

## **Keep Cass County Beautiful Minutes from June 4, 2014**

**Members Present:** Linda Behrns, Roger Behrns, Mitch Pearrow, Janet McCartney, Mindy Chipman, Rick Yoder; absent: John Baroni

Mindy Chipman called the business meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Approve May Minutes

Motion by Roger Behrns, seconded by Mitch Pearrow to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2014 meeting. Motion passed.

2. Treasurer's Report

Mitch Pearrow presented the treasurer's report. The previous balance was \$32,410.70. Current balance is \$31,265.17. Total expenses for the month were \$2,484.72. Total deposits for the month was \$1,339.19, which came from memberships and income from the Plant Sale.

Motion by Roger Behrns, seconded by Janet McCartney to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

3. Plant Fundraiser – summary

Total sales from the Plant sale, including taxes, donations, and Smokey Joe Grill Raffle was \$1,189.19. KCCB portion of the plant sale was \$463.45, which included \$12.91 donations, and \$14.00 from the raffle ticket sales. The Smokey Joe grill was won by Dave Nielsen from Murray, NE.

4. Liability Insurance

Jim Peterson of Midwest Insurance in Eagle, NE is looking into liability insurance for the KCCB organization. Roger Behrns noted that he has provided Mr. Peterson with a copy of the Ham Radio Club's insurance policy as an example of what we are looking for. This item was tabled to the July meeting.

5. Ideas for Cass County Fair

- Cell phone collection at booth

It was decided that the group would look into the options for recycling phones for a couple of organizations, as well as rechargeable batteries and mercury. We would have a couple of boxes at our booth at the fair to accept the items.

- Hand out reusable grocery bags w/KCCB logo & other sponsors

Linda will look into the cost of the reusable grocery bags with/KCCB logo and see if we can get the bags donated or have a co-sponsor.

Motion by Mitch Pearrow, seconded by Rick Yoder to proceed with these two items.

Motion passed.

- Use our recycle bins in one bldg./area

Linda Behrns reported that she had spoken with Steve Wehrbein, Cass County Fair Manager, and he will allow KCCB to have our recycle bins in one building.

- Borrow recycle trailer from Manley during fair  
We will borrow on of the County's recycling trailers to have at the fair to empty the bins in as needed. We will need to provide a truck and driver to bring the trailer to the fair grounds and empty it at the Lincoln Recycling site before returning it.
- Promote "reduce, reuse, repurpose" ideas plus recycling info; Litter education?  
We will have items to hand out at the fair that promotes these ideas.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Election of officers

Nominations were made as follows:

- President – John Baroni
- Vice President – Mindy Chipman
- Treasurer – Janet McCartney
- Secretary – Rick Yoder

Motion by Roger Behrns, seconded by Mitch Pearrow to approve the slate of officers.

Motion passed.

### 2. Executive Director's report

Linda Behrns provided an extensive itemized report on all of the activities that she had worked on over the past month.

### 3. Post minutes of meetings on website

Motion by Janet McCartney, seconded by Mitch Pearrow to post the minutes of the KCCB meetings on our KCCB website, <http://www.keepcasscountybeautiful.com/>

### 4. IRS update

IRS – monies paid to the IRS for last year were turned in on the wrong form, IRS wants the money turned in on the 941 form, not the 944 form. Appropriate money was turned in, but we could still be liable for a penalty and interest.

### 5. KAB/Waste Management Think Green Grant - due June 30

Discussion was held on applying for this grant. Linda Behrns will send out the grant write-up for the group to respond back to Linda on any changes they might want to see.

### 6. KAB/Lowe's Community Improvement Grants - due June 25

Cedar Creek, Avoca, and Union may be looking into participating in this grant.

### 7. Promote use of our recycle containers at summer events

If any members are aware of summer events going on that could use the KCCB recycling containers contact Linda Behrns. Our organization would like for the recycling bins to be used at no cost to the borrowing organization.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec.3

It was discussed to find a location in Plattsmouth to hold the meetings, as it would be closer for most of the KCCB members and we could potentially move the meeting up to 6:00 PM. Linda Behrns will look into this.

## **PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, & DEADLINES**

- *Waste in Place*: Youth Programs & Litter Free Schools Program
- KNB Environmental Awards - App due June 30
- KAB Litter Index – conduct Community Appearance survey: July
- 2nd Quarter DEQ Grant Report Due July 30
- DEQ Litter Grant & KAB Annual Report due Aug. 1
- KNB State Conference - new Hilton Garden Inn in Lincoln's Haymarket area on August 27-28

Motion by Rick Yoder seconded by Roger Behrns to adjourn meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet M. McCartney, Secretary