ICEC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

2 February 2024
6:00 p.m.
Courtyard Marriott, Waterloo

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

Louis Beck called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Jerry Neppel made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Tony Vorwald. Motion passed.

Ted Neal made the motion to approve the 10 January 2024 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Tony Vorwald. Motion passed.

Reports

1. Review Treasurer's Report – Lilly Jensen reminded the group that she presented the draft 2024 budget at the last meeting and that only minor changes have been made since and will be shared with membership at Annual Meeting. There is an $8,500 deficit, but that is on par with the past several years. Jensen noted that this is not sustainable in the long-term and Jensen encourages the board to think about funding strategies over the next 1-4 years; to think about how ICEC will respond to the changing landscape of formal and informal education and member-based groups. Jensen noted that ICEC membership is declining, but that is standard for most membership groups now.

Action Items

1. Lilly Jensen asked for a motion to approve the 2024 Budget. Tony Vorwald made the motion to approve the 2024 Budget as discussed, seconded by Ted Neal. Motion passed.

Updates

1. 2024 Envirothon Grant update – Louis Beck noted that four schools have signed up so far, but also shared that sign-up is historically last minute. The sign-up period has been extended to March 2, 2024.
2. Winter Workshop 2024 – Louis Beck and Linette Bernard shared last minute updates and details.
    a. The vendor tables are set up outside the large meeting room in Tama Hall.
    b. Anyone with tech issues should see Tiffany Morgan or Karen Gebel (HCC).
    c. Your lanyard color indicates which panel session to start with and Beck will announce during the welcome.
    d. QR codes for workshop feedback will be shared during the closing.
    e. Beck will announce during welcome that the credit course is still available for sign-up.
3. Game Jam – Peg Steffen shared that promotion continues for Game Jam and that responses are being received. Game Jam Team's video submissions due end of March 31, 2024.
4. Science Phenomena REAP Grant Blitz – Tiffany Morgan shared that the first phenomena blitz will be held April 27-28, 2024 in Ida County and that more information is to come.

Informational

1. Three IAN-ICEC Environmental Education Awards will be given at the end of the Annual Meeting.

Next meeting is via Zoom on 10 April 2024
Other meetings at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom, unless otherwise noted: 12 June, 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.