

**IGO Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 2024 @ 8pm**

Meeting via Talkshoe

Call to Order: Eric Smith called the meeting to order at 8:08

Roll Call:

President Eric Smith – *present*

Vice President Mark Freed – *present*

Secretary Josh Paul – *present*

Treasurer Brian Birgen – *present*

Directors

Scott Becker – *present*

Mike Fauser – *present*

Amanda Harris - *present*

Mark Metz – *present*

Brandon Plaht – *absent*

Approval of Minutes: m/Brian/MarkM. The minutes from April's meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Current available balance as of 4/1 - \$3,033..52. MarkM did bring up a question about funds in IGO being \$2,000 less than May 2023. Treasurer Birgen said he is not concerned about the amount at this time due to additional inventory recently being purchased. M/Amanda/MarkM. The treasurer's report from April was approved unanimously.

Unfinished or Ongoing Business:

1. Pathtag cash balance is \$31 as of 5/1/24
2. IGO "attended" events - 4 event were "attended" by IGO since last IGO board meeting
3. People's Choice Award discussion. Josh and Eric thanked the events committee and hosts of PCA. Amanda mentioned the increased activity of Bucky's Challenge over previous years.
4. H&S update - Cheryl joined meeting. Host committee is meeting in two weekends. Pathtags are in.
5. Supporting membership price increase - goal is for June meeting discussion and approval in July, then roll out at Hike-and-Seek in September.

New Business:

1. **NO NEW BUSINESS**

Supporting Member Drawing (70 current supporting members) - Looking4Gems.

Committee Reports:

Eric requests each Committee Chair come up with an oral report to give during business meeting of Hike-and-Seek weekend.

Legal Bylaw: *Nothing to report (Eric)*

Finance: *Nothing to report (Brian)*

Website: *New file was placed on the IGO page to correct several errors on Bucky's Challenge. (Mark)*

Cache of the Month: Cache of the Month themes have been chosen through September. (Eric)

AAH: Scott County Scott County AAH will be Sunday, May 19th, 11:00 - 1:00 (GCANFD9). New AdventureLab will be published for the event only. (Josh)

Land Manager: *Nothing to report (Brandon)*

Social Media: Bucky's Challenge has been posted on Instagram. Josh pointed out the great work done on IGO Facebook Group in promoting the Bucky's Challenge. Amanda asked about why there are both an *Iowa Geocachers Organization* and the *Geocachers of Iowa* Facebook pages. (Brian)

Events: People's Choice was a success. MarkF brought up an idea for 2025 PCA - open nominations January 1st for several months, then close and hold off on opening voting to allow cachers ample time to go hunt for the caches nominated for various awards. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RAGBRAI EVENT HOSTING. Contact Scorpiored48 if able to host. (Mark M)

Membership: *Nothing to report (Mark F)*

Nominations: *Nothing new to report (Josh)*

Public Comment – No public comments.

Board Comment – Eric appreciates when board members let him know if they will be absent and/or late to each meeting.

Adjournment – m/Brian/MarkM motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Next IGO Board of Directors meeting will be **Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 8 pm.**

Minutes submitted by secretary Josh Paul - May 18, 2024