

**ISWCDEA Special Board Meeting Minutes
October 5th, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Sarah Earles.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken by Rhonda Koehne.

Region 1: Karla Smith and Joey Deloian were present. Rich Stewart was absent.

Region 2: Sarah Earles, Jackie Kraft, Jeff Woodyatt, and Becky Taylor were present.

Region 3: Melissa Cauble, Ellie Crowe, and Rhonda Koehne were present.

Region 4: Kathy Bircket and Mitchell Killough were present. Kristie Cooley was absent.

Region 5: Bethany Ingram was present. Jody Etheridge, Nikki Isaacs, and Marilyn Thompson were absent.

BLWR Advisors: Marty McManus was present. Brian Rennecker, Elliot Lagacy, Debbie Gray, and Shelley Ray were absent.

AISWCD Advisors: Grant Hammer, Ashley Curran, and Teri Fahey were absent.

NRCS Advisor: Eric Gerth was absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Sarah Earles reported there were some items pertaining to Winter Training that had come up since our last teleconference that we need to discuss before our next meeting on October 26, 2023.

The first item she had planned to discuss was the request from S.T.A.R. to make a presentation at Winter Training. There had been some email conversations between ISWCDEA board members about this topic in which comments were made that 1) we already had a full schedule, 2) we didn't want to have a presentation during meals, and 3), if there wasn't any new information to present, we should suggest that they send the information in an email. Sarah Earles reported that S.T.A.R. cancelled their request to present.

The second item was there had been a suggestion/proposal to have a live band play at the hospitality room at Winter Training. Again, previous email conversations had brought up some questions and concerns. 1) Would the hotel be ok with having a live band? 2) Is the cost of a live band too expensive? 3) Do we have the money to cover the cost? 4) Will people still be able to socialize if a band is playing? 4) Will we upset the hospitality room committee if they have already planned activities? Sarah Earles reported that Becky Taylor checked with hotel management and received approval of the proposal. Sarah had received a recommendation for two different bands and their respective cost: Madd Hoss Jackson band at \$1500 for 3 hours and Gatorhead band and \$800 for 3 hours. Karla Smith reported that there is over \$25,000 in the ISWCDEA bank account. Marty McManus reported that IDOA has budgeted \$7500 to contribute to Winter Training to help off-set meals costs and he might also be able to find some sponsors. The hospitality committee of Kathy Bircket and Karla Smith stated they were fine with having a band and they could still plan to have the scavenger hunt and give away prizes before the band started.

Kathy Bircket motioned to hire Madd Hoss Jackson Band to play for 3 hours Tuesday night at Winter Training. Joey Deloian seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rhonda Koehne asked about having a back-up plan if Madd Hoss Jackson Band wasn't available. Kathy Bircket motioned to have the hospitality room Plan A be to hire Madd Hoss Jackson, Plan B be to hire Gatorhead, and Plan C be to have the Scavenger Hunt and play Bingo. Joey Deloian seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sarah asked if Mitchell Killough needed anything from any of us to be able to complete the Agenda for Winter Training. Mitchell stated he should be able to wrap things up by the beginning of next week. Karla said the Registration Forms were ready to go and they could probably get the forms and agendas sent out Tuesday or Wednesday of next week (October 10th or 11th).

Mitchell Killough made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Woodyatt seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Minutes compiled by Rhonda Koehne.