

IWOA BOARD MEETING
January 16, 2010
Ox Yoke Inn Amana, IA

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Wiley. Present were VP David Bartemes, Secy. Dave Hannon, Membership Secy. Cathy Wilkie, Board Members Tom Rosenberger, Rick Burras, Don Smith, Larry Briney, Al Wagner, and guest State Forester Paul Tauke.

The minutes of the September 10, 2009 board meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's reports were reviewed. Tom moved to approve the first report (last fiscal year). David B. seconded. The report was approved. Comments regarding the second report (this fiscal year) were that due to a virus in the membership computer, renewal letters have yet to be mailed resulting in greatly reduced income. The letters will go out next week, and should result in improved income very soon. Suggestions were also made to look into the use of E-mail and Paypal in the future. Rick moved and Don seconded the second report be approved. Motion carried.

Cathy gave the membership report. Due to the virus in her computer, she had requested a new computer be bought for her on the IWOA credit card in lieu of the back wages she had coming. It was done. She then spent the next two months hand typing all the membership records into her new computer in order to avoid inadvertently transferring the virus. That is all finished now. She has also installed automatic backup and virus protection on all records. David B. moved and Don seconded that the credit card transaction for a personal computer in lieu of wages be approved. Motion carried. Cathy also noted another result was the loss of Forest Reserve Participants by county. Paul said if we really need that in the future, it would be possible through him. As a result, the Allamakee County mailing scheduled did not happen. Also, there is no change in the membership report since the last board meeting. Tom moved and Larry B. seconded that the previous report be approved. Motion carried.

President Wiley reported on the following correspondence:

- The national Woodland organization does not provide liability insurance for us.
- A thank you was received for our donation to the Brenton Arboretum.
- Upon discovery that we had not paid our dues to the Iowa Environmental Council the past two years, \$100 was sent to bring us up to date.
- A current list of our board members with addresses, phone numbers, E-mail, etc. will be sent out via E-mail by Larry W.
- An E-mail was received from Jane Beebe-Irwin resigning from the board effective April. The reason being, she is planning to move to California. She recommended Rod Dobney, a banker that bought her farm, replace her. After discussion, it was decided we should approach Earl Goodman to see if he would be willing to serve. Rick agreed to contact him. Larry B. moved and David B. seconded that if Earl is willing, he be approved as Jane's replacement. Motion carried.

Paul Tauke gave the IDNR report. There were three retirements in December. Two of the positions will be combined into one with some of the duties spread out over other positions. Even though forestry jobs are as "green" as can be, budget cuts are going to result in the loss of green jobs. The budget cuts will definitely impact services available to private woodland owners. Discussing the new "Call Before Cutting" brochure, David B. made a motion and Tom seconded to add IWOA's logo to the hand out. Motion carried. Paul also pointed out that EQUIP has about \$500,000 in funds for forestry practices on private land.

Under old business, Larry W. said there was nothing new on parade banners.

Under new business, Don reported that as part of the Horticultural Event scheduled for March 19 and 20, it has been suggested that Trees Forever, the Nut Growers, and IWOA hold a joint field day. David B., who is also part of the Nut Growers, moved that IWOA pay half of the field day expenses, not to exceed \$250. Larry B. Seconded. Motion carried. It was also suggested that we consider a future joint field day at the same great location.

-IWOA has been asked by Jesse Randle to donate money toward a chain saw safety class to be held in the Loess Hills. Tom moved and David B. seconded that we contribute \$150. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments:

- Spring Field Day- Tom and Larry B. will set one up for late April or early May.
- Annual Meeting- Rick and Al will set up, probably in NE Iowa in October.
- Parade Organization-Larry W.

2010 Events:

- Garden Fair at Kirkwood, February 13th- Larry W.
- Tri- State Forest Conference-March 13th-Tom
- Horticultural Event-March 19 and 20- Don and David B.

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 24th at the Ox Yoke Inn at 10:00 am.

Rick moved and Al seconded to adjourn. Motion carried at 1:27 pm.

Prepared by Dave Hannon, Secretary

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