

IGO Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 2024 @ 8pm

Meeting via Talkshoe

Call to Order: Eric Smith called the meeting to order at 8:04

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 - *absent*

Mark Metz – *present*

Brandon Plaht – *present*

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

Treasurer Report: Current available balance as of 1/31 - \$4,825.96 m/MarkF/Mike. The treasurer's report from January was approved unanimously.

Unfinished or Ongoing Business:

1. Pathtag cash balance is \$25 as of 2/1/24
2. IGO "attended" events - 1 event was "attended" by IGO since last IGO board meeting
3. H&S update - Cheryl joined meeting. Committee will be meeting 2/17. Event page should publish in March. No issues to report. More info to follow soon.
4. Josh presented the sign which was voted on by the Adopt-a-Highway sign committee. Brian motion to approve up to \$275 for the purchase of 10 18"x24" IGO signs of the finalized design. Second Brandon. Approved unanimously.
5. Eric brought up the possibility of increasing the IGO annual dues amount. More discussion will be done and Eric will follow up with more information

New Business:

1. Pathtag design contest. Eight designs were submitted to IGO. All board members minus the IGO President voted on their top three pathtag choices. Winning design submitted by **Brian Birgen** with the "2024" design.

Supporting Member Drawing (66 current supporting members) - Tom Freed
(LetFreedomRing)

Committee Reports:

Legal Bylaw: *Nothing to report*

Finance: 18 safety vests purchased (12 hunter orange, 6 safety yellow) total \$300. Will be sold for \$20 in IGO store. (Brian)

Website: COTM history page updated (Mark F).

COTM: Winner of COTM is based on an algorithm including three criteria. Voting for COTM is weighted based on number votes, distance that voters zip code is from the voted on cache and the number of favorite points each cache has (each is $\frac{1}{3}$ weight) (Eric)

AAH: Story County AAH published for 4/6 9:30 - 11:00 (GCAKK68) (Josh)

Land Manager: *Nothing to report*

Social Media: *Nothing to report* (Brian)

Events: Categories for People's Choice Awards (PCA) have been released - are posted on the website. Nominations open until February 28th. Mark Freed commented to encourage others to submit nominations. Event will be held Sunday, April 21st in Bremer County. Bucky's Challenge theme has been picked - has not yet been announced. (Mark M)

Membership: *Nothing to report* (Mark F)

Nominations: *Nothing to report* (Josh)

Adjournment – m/Mark M/Brian motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Next IGO Board of Directors meeting will be **Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 8 pm.**

Minutes submitted by secretary Josh Paul - March 1, 2024