ICEC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

10 April 2024
4:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Attending:			
Louis Beck, Chair	X	*Ex Officio:*	
Kyla Burns		Chris Like	
Dave Conrads	X	Jerry Neppel	X
Heather Gamm, Treasurer	X	Carlee Sabus	
Jared McGovern	X	Megan Wisecup	
Tiffany Morgan, Vice/Sec'y	X	Gus Elliott	
Ted Neal	X		
Jim Pifer	X	*Contractor:* Linette Bernard	X
Clark Porter			
Kean Roberts		*Guests:*	
Peg Steffen	X		
Samuel Taylor			
Tony Vorwald			

Louis Beck called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Dave Conrads made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ted Neal. Motion passed.

Heather Gamm made the motion to approve the 2 February 2024 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Peg Steffen. Motion passed.

Reports

1. Review Treasurer's Report – Heather Gamm reported one check is outstanding, spent $900 on Amazon gift cards sent to Game Jam participants, $344 spent from the Envirothon grant on supplies sent directly to the teacher, Winter Workshop lost money, and there is a $9,500 balance for the Holthues grant. Currently, ICEC has two checking accounts, one is for the Midwest EE Conference, and one savings account. The primary checking and savings accounts were opened 9 November 2007. The accounts earn no interest, but we also have zero fees.
2. ICEC Standing Committee Ad Hoc Committee – Tony Vorwald could not attend this meeting but provided report and a draft document. Linette Bernard asked for comments on the draft document by 30 April 2024.
3. Partnerships & Support Ad Hoc Committee - Louis Beck noted that the committee met on 7 March 2024, reviewed the purpose and goal of this Ad Hoc Committee. After good discussion, the group felt that before we can outline parameters and guidelines for ICEC partnership and support, that we should look back at the defined purposes and goals of ICEC. That led to discussion about the ExCom planning process that started 1 March. This committee work will be halted for now until the strategic planning is completed. Linette Bernard explained that ExCom Planning Task 1 of identifying the activities that ICEC and ICEC ExCom plan, do, participate in, then each ExCom member was given their own copy of Task 1 to group like-minded topics and ideas on each page, then identify their top 2-3 items on each page. The next task in the planning process will be sent to ExCom members in late April.

Action Items

1. Ad Hoc committee needed for reviewing proposals for Holthues funding requests – The Holthues Funding Request Ad Hoc committee members will be Jared McGovern, Peg Steffen, Heather Gamm, and Linette Bernard. Committee members were sent the original proposal and the extension request to use as evaluation tools for reviewing requests as they are submitted. Grant funds need to be expended by calendar year-end 2024.
2. C-STEM Ad Hoc Committee – Peg Steffen suggested that Tiffany Morgan now be the lead on this committee to support the Department of Education regional trainings and the Iowa PBS Phenomena work. The committee will set goals and priorities for the calendar year. This Ad Hoc committee will terminate at the end of 2024. Should the work need to continue, a new Ad Hoc committee for 2025 can be established.
3. C-STEM Ad Hoc Committee request for funding of Iowa PBS Phenomena Blitz – Tiffany Morgan provided an overview of the Ida County Phenomena Blitz to be held 27 April 2024. Heather Gamm made a motion to provide an ICEC membership through 2025 and $50 expenses for five teachers per Blitz. The value of the membership is $30, $80 per person X 5 = $400 per Blitz X 4 planned Blitzes for a total $1,600. Peg Steffen seconded. Tiffany Morgan abstained. Motion passed.

Updates

1. ExCom Planning – Linette Bernard covered this under the Partnerships & Support Ad Hoc Committee report.
2. REAP Alliance Meeting report - Peg Steffen participated in the REAP Alliance meeting on 28 February 2024. Steffen noted that the Alliance was requesting organizations to pay a minimum of $50 dues, REAP will sunset in 2026 unless the legislature takes up a change, and that the recent discussions about public lands has taken much of the focus away from REAP. Peg Steffen made a motion to pay $50 for REAP Alliance dues, Heather Gamm seconded. Motion passed.
3. Game Jam Update – Peg Steffen noted that 41 games were submitted and need to be judged. Steffen is looking for people to be judges and noted that the awards ceremony will be virtual.

Informational

1. Iowa Envirothon - 29 April 2024 at Jester Park - Volunteers are needed and those able should contact Carlee Sabus at Conservation Districts of Iowa.

Ted Neal left the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

With no further business, Louis Beck adjourned the meeting at 5:496 p.m.

Next meeting is via Zoom on 12 June 2024

Other 2024 ExCom dates: 31 July, 9 October, 11 December.

Please add the above dates to your calendar. LB will share a calendar invite for the next meeting after the conclusion of one. The Zoom links are all different.