

IWCA Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 08, 2023

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

Officers Present:

Brian Burkholder

Chris Henze

Tyler Kelley

Megan Huck

Guests:

Tara Van Waus-IDOT

Conference 2024

Conference will be held March 13-15th 2024 at Prairie Meadows. This venue is booked for us through 2025. Website is ready to go with registration link. Work will be done to put together a bulletin to send out to interested parties. Shade Tree Course participants, ICCS list serve, DOT local system, Cities with an IRVM program and newly started IRVM counties will be contacted. Burkholder mentioned undeliverable emails regarding contacts. 30 estimated annually. Those counties will be mailed registration info annually and encouraged to update info at conference. Registration costs have increased again; 2022-\$200, 2023-\$227, Vendors-\$240 and late registration \$300. Additionally, vendors will be able to sponsor a breakfast or break if they choose to. Discussion was had on when the vendors address the group, it was decided to spread vendor highlight throughout the conference between presentations. Selected times will be given to each vendor, with preferability given by sponsorship level. Additional vendors have been contacted about event, hoping to bring in other sponsors this year.

Presenter Suggestions

- Dr. Tom Rosburg- LRTF Research Project 2019-2023 reconstruction of sedge meadow
 - Controlling Reed Canary Grass
- Dr. Brian Wilsey-LRTF Research Project Native Diversity Stands to control invasive plants
- John Barr-Mobile App for ID of Invasive Plants using AI technology
- LRTF-Field Map Collector-Kody Unstad-Iowa DOT
- 1A-NRCS Invasive Species-Matthew Allan
- 5-DNR Aquatic Plants-Jason Euchnor
- 3OT-Evan Alderman-Iowa State Extension
- 2- Tivon Freely can't be contacted/other options?
- Safe Application/Equipment-Evan Alderman
- 6-Roadside Managers-15 min presentations x 3-New Invasive Plants and Control
 - Presenters will be sought out from different IWCA districts
 - Bryce Hoskinson, William Roller, Dustin Ausdemore

Conference 2026

Dates available through Prairie Meadows-March 18-20th, March 25-27th. Cost will rise every year around 5% according to event coordinator. LRTF maybe able to help offset costs in the future for conference, also other funding sources may be available. Other venues were researched typically 25-35\$ a meal across the board. Prairie Meadows will only offer state rate due to labor negotiations with prairie meadows staff. Discussion was held on moving conference to different season, this question will be asked of the group at 2024 conference. Decision was made to lock in March 18-20th 2026 at Prairie Meadows. The executive committee will ask the group opinions on venue, dates for 2026 and beyond.

IWCA Display

Executive Committee members recently attended NAISMA conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. Found that most displays had trinkets available and were more advanced then IWCA's current display. LRTF was asked if funds would be available in the future to update display and distribution materials.

Meeting Adjourned 11:30 am.

Minutes submitted by Tyler Kelley.