

ICORE Annual Meeting

October 24, 2017 at 5:00pm at the Mercer Community Center

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by ICORE President Martha Pierpont. Also in attendance: MJ Slone, John Bates, Mike Ondresky, Mike Fauerbach, Vic Ouimette, Diane O’Krongly, Karen Hagemann, Ian Shackelford, Bob Traczyk, Amy Nosal, Bethany Thomas, Joe Kravetz, Mike Shouldice, Pat Christie, Gary Patzke, Gary Pelkola, Hank Carstens, Jan Carstens, Craig Griffin, Dick Thiede, Hedda Patzke, Jean Raschke, Chris Paulik, Gloria Fauerbach, Gail Ondresky, Rita Franzoi, Teresa Schmidt, Wendy Thiede.
2. **Approval of minutes of last ICORE annual meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes from the 10/4/2016 Annual meeting as approved was made by Slone, seconded by Mike Ondresky, and passed unanimously. Motion to approve the 8/17/2017 ICORE board minutes was made by Bates, seconded by Slone, and passed unanimously.
3. **Recap of 2017 and Announcement of merger with Iron County Northern Trail Committee:** President Pierpont gave a brief review of the previous year’s activities, and reviewed the decision to merge the Iron County Regional Trail committee into ICORE.
4. **Treasurer’s Report:** Paulik presented the treasurer’s report showing a beginning balance of \$2757.62 and an ending balance of \$3036.90. Motion to accept the report was made by Bates, seconded by Hagemann, and passed unanimously.
5. **Election of officers:**
 - a. For president, Mike Ondresky was nominated by John Bates. With no other nominations, O’Krongly moved to elect Ondresky as president, Mike Fauerbach seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. For vice-president, John Bates was nominated by Pierpont. With no other nominations, Hedda Patzke moved to elect Bates as vice-president, Slone seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - c. For secretary, Teresa Schmidt was nominated by Pierpont. With no other nominations, Hank Carstens moved to elect Schmidt as secretary, Mike Fauerbach seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - d. For treasurer, Bob Traczyk was nominated by Hagemann. With no other nominations, Schmidt moved to elect Traczyk as treasurer, Mike Fauerbach seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - e. For members at large, Mike Fauerbach was nominated by Traczyk and seconded by Paulik; Karen Hagemann was nominated by Pierpont and seconded by Bates; and Diane O’Krongly was nominated by Slone and seconded by Paulik. With no other nominations, the group voted unanimously to accept the three candidates.
 - f. Newly-elected president Ondresky accepted control of the meeting.
6. **Introduction of new ICORE members from the Iron County Northern Trail Committee, report from that committee:** Mike Ondresky reviewed the process that led to the combination of ICORE with the Iron County Regional Trails committee. Everyone in attendance gave introductions.

7. **Program participant waiver form:** Mike Ondresky presented a sample form from the Iron County UW-Extension office and asked for volunteers to draft a form for ICORE. Mike Fauerbach and Ouimette offered to help. Thomas suggested the group look at the North Country Trail website for a good example, and Shouldice suggested including a photo release agreement to the waiver.
8. **ICORE to apply for class A or B raffle ticket license:** Motion from Bates, second from O’Krongly to apply for both licenses. Motion carried unanimously. Schmidt will apply for them.
9. **Committees:** Extensive discussion was held about the purpose of each committee, their present and future tasks, and the time commitment to each. The trails committee will oversee the proposed Hurley-to-Montreal trail project and the proposed Hurley trailhead; the Mercer bike trail maintenance group; and other smaller trail projects similar to the recently-completed Lipp Lake trail workday. This committee will most likely develop sub-committees to ensure that volunteers can focus on their projects of interest. The events committee will continue to present events on behalf of ICORE including lectures; outdoor activities; interpretive hikes, bikes, and paddles; and other events as opportunities present. The Green Sheet committee will examine ways to promote silent sports activities in the area, taking ideas from the “Green Sheet” produced by Nicolet College about 15 years ago and utilizing existing tools such as Meetup, the FE Live Life calendar, the ICORE website and email list, and the work of area chambers of commerce. Mike Ondresky suggested that the group delay creating a potential membership/recruitment committee until the ICORE board has had a chance to discuss its charge. The following individuals agreed to lead or co-lead committees, and all will be seeking volunteers to join them:
 - a. Trail committee - Mike Fauerbach and Martha Pierpont
 - b. Event planning committee - John Bates
 - c. Membership/recruitment committee - on hold
 - d. Green sheet committee - Amy Nosal and Rita Franzoi
10. **Plan events/programs for Nov, Dec and January:**
 - a. There will be a fundraiser for the Hurley trailhead to be held at Sharon’s Coffee Company on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 to 5:30pm. Tickets are \$15 and include appetizers, salad, pizza, and dessert. There will be silent auctions and raffle tickets will be sold for a bike donated by Hobby Wheel.
 - b. Other event ideas for early 2018 should be sent to Bates.
11. **Any other new business:**
 - a. Schmidt mentioned two upcoming events that may be of interest to ICORE members: the Mercer Library’s solar energy system dedication on Monday, October 30 at 12:00 noon, and a “Geocaching International Film Festival” event on Saturday, November 4 at 1:00pm in the Mercer Community Center.
 - b. Pierpont welcomed all in attendance to get involved in ICORE committees.
12. **Select date and time of next Board meeting:** Mike Ondresky will contact the newly-elected board members to set the next meeting date.