

Keep Cass County Beautiful Minutes from April 2, 2014

Members Present: Linda Behrns, Roger Behrns, Mindy Chipman, Mitch Pearrow, and John Baroni; a quorum was present. Absent: Janet McCartney and Rick Yoder. No guests were present.

President Mindy Chipman called the business meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve March Minutes

Motion by Mitch Pearrow, seconded by John Baroni to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2014 meeting.

Motion passed.

2. Treasurer's Report

Mitch Pearrow provided the treasurer's report. The previous balance was \$36,875.85. Current balance is \$35,455.23. Total expenses for the month were \$2,072.62 – director's March payroll of \$1829.92 and mileage for Quarter 1- \$242.70. Total deposits for the month were \$652, which included \$650 in memberships and \$2.00 from First Comp Insurance policy refund. Motion by Roger Behrns, seconded by John Baroni to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

3. Memberships: Calendar vs. Anniversary renewal

Memberships and renewals to the organization will be paid on a calendar year basis. New memberships that come in after July 1 will be considered paid for the rest of the current year and the following year. Motion by John Baroni, seconded by Mitch Pearrow to define memberships as stated. Motion carried.

4. 2012 & 2013 NDEQ Revised Reports

All of the 2012 & 2013 NDEQ reports have been revised and submitted. Notification has been received of the acceptance of the 2012 report and that year's grant is closed.

5. Plant Fundraiser

The plant sale will be held on May 16 and 17 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Young Memorial Park in Murray. The event will be sponsored as part of the Murray Garage sales with free advertising to non-profit organizations. A signup sheet for workers will be available at the next meeting. Members were asked to save box flats and small boxes for the sale. Linda will make signs and get a cash box prepared. Roger will check about how to handle sales tax for the event. Discussion was also held about having a raffle of a leaf blower and string trimmer at the plant sale. No action was taken.

6. Non-profit application- received

Notification has been received from the IRS confirming our 501(c)(3) status as a public charity. The effective date of exemption is October 12, 2012. All membership donations are back-dated as tax deductible for the 2013 calendar year.

7. Liability Insurance

Roger Behrns reported that Jim Petersen is looking into a policy but has had no report yet. John Baroni talked to an agent, but he has not contacted the director yet. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Cass County Stewardship Council –

Nancy Josoff was unable to attend. No action was taken about the possibility of the council using a tab on the KCCB website. Linda posted a news article about the council on the Current News page of our website.

2. Booth @ Strawberry Days (Plantman Nursery)

KCCB will have a vendor's booth at the Strawberry Days event on May 3 and 4 at Plantman Nursery, 902 84th St. Nehawka. There is no charge for a booth. Recycling information will be distributed along with fliers promoting the

Great American Cleanup, our plant sale in May, and membership rack cards. Pencils and recycling color books will be given away to youth.

3. KCCB table banner

Motion made by Mitch Pearrow, seconded by John Baroni to spend up to \$200 to have a banner made to advertise our organization at community events. Motion carried. Mitch Pearrow volunteered to check into larger lettering for our trash bins.

4. Cass County Fair

Linda contacted Steve Wehrbein about the availability of a booth for KCCB. Rent for the air conditioned Expo building is \$225 and \$100 for the non-air conditioned building. He gives previous booth vendors the first opportunity for renewals, and he hasn't heard from most of them yet. The fee is due by June 3. Motion made by John Baroni and seconded by Mitch Pearrow to have a booth at the Cass County Fair in the Expo building if it is available. If not, in the other building.

5. Executive Director's report:

KNB Affiliate Director's Mtg./Fremont (Mar. 13) – Steve Danahy discussed the litter grant, stressed the importance of keeping accurate records, saving all receipts, and submitting the grant all on-line this year.

Due date is Aug. 1. Jane Polson, KNB president, discussed state initiatives: Grow Big Red, 50th Anniversary Walk Apr. 26 in Omaha, KNB state conference will be in Lincoln in Sept. Place –TBA.

Affiliates shared projects and initiatives in a round robin discussion.

Great American Cleanup – promoting to all organizations, schools, and communities

Completed the KAB Semi-annual Survey

Impacted 66 children with *Waste in Place* programs this month

Attended Earth Wellness Festival in Lincoln for youth ideas

E-filed Form 990 – N annual IRS form for tax exempt organizations

1st Quarter DEQ Grant report due April 30

Correspondence: Passed around news articles – Plattsmouth Journal, Cassgram, and fliers of future events

The following dates have been set for 2014:

May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3

PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

- *Waste in Place*: Youth Programs & Litter Free Schools Program
- Great American Cleanup – March 1 – May 30, 2014 (Bags & banner coming)
- Keep Nebraska Beautiful: Family Fun Walk (50th Yr. Celebration) April 26 @ 9:00 a.m. Zorinsky Park & Lake, Omaha
- Gretna Sanitation: "Earth Day Event: Crazy for Compost" Apr. 26 (free compost for SENCA donation)
- Grow Big Red (KNB grow red flowers project)
- KCCB Booth @ Strawberry Days: Plantman Nursery- May 3 & 4
- KCCB Plant Sale Fundraiser- Young Memorial Park, Murray – May 16 -17
- KNB Environmental Awards - App due May 30
- KNB State Conference – moving back to September TBA in Lincoln (Haymarket area)

Motion by Mitch Pearrow and seconded by John Baroni to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Cass County Extension Meeting Room located at 8400 84th St., Weeping Water, NE. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Behrns, Board Member