

IWOA BOARD MEETING

Saturday January 12 2013

Ox yoke Inn Ananna

Present: Ann Schneckloth, Al Wagner, Paul Milice, Robert Jefferson, Chuck Semler, Al Rathje, Kevin Kelly, Dave Bartemes

Also in attendance was Shannon Ramsay representing the Coalition and Larry Wiley

The minutes of the September board meeting we read, motion by Bartemes second by Rathje approved.

Change to bylaws, to add the definition of a Woodland Owner. "A person who owns at least one acre of land that has no buildings or structures, and at least 200 actively growing trees/acre where domestic animals and livestock are excluded." Approved

Spring field day will be at the Ed Gross farm Friday May 3rd Mark Webb consulting forester will present. IWOA to pay for porta potties and meal. We need to get his district Forester on board. He has three sites that have been managed.

There was discussion on purchasing shirts, we would like to have shirts for those that staff our booth at events and for the board at public functions, as well as for sale. Initial bid seemed to be a little high and we will investigate other suppliers.

There was discussion around charging vendors at field days, it was determined that they are providing a service to us and that their efforts were adding to our field days. If we thought it appropriate we could let them provide a donation.

Membership numbers were discussed. When speaking with legislators they ask how many folks we represent and all we have is X number of memberships when in fact we have many more folks in our Woodland Owner families.

Timber talk was discussed. Cathy Wilkie has indicated that she can no longer serve as editor. The board would like to thank Cathy for all of the hard work and effort she has put forth to make the Timber Talk a first rate news letter. The board will be actively looking for a replacement. A motion by Semler and seconded by Bartemes to pay up to \$1,000 for four issues a year, motion carried.

Bonding of treasure was discussed. Motion by Bartemes and seconded by Rathje motion carried Robert Jefferson to handle.

Coalition News Dave attended an Iowa Department of Revenue public hearing looking at property taxes. If proposed changes are made it will adversely affect timber land in Iowa where it will no longer be economically feasible to leave in timber. The Iowa Heritage Foundation also spoke against these changes. It was also stated that if we lose the Forrest Reserve Program that woodland owners will have to charge deer hunters to help cover the tax bill. Free deer hunting will be a thing of the past in Iowa.

It was suggested the board members talk with our local elected Officials.

Other Coalition issues: Motion by Millice and seconded by Kelly to support the Coalitions 2013 legislative goals, carried.

Discussed a Woodland Owners Scholarship Dave Bartemes to coordinate with Dr Randall's supervisor to work out details.

State Fair Christmas Tree Growers not interested in going in with us.

DNR has a stage available for presentations.

Discussed a float in the State Fair parade motion to table by Bartemes second by Semler carried. To talk about float for April

Deer Damage, Kelly to post a link to deer damage web site on our listserve.

DNR to pull together a study group DNR contacted Al Wagner. Kelly will represent IWOA

Kirkwood in CR is having a Garden Fair Feb 16th Tom Rosenberger will have our display and Millice will help.

April 3rd the board will be at the State Capital to meet with legislators and will hold a board meeting after lunch.

Paul Millice Secretary