced at \$16,367.53. We have \$108.40 in the education fund; \$7,760.17 in the operational fund, and \$8498.96 in the Outdoor Journey fund. There is an outstanding bill of \$3661.00 for the Christian Conference Center for our Winter Meeting. Sales at Silent Auction were \$421.00 at that meeting. The board approved shredding financial documents older than 5 years. Lori Eberhard will check on Executive Board Liability and event insurance. Treasurer's report accepted by O'Neill, seconded by Eberhard, approved.

Lori and Brenda reported regarding By-Laws: Kelly Meyers (Finance) and Marsha Peterson (Legal) are working on the wording to change the by-laws for Outdoor Journey and the DNR's relationship.

The 2009 Conference will be a one day event. The board decided to hold the conference at Hawkeye Community College on January 30th. Terri Rogers called and reserved the entire building EXCEPT room 106. There will be no charge for this service because Terri is a faculty member.

The 2010 Conference will be a two day event. The board decided to hold the conference at Honey Creek on the last week of January or the first week of February. Topics could be a presentation by the on-site naturalist; a presentation on the environmental aspects of Honey Creek; the environmental aspects of the new DNR building; and spouse and potential children activities (following a questionnaire).

Lori Eberhard reported that during the 2008 Annual Meeting the Membership elected Ginger Walker (Cherokee County Conservation Board Director); Amy Johnson (NRCS Project Coordinator of Lower Big Sioux River Watershed); and Terri Rogers (Hawkeye Community College Natural Resources Professor). Terri will serve a second term. Going off the board, as they have served two terms, are Lori Eberhard and Karen Osterkamp. We give them our thanks and grateful appreciation of all they have done and know they will continue to be involved! Next year Amber O'Neill and Terri Rogers terms will be over; but Andrea and Megan can have one more term.

Megan Wisecup reported on the major Issue that had not yet made it out of committee was regarding residency versus voter registration for hunter registration. Karen moved, Terri seconded a resolution to write a support letter for sustainable funding. Motion carried.

Karen Osterkamp mentioned in long-range planning that the founding mothers were planning a contribution for scholarships following our annual meeting. Terri moved, Lori seconded, we put the proceeds of our silent auction into a scholarship fund; 50% for Outdoor Journey, 50% for IWINR. Motion carried.

The next newsletter is due to Jackie Gautsch on March 21, with publication on April 15. Lori will write a camping kickoff article. Andrea will write a wild edibles article. Andrea will also write a prairie plants article. Amber will do a prairie rescue days article. Ginger will do the member profile. Karen will update the president's letter. Jackie will do a kid's page.

Amber moved we adjourn at 12:10. Deb seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be May 8th at 1pm at Clear Lake Fish Hatchery. This is tentative. Mark your calendars!