

IWINR

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Here are notes for discussion, since we didn't have 4 for a quorum to vote on topics, so we need everyone to go over notes and vote by email so we can get items updated for the web.

In attendance: Susan Stocker, Donise Grygierczyk, Cindy Gatlin and Lori Eberhard

Started discussion at 10:20 am. The Board needs a quorum of 4 to vote- since Susan is sitting in for Amy, we don't have a quorum and therefore cannot vote today. We will discuss the issues on the agenda and send out notes in an email for a vote.

*Each board member needs to go to www.iwinr.com and print off a current copy of the by-laws to read through and keep for reference and education to make sure we are doing things properly.

***Additions to Agenda:** Revised the location from Prairie Center at Brushy to Wallace Building in Des Moines. The original agenda and revised are attached to **email for vote and approval**.

***Treasurer's Report:** Total: \$27,370.58-----Educational Outreach: \$332.90, ½ of the silent auction money goes into this fund and the other half goes to OJ for scholarships, this adjustment was made from this year's silent auction-----Operations Fund: \$10,291.27-----Outdoor Journey: \$15,982.46 Lori is working to set up a report that can be easily read for all members. We would like the \$500.00 donation from IADOT to stay with the conference operations fund since it is from the conference. Lori filled out the form needed to keep our non-profit status which is done every three years and it was accepted. Lori also paid the 2 year fee for our website host of \$52.76, Donise issued this reimbursement to Lori at our discussion. **Need a vote for approval of treasurer's report.**

Committee Reports:

By-Laws (Stocker): Print and read by-laws and have all board members print their own copy and go over so we are doing our procedures properly.

Education (Eberhard, Crouch, Walker, Susan Clark): Eberhard checked out Des Moines Botanical garden but only had big or small rooms not ones that could be divided.

Stocker still checking on Reimen's Gardens in Ames

Walker—any word on Iowa Arboretum

Leigh Adcock—Best Western in Ankeny

Susan Clark—Dallas County Conference centers????

Three more suggestions were made at our discussion: Jester Park in Polk County—Eberhard checking on—Hickory Park (not restaurant)—Stocker checking on—Isaac Walton League in Polk County—Grygierczyk is checking on

Please have updated reports for next meeting.

Theme Suggestion: 'Getting Active Outdoors' if we can go to Jester Park or Isaac Walton we could do a few different activities for indoor/outdoor such as snowshoeing/skiing, archery indoor range at Isaac Walton.

Elections (Stocker): No new business

Issues & Legislative (Stocker): Looking for legislative items to be brought up for 2011 in Aug. Parks Foundation Fund will be on the ballot in Nov. for public to vote to give 3/8 of a cent on the next new sales tax to go into this fund to help State, County, City parks, etc.

Long Range Planning (Eberhard): Board is still interested in various options partnering with BOW in a mentoring type situation. Does the board feel that the next step is contacting Julie Sparks-BOW coordinator to market if there is an interest in this from the participants of past/present BOW/OJ camps. Donise is willing to be in charge of this and contact Julie to proceed if the board approves. **Need vote**

Membership/Directory (Eberhard): No new business

Newsletter (Crouch/Gatlin): Amy is working on putting articles together into newsletter format. Leigh Adcock has agreed to help as needed with the organization of the newsletter to help make it more appealing. Susan has scanned the old newsletters & is working on where to place them electronically.

Outdoor Journey(Grygierczyk): 51 for June (looking @ possible 60)---29 for July (full)---54 for Aug. (looking @ more). OJ is losing some of the presenters due to heavier workloads, short on staff, etc. Donise needs more people to volunteer as presenters. She needs certified Hunter Education Instructors desperately. First camp starts June 16th. Contact Donise directly @ Donise.grygierczyk@dnr.iowa.gov or (515) 205-8709. Donise will be surveying the girls @ the camps this year to see if they are interested in doing several hunts next year with her and other mentors in one on one situations. Girl Scout conference went very well and had lots of contacts.

Donise has been looking into giving the Iowa Game Warden's Cookbook out to each of the girls @ OJ camps. She would like to order 160 cookbooks @ \$10.00 each for a total of \$1,600.00 and if any are left that we sell them for \$20.00 each @ camps and Annual IWINR Conference. For future years Donise is going to look for sponsors for the costs of the cookbook @ either partial or full cost. Suggested offering potential sponsors recognition on the back of the t-shirts (there have been several emails on this and so far there has been total approval from everyone to do this). **Need vote on this to make official**

Donise has ordered pencils with Outdoor Journey logo to give out and is researching stickers to give out as well.

Website (Fahrion): The host for the website is 247-Host and Lori paid the \$52.76 for 2 years. Donise wrote check from operations fund to reimburse Lori. We are going to continue to work with Tracy and evaluate the website for improvements.

Special Focus:

Liability Insurance: Susan is still investigating options for this. The conference is really the only time we feel insurance would be needed.

Women in Natural Resources meeting report: Donise attended—Talked about professional communication skills. There is no need to continue attending these events unless the venue changes.

Next Board Meeting: Doodle poll for next board meeting in August or September.

Discussions ended at 12:07 pm.

Please email your votes from the above discussion items so we can have official minutes completed, treasurer's report, long-range planning goal and OJ for cookbooks so we have them for camps.

Thanks for those that could attend to have this discussion and your prompt response to these items is greatly appreciated.