

International Right of Way Association  
"Spirit of the Heartland" – Iowa Chapter 41  
Friday, June 1, 2007  
Pella Opera House  
611 Franklin Street  
Pella, Iowa

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 A.M.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the March 9, 2007, business meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as published. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report indicated a total net balance of \$10,167.10. A motion was made by Rita Rasmussen to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Shelly Whiteing and approved by all members present.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Don Corrigan reported Chapter 41 currently has 60 members. International has sent Don a list of 8 members who did not renew. They are Allen Rummel, Chris Jenkins, Dave Hingtgen, Fred Cirksena, Ken Schwarz, Angela Sheeley, Mary Beth Kiner and Mary Brunssen. Don had requested, in the February newsletter, that anyone who was considering not renewing to please contact him. Don did not receive any response. If any of you believe any member information to be incorrect, please contact Don Corrigan

Education: Chapter 41 will offer course 103 Ethics on October 11, 2007 as part of the Fall Forum to be held at the same location in Riverside, IA. 15 attendees have already signed up for Course 103; Jim Diemer will be the Class Coordinator. Advanced Residential Relocation, Course 505 and Advanced Business Relocation, Course 506 are proposed for September or October 2007, the final details are being worked out pertaining to these two classes, we should have final information very soon, class coordinators will be needed for these two courses.

Program: Vicki Elscott asked again for any suggestions as to what might be of interest to any members as far as future meetings. It was suggested that we could use committees to help with programs in the future, if you have any suggestions or ideas please feel free to share with Vicki. If you have an interest or expertise you would like to share with members of Chapter 41 please feel free to share with your colleagues', it would be appreciated. It was suggested we might entertain holding our business meeting after a class which usually ends around 4:30 P.M., which could coordinate both the course and the business meeting on the same date for convenience sake.

Professional Development: Shelly reported that Don Corrigan has completed requirements for recertification in Relocation Assistance Certification. Congratulations Don.

#### Old Business:

2007 Spring Forum Report- Handout prepared by Bernie Banker. Bernie has been elected as Region Professional of the Year. Congratulations Bernie and thank you for the work you do for Chapter 41 and Region 3.

It was reported that Course 215, Right of Way Agent Development recently held in Council Bluffs was a very informative and interesting session; the instructor was very capable and did a great job.

Please note the Fall Forum will be held at the Riverside Casino, Riverside, IA, 319-648-1234, October 11 and 12, 2007, don't forget to make reservations by September 10, 2007, if you have questions or need any assistance regarding reservations please contact Shelly Whiteing. Please note there will be an Auction as part of the Fall Forum on Thursday evening, October 11, 2007, plan to donate an auction item, purchase an auction item and have fun at the event as well!

We are sorry there was not a newsletter this quarter. The next newsletter will be August 2007.

#### New Business:

Look at the IRWA web site regarding the 2012 Conference the four cities contending for the host city are listed in a grid format. You may find the information interesting.

At the International Conference to be held June 17 thru 20, 2007 in Sacramento, CA, our Officers and Directors will be voting on resolutions, including the new amendments that were just posted last Tuesday on behalf of the INEC, Officers and specifically Directors take a few minutes to look these over so you can decide how the Chapter wishes our Directors to vote on these important issues, one option might be to table the decision pending further discussion regarding amendments. We can appreciate the added value of an over site committee in respect to IEC leadership positions resulting in added quality for the overall organizations ability to better serve the entire membership.

A change regarding dues, a reduced partial payment will be accepted when a member joins IRWA for part of a year, which has been in effect. The actual change is dues will be waived for people joining in the last quarter of a year this is something that has been needed regarding new memberships occurring in the last quarter of a year.

A contribution of \$300.00 in the form of a check has been given to Rita Rasmussen to be presented for the RWIEF Golf Outing, as approved at the March 2007 Chapter Meeting.

Auction items for International Conference in Sacramento, CA, June 2007 will be three \$50 gift cards.

Also, a check for \$1,000.00 has been given to Don Corrigan to help defray expenses as a Director to the 2007 Educational Conference in Sacramento, CA this was also approved at the March 2007 Chapter Meeting

Other business: Don't forget Toys for Tots which will be presented in December of this year 2007.

Online Education Course Coordinator must be taken before anyone can coordinate courses for a Chapter. Please notify Nancy Halvorson and Bernie Banker when you complete the course and achieved your certificate.

Door Prize Drawing: Shelly Whiteing is the winner of the drawing for the \$50 door prize for June, 2007.

At 11:45 A.M. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda R. Martens, R/W-RAC  
Vice President/Secretary  
Spirit of the Heartland-Chapter 41