

# Beneath the Surface

Eastern Iowa Pond Society

## *A SPECIAL INVITATION*

TO ALL MEMBERS,

TO BE A PART OF A VERY  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION!!

EIPS IS PROUD TO BE ABLE TO  
PRESENT THE ORGANIZERS OF  
“BUILDING A DREAM IN THE  
COUNTRY”

AND THE  
FAMILY OF SUE AND JOSH  
SPECE

WITH THIS YEAR’S POND TOUR  
PROCEEDS.

Our last meeting of the year will be celebrated with the presentation of pond tour money, that we all helped to raise.

NOVEMBER 17TH.

BILL'S PIZZA & SMOKEHOUSE

201-1ST STREET W

INDEPENDENCE, IA

5:00 SOCIAL HOUR IN THE BAR AREA

6:00 DINNER

PIZZA/PASTA/SALAD/BREAD  
STICKS/DESSERT AND BEVERAGE ARE  
INCLUDED IN THE BUFFET

\$11.94 pp. covers your meal plus gratuity and tax.

Social hour drinks are at your own cost also.

RSVP! RSVP! RSVP! Please:

BY: November 10th.

Email: [eipspres2011@yahoo.com](mailto:eipspres2011@yahoo.com)

Text: 319-389-3992

Or Call: 319-550-6893

# Meeting Agenda

Dinner

Call to Order Jeff Garner, President

Old Business: The Year in Review Jeff Garner, President

New Business: Elections

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor

Additional New Business : Members Review of the Year (Suggestions for the new Year)

Committee Sign up Sheets

Presentations: Presenting our Pond tour check to Josh and Sue...Jeff Garner, Pres.

Meeting Adjourned

## PLEASE CONSIDER HOLDING AN OFFICER POSITION

EIPS has many, many capable members for these positions:

**PRESIDENT:** Conducts meetings agenda to insure they run smoothly and club By Laws are enforced. Works with all committees to insure their goals are being met for the benefit of the club. (Baby sits, hand holds, and puts out fires)

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Conducts meetings in the Presidents absence. Assist the President to conduct any club business that he should need help with. (Reinsures the President that he's doing a good job)

**SECRETARY:** Records meeting minutes and ensures they get posted to the web site and are sent to the newsletter editor for publishing. Keeps all club history records in storage. (Must be capable of compressing an hour of BS into a simple sentence or two.)

**TREASURER:** Collects, records, and deposits all income of the club. Records and pays all club expenses. Maintains the current membership list and makes sure it is constantly updated and passed along to the other officers. Brings current treasurer's reports to meetings. (Must be able to add and subtract)

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Puts together the club newsletter. Mails out monthly notification to those not getting email information regarding meeting locations. (Must be able to read and write)

ALL SIMPLE JOBS, RIGHT???

PLEASE CONSIDER LENDING US YOUR TALENTS.

## OCTOBER 27, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Our October meeting was held at the home of Gerry and Paul Dickerson of West Liberty. Gerry had prepared some delicious soup and members brought additional food to share. The soup really hit the spot on this chilly Fall afternoon.

Vice President, Bob Geer, called the meeting to order. He thanked the Dickersons for hosting the meeting and welcomed the group. Treasurer's report was given. The club has a total of \$6727.72 dollars in its account. It was previously voted to give \$2500.00 to the "Building a Dream in the Country" fund raiser. The balance after that donation would leave the club with \$4227.72, so it was also voted to donate an additional amount of \$500.00 to Kirkwood College for a scholarship. We have done scholarships there many times and noted that the same requirements as previously attached to the money would again apply.

Discussion took place about the donation money and how or when it would be finally presented. I told the club about "Bill's Steak House" in Independence. They have a dining room that would hold up to 40 people at no charge, so long as we were eating. I realize this would mean the majority of members driving a distance, but members seemed ok with this, because it is an accessible restaurant for Josh and his family. We discussed buffet options and it was voted to have the Pizza/Pasta buffet for an estimated cost of 12.00 pp. Jo Hunerdosse moved to also have the club pay for the Spece family meal and it was unanimously approved. Dates and times were also discussed, with the final decision being: November 17th, 5:00 social hour in the bar area, 6:00 dinner in the meeting room.(both events are at your own expense).

We also discussed meetings and attendance. Suggestions were again made to only have one meeting a month or perhaps shorten the meeting year and not have meetings in Nov./Dec./Jan./Feb./ and perhaps even none in March???? Also, members thought we should go back to having, freebies. (Plant exchanges, door prizes, good speakers) Nothing decided, just lots of discussion.

Members like the idea of having committees start early, maybe limiting the amount of ponds on the tour, and having a pre-announced place where the pond tour money would go, like we did this year with the Spece project. Most thought it was helpful to pick a charity before the tour so visitors would know where the money was going to in advance.

Other suggestions for use of club money, were to actually purchase some pond products that members could perhaps rent out, for a small fee to use should emergencies arise or to just help them with their own ponds. Gary Hunerdosse, offered to draw up a proposition for members to consider and vote on. He also volunteered to store and keep track of everything. This would start out small, with maybe only a pond vac, pumps, water meters, etc. It could grow by the club adding to it, or by donations from vendors or members even.

It was asked if there was any talk about another field trip for 2013. The Northern Iowa Water Garden and Koi Club, out of Waterloo (who went with us last year) is already inviting us to join them again next year as they are planning a pond tour trip into Chicago. Aquascape, Inc. does monthly pond tours during the Summer months. They are looking at the month of August to do a tour. Probably very similar with the bus and all as last year. So, watch for more info on that as it gets planned out.

During the meeting at the Kloubec's it was voted to only have quarterly newsletters and going all paperless. There was discussion about the pros and cons of that and how the non-email members would be notified of changes in anything. Whom ever does the newsletter in 2013, must also mail out postcards on a monthly basis to the very few members that don't have computer access so they know when and where upcoming meetings will be. Those with email addresses, will have to take some responsibility to access their emails often enough to get that info from either emails that the president sends out or by visiting our club's web page for information. The question was raised as to what member's expectations for the newsletters where? Do you want pictures? Do you want articles? Do you even read it? Do you just want next meeting info and perhaps the minutes? If the newsletter is to go quarterly, then monthly minutes would continue to be posted on a monthly basis at least, so members could tell what they missed or what important things would be coming up for discussion at the next meeting.

Discussion then turned to the web site maintenance. It was voted to give Josh \$150.00 at the final November meeting for his continued and greatly appreciated work on our club's web site.

We talked about the up-coming elections. (We actually tried to talk several attending members into taking officer positions) With some great success!!! Stephanie Geers offered to perhaps run for the secretary position, Gary Hunerdosse offered to take over the Treasurer position, Tim Nolan agreed to be Associate newsletter writer, I think Connie Railsback was volunteering to take over the door prizes, along with volunteering Gerry Dickerson to help her. Or maybe it was the other way around, but I think the two ladies where perhaps volunteering to do that. There was a lot of laughter at this point and honestly not sure if they really were offering up their help or if I was just writing it down, thinking if I wrote it as so, then it must be.

So, we may only have President, Vice President, and newsletter editor to find. Of course, any member out there is invited to run for any position. All positions must be voted on, before anything is final. Just as important, is belonging to a committee. Sign up sheets will be passed around for "Pond Tour", "Speakers and Entertainment", and "Newsletter writers."

Told you we talked about a lot of things!!! Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, temp secretary, Jackie Allsup

We Need You.

Available committees to join.

POND TOUR COMMITTEE

MEETING LOCATIONS AND SPEAKER/ENTERTAINMENT

NEWSLETTER/WRITING COMMITTEE



Gerry and Paul Dickerson pond in West Liberty

Try ur name in Japanese:

A=ka,  
B= tu,  
C= mi,  
D= te,  
E= ku,  
F=lu,  
G= ji,  
H= ri,  
I= ki,  
J= zu,  
K= me,  
L= ta,



M= rin,  
N= to,  
O= mo,  
P= no,  
Q= ke,  
R= shi,  
S= ari,  
T= chi,  
U= do,  
V= ru,  
W= mei,  
X= na,  
Y= fu,  
Z= zi

and paste your Japanese name below... :)

Jackie = Zukamimekiku

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