

**Planning Focus Committee
December Quarterly Board
December 8, 2014
Northfield Inn & Suites – Springfield, Illinois**

Present:

Van Bitner, Chairperson
Terry Davis, Director
Steve Fulling, Director
Darrell Roegge, Director
Dale Shumaker, Director
Myron Kirby, AISWCD President
Gina Bean, AISWCD
Judy Beyers, Auxiliary
Marie Bunting, Auxiliary
Cindy Moon, District Employee
Kara Downin, ISWCDEA Co-Chair
Kelly Thompson, AISWCD
Mike Rahe, IDOA

Absent:

Tom Beyers, Director
David McCormick, Director
Colleen Bogner, Auxiliary
Jody Christiansen, NRCS
Tess Ferguson, Auxiliary
Marty McManus, IDOA

Van Bitner called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with a motion by Darrell Roegge, seconded by Steve Fulling.
Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes from June 2014 FAC meeting

A motion was made by Dale Shumaker, seconded by Darrell Roegge, to approve the minutes of the June 2014 FAC meeting minutes. MCVV

Partner Reports

IDOA – Mike Rahe reported briefly on Winter Training. There were 158 registered plus the speakers attending. Alan Gulso will be retiring from IDOA on December 26th. Randy Grove will be retiring from IDOA on December 30. Mike reported they are working to get them replaced as soon as they can, but in the interim there would be a redistribution of responsibilities until the positions are filled. IDOA has applied for three RCCP projects. Mike reported he did not know when a new Director of Ag will be appointed. He also touched on the three Conservation Cropping Seminars coming up in 2015.

ISWCDEA – Kara Downin reported on Winter Training. She also reported ISWCDEA had received their share of the Summer Auction proceeds.

Old Business

Annual Meeting Update. (Task Force)

Van Bitner passed out survey results for Summer Conference. The committee looked over the reports. The question of tickets was brought up again, and will be discussed at a later date.

New Business

2015 Summer Conference (Task Force)

Summer Conference will be held on July 27th & 28th, at the Northfield Inn in Springfield. Farm Family Award was discussed. The Farm Family Task Force had nothing to report. Steve Fulling ask if perhaps a bigger prize could be given to the Farm Family. Kelly Thompson reported that a \$500.00 check is given by Meyer to the 1st place farm family. A tour was again suggested as a possibility for Sunday. Kelly Thompson said there was a possibility that she could work with McLean County on a farm tour that also has a bee farm. A motion was made by Judy Beyers, seconded by Kara Downin to move ahead with the idea of a tour. Motion carried. A logo was discussed. Marie Bunting mentioned the theme for this year's poster contest would be "Local Heroes, Your Hardworking Pollinators." The committee felt something to do with Pollinators would be the way to go with a logo. After discussion, a motion was made by Judy Beyers, seconded by Steve Fulling to have the theme for Summer Conference to be – "What's the Buzz About Conservation"? Kara Downin handed out a list of possible session ideas the ISWCDEA board had come up with when discussing Winter Training planning. There will be a conference call sometime between January 20-26 with the Annual Meeting Task Force to discuss the conference further.

A motion was made by Steve Fulling, second by Dale Shumaker to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Minutes taken and transcribed by: Cindy Moon