

Minutes of the Iowa Woodland Owners Association March 29, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 12:16 pm by President Paul Millice at the Iowa Capitol Building. Present were Kevin Karr, Ann Schneckloth, Al Wagner, Dave Bartemes, Ed Kocal, and Paul Millice. Kevin made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, Al seconded, and the minutes were approved. The Financial report was read, and it was noted that we have about \$18,000 in our checking account. Kevin led a discussion about how the finance report is made, with the register printed out, and then an itemized entries document. With these 2 reports it should be more user friendly. This may make it easier for our Treasurer, Sherri Sisson, to do our reports. Dave moved that we accept this idea and the financial report. All seconded, and it was approved.

Kevin made a motion to accept the Membership report. It was noted during the discussion that 54 members have not renewed. The time period should be noted and follow-up done before people are dropped. That is included in the new job description for the Membership Secretary. It is hard to make them not be a member. New members are given 2 years for the price of one. Ed seconded Kevin's motion and it carried. Cathy should be on board for the new Job Description for Membership Secretary. Paul will set up a Post Office Box for IWOA correspondences. Dave made a motion to have everything with IWOA name on it to be delivered to that PO Box. Ed seconded and the motion carried.

Dave made a motion that all attendees to the Capitol Field Day be allowed to buy IWOA shirts for \$15. That price should be done for anyone that comes to our field events. Kevin seconded Dave's motion and it carried.

Paul went over our Board Assignments sheet again. Goals, Newsletters, Field Days, Advocacy, and Membership are our cornerstones. Dave said he will continue Advocacy by being involved with Legislation at the Statehouse. Ed said he will help with Field Days. It was mentioned that a south central Iowa Field Day would be good. Paul said that he has talked to Steve Meyer with the Timber Talk Newsletter, and he is running behind. Nothing has been done on the Newsletter. Dave will send Steve a write up about today's IWOA events. The ListServe is now Cathy's job.

Kevin talked about ideas for the Finance committee. There should be a wage review for the Treasurer. Mileage should be paid to have her attend the meetings. Dave said we will table these ideas until next meeting.

The Fall Field Day will be worked on by Paul and Ed. It would be good to

have places and people on deck for these well in advance.

Membership Study: Kevin reported that 44 new members have come out of the project that he and Cathy have worked on. The mail outs from the last time they worked on it were only half done. We need to encourage her to speed up, because the Board recognizes that this Forest Reserve list mailings is working. Our cost was \$900, but per member it is not costly. Dave said that we will pass a resolution to ask Cathy to do more with this in a timely manner. Ann is to write a letter to Cathy and have Paul sign it.

Chuck Semler attended a Deer Study. He is a good representative for us on that subject.

The Woodland Owner handbook sample was on the table for us to look at. It is titled My Healthy Stream. Kevin made a motion that we approve our name to be on it, Dave seconded, and it was approved. The booklet was done with a grant.

Dave Bartemes, Paul Millice, and Kevin Karr are coming off the Board at the end of this year. Paul appointed Al Wagner, Ed Kocal, and Al Rathje to be on the Nominating Committee for finding new Board member possibilities for the ballot this fall. Paul said this information should appear in the Newsletter.

Dave discussed the Scholarship. He said we should keep it funded for the next couple of years. If we keep the \$5,000 in it will make interest and be sustainable. It is troubling to know that some of the recipients are moving out of Iowa.

Kevin's Tree Identification idea is still in the works. He presented it to the State Fair Committee, they liked it, and now it must be approved by the Manager of the Fair. It is close to approval. Our website can have maps of the trees at theiowawoodlandowners.org.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, June 26, at the Ronnenberg Restaurant in Amana, Iowa. Dave moved we adjourn the meeting. Adjourned at 1:28 pm.

Ann Schneckloth, secretary