

**Planning Focus Area Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes: June Quarterly Board**  
**June 6, 2016 at 1:00 pm**  
**Northfield Inn, Springfield, IL**

**Present:**

Gina Bean  
Judy Beyers  
Van Bitner  
Colleen Bogner  
Marie Bunting  
Marty McManus  
Cindy Moon  
Roger Johnson  
Terina Coffey

**Absent:**

Tom Beyers  
Cara Clark  
Terry Davis  
Steve Fulling  
David McCormick  
Dale Shumaker

Chairman, Van Bitner, called the meeting to order at 1:21 pm. Gina Bean took roll.

**Approve Agenda:** 1<sup>st</sup> Roger Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> Van Bitner

**Approve March 2016 Minutes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Roger Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> Van Bitner

**Old Business**

- Farm Family Award (Governor's Sponsorship) – Gina Bean reported that Kelly Thompson is still waiting for approval.
- Sunday Tour
  - Group will car pool to Starhill Arboretum from the Northfield Inn hotel lobby. Lunch will be picnic style from Headwest Subs. The group will stay there until later afternoon and then car pool back to the hotel.
- Sessions
  - Two changes to the sessions are as follows: Client Gateway is now NRCS administrative assistance and SWCD roles. The employee association voted to remove the employee forum on Monday and discuss those topics during their session on Tuesday morning.
  - Groups are giving Gina Bean session information currently for the program and so she can put it up on the website.
- Registration Numbers
  - As of June 1<sup>st</sup> there were 43 Directors, 21 Employees, 23 Guests registered to attend.
  - As of June 1<sup>st</sup> there were 28 Districts with Voting Delegate forms turned in.
- Opening Ceremony
  - Wayne, Henry, Madison, Macon, Marion, and White counties have all expressed interest in the District Spotlights. White and Madison County will not have employees in attendance and have asked AISWCD to present on their behalf.
  - Ivan Dozier will be presented his Friend of Conservation Award.
  - IL Representative Jerry Costello will be presented his Legislator of the Year Award.
  - Cindy Moon has been working on the Color Guard lineup and currently has Lee Bunting, Terry Bogner, Richard Reynolds, and Chuck Hanley.
- Exhibit Hall
  - Confirmed: IL Stewardship Alliance, Quail and Upland Game Alliance, Mason Street Nursery, Verdisian Life Sciences, NRCS, and Saddle Butte Ag. Agribility is strongly considering a spot. Pheasants Forever has expressed interest in hosting a cocktail reception or keg of beer during the Monday night entertainment. They will also be hosting the hospitality room where they will have their exhibit set up.
- Auction Items

- Three Districts have sent in auction item sheets. AISWCD has only received one item that they have requested as well. With not as many items coming in this year as in years past, it was discussed to have all items as silent auction items and then the main event be some sort of fund raiser. Judy Beyers suggested playing BINGO and it was agreed upon by the group.

#### **2017 Quarterly Board Suggested Dates/Location**

- March: Will go along with Legislative Day. One day meeting at the Northfield.
- June 5 and 6, 2017: Northfield
- September 11, 2017: Executive Meeting at other location (IDOA, Audubon, etc)
- Dec 11 and 12, 2017: Northfield

Chairman Van Bitner will present these dates to the full Board of Directors.

#### **2017 Annual Meeting Dates/Location**

- The committee is looking at July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Northfield Inn. Holiday Inn would like to offer their hotel at the Hotels of Grand Prairie in Peoria.
  - Next year the Holiday Inn is offering free av equipment. Meeting room fees (\$6000/day) will be waived if we meet \$12,000 amount in food. Hotel room rate is \$89/night if staying two nights and \$109/night if staying one night. Hotel consists of three large meeting rooms that open up to a large ball room. It also has a pre-function space in front of the meeting rooms for registration and exhibits. This is half the space we normally have at the Northfield but if event is cut to one day next year space could work just fine.
  - The committee has agreed on the dates, but will decide later this year on location due to budgets. The group will be looking at a possible one day event next year if funding is not restored to the Districts.
  - The committee discussed a \$20 registration fee for voting delegates next year to help cut costs to Districts.

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm.

1<sup>st</sup> Roger Johnson      2<sup>nd</sup> Van Bitner    Motion Carried

*Minutes By: Gina Bean, AISWCD Administrative Coordinator*