

IWOA Board Meeting
Saturday, July 7., 2012
Ox Yoke Inn, Amana, Iowa

President Bartemes called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Members answering roll call were - Al Rathje, Kevin Kelly, Dave Bartemes, Al Wagner. Also present was Treasure Joanne Mensinger.

Minutes of the April 7th board meeting were accepted.

Joanne shared the treasures report; we had a net profit of \$4300 and a cash reserve of \$18,000. Our physical year ends Sep30th. Joanne is concerned with the excess cash balance. Our newsletter costs are shared with the tree farm committee. 501C3 and 501C5 tax exempt status options were shared.

Joanne asked Board approval to check into 501C3 status. It was determined that IWOA does have an EIN number. Discussed 1120 Federal Tax Return requirements for our corporation.

A motion by Kelly and seconded by Rathje to authorize up to \$750 for legal opinion to look into 501C3 and requirements. Motion carried.

Need a resolution from the board for First Gateway Credit Union deposits. Semler moved and Al Wangner seconded. Motion approved.

Spring field day, 40 attendees. President Bartemes contacted local Farm Bureau, talked it up at local Stop & Go. Locals also provided hay rack. We had eight new members and two renewals.

Membership-Keven Kelly called a number of IWOA members who's memberships had lapsed, he provided web site info and some had indicated that they didn't realize that their membership had expired.

The Fall Field day was discussed. Since our field day was to conflict with the Tree Farmers field day it was decided we would join them on the 28th of Sep and huddle at lunch for our business meeting.

Paul is to arrange for a 6pm meeting place on the 28 for the board meeting,

President Bartemes shared Legislative activity this year, and the success of our lobbyist. We were Successful in getting the "Study" of the Forrest Preserve pushed back. Dave also shared the Nut growers got involved and Tom Wahl helped.

Al Wagner reported on the Master Woodland Managers Program. The Web Page, Pay Pal is up and working. Al is looking at improving search parameters to improve internet search hits for our web site.

Nominating Committee, Chuck, shared that we will have three vacancies. Al Wagner and Robert Jefferson have agreed to run again. We have an individual from the Charles City interested Ann Slussenger (sp). Al Rathj moved and Paul seconded to accept this slate of candidates.

Larry Wiley has us signed up for Amanna Woodfest and the Tri State Conference.

After this year Tom Brady and or Ed Gross will do the next two fall field days 2013 and 2014

Spring field day proposed for May 2013 President Bartemes to put out a note on our Yahoo group soliciting someone who would like to host this event.

National Woodland Owners Association requested our mailing address list for member to allow them to provide our member with a free one year membership, after discussion President Bartemes said he put a note out to our membership to determine if there were concerns in sharing this information.

1140am Al Wagner made a motion to adjourn, motion carried

Paul Millice Secretary