

International Right of Way Association
“Spirit of the Heartland” – Iowa Chapter 41
Iowa Machine Shed, 11151 Hickman Road, Des Moines, Ames, IA

Minutes of Business Meeting – 10:30 A.M., February 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Chad Johnson.
The business meeting with 15 members in attendance.

Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda.

Secretary’s Report: There were no revisions to the minutes, and a motion was made and seconded to approve.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Carrol McCracken. He had a conversation with the IRWA about being reimbursed on our losses on the SR/WA review course. No amount was provided regarding what amount will be reimbursed, and that has not been finalized. Joe Anderson stated that Daniel Steckel reassured him we will be reimbursed, and Carroll stated that he had emailed them a month ago. Carrol thinks that we should get between \$1,800 and \$1,900 back, and Joe confirmed that, saying that he believed it would be an amount of \$1,883.36. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report.

Region 3 Update/IRWA Alignment: We have had excellent membership renewal of 91.1%. 93% is our goal, and we would get a free conference registration. Six members have not yet renewed, and one will not be renewing. We want to be over 93% by April 15th.

Professional of the Year: Joe Anderson has been voted the Professional of the Year. His nomination for Region 3 Professional of the Year has been forwarded to Mike Murray.

Committee Reports

Asset Management: No report.

Education: Course coordinators are needed. There is not much in the line of education coming up.

Environment: No report.

Local Public Agency: No report.

Membership: No report other than the discussion reported during the Region 3 update.

Nominations/Elections: No report other than the Professional of the Year discussion earlier in the meeting.

Professional Development: Joe stated that Bernie Banker has recertified for another five years. Sarah Cook has her RWP. Mark Holm has recertified as a R/W-NAC. We have 18 SRWA’s, 1 certified appraiser, and 5 certified in negotiation. There are 8 SRWA candidates, and Vicky Kitelinger has submitted her certification for RWA. Joe stated that, once the applications are submitted, it is four weeks to approval.

Relocation Assistance: No report.

Survey: No report.

Utilities: No report.

Valuation: No report.

Newsletter: Joe stated that the newsletter will be up and running in a couple of weeks. The website address is irwa41.org. There are links out there to this site, and we can track how people get to our site. The links are being used, and we have had one inquiry for new membership already. The cost is reasonable - \$18 a year, and we are paid up to March 2015. There is a cost of \$49 per year for the host subscription cost (weebly.com).

Region 3 Spring Forum: Will be held in Bloomington, Minnesota at the Radisson by Mall of America, March 13 – 14. They are asking for an annual donation, and we have given \$300 in the past. Chad will check on either a basket to be auctioned or cash donation. They are requesting volunteers, and we have 7+ members who will be attending. Region 3 is asking for a local public agency, and Chad will forward a name on to Mike Murray.

Nomination Committee for Chapter Officer: Dwayne Meyer has been nominated for Nomination Committee.

Other Business: It was discussed if we would rather have a newsletter or post articles to the website. It was stated that members might be more likely to read emails than to search out articles on the website.

Chad Johnson and Shelly Whiteing will be going to Hartford. Joe stated that we typically reimburse directors for their airfare and trip, including hotel and registration. Possibly \$2,000 per person (\$1,750 - \$2,000). Last year, we voted to reimburse Joe up to \$1,800 for him to attend. In 2012 - \$1,800, in 2011 - \$1,500, in 2010 - \$2,000, and in 2009 - \$1,000. Hartford is more expensive than Charleston. Chad's company will pay for his trip, and Joe made a motion to reimburse Shelly up to \$2,000 to attend. Motion was seconded to approve and was passed.

The next Chapter meeting is expected to be in April, possibly in the Coralville area.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morgan, Secretary