

MINUTES
IWOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 18, 2008

Chairman Rosenberger called the meeting to order at 10:05 at the Ox Yoke Inn, Amana, Iowa. Those present were Bev Brink, Larry Wiley, Ace and Judy Hendricks, Harlan Stientjes, Rick Burras, Ron Fullenkamp and Denny Michel from the DNR.

Carol Fullenkamp read the minutes from the last meeting and they were approved as read.

Tom Rosenberger reported for Cathy Wilkie on the Treasurers Report. The report was approved. He also reported on Membership. We have 550 current members. This report was accepted.

We received a bill from Divine Doodles, which the Chairman had already authorized for payment. The account has been paid for two years. This was okayed by the Board. Leonard Grimes sent a contribution request from the ISHS. This was discussed and it was decided not to contribute at this time. The matter was tabled. Tom Woodruff had sent an email earlier discussing the contribution to the FFA. This was discussed. Bev made a motion to suspend our contribution until we could get a positive feed back from the organization. This motion was approved.

Ace presented an invitation to a reception for Richard Leopold. After a short discussion, Ace volunteered to be a representative to woodland related events such as these. There is also a Feb. 4th reception with the IEC, which he will attend.

Larry said that he had written to three legislators regarding the Forestry Reserve. There was a discussion about how we should bring our problems to the attention of our legislators.

Committee appointments were the next on the agenda. These committees stand as they are in the 2008 Proposals.

There will be a Field Day in April co-sponsored by the Tree Farmers, DNR, ISU and IWOA. This will be in Western Iowa. Jesse Randal is putting it together and will set a date. A second Field day will be on April 29th in Jefferson County. Larry & Tom are attending the Garden Fair in CR and will set up a display. There will also be a display at Sinsinawa.

In regard to the displays, a motion was made for Larry to order a cloth and runner for a display table. Authorization for this was approved.

Jesse Randall is getting a list together for a mailing of an extra newsletter. This will be mailed out to approximately 10,000 addressees as a solicitation for membership. A motion was made suggesting that we donate \$500 towards this project. Motion was approved.

A donation to the Forestry Annual Meeting was brought up and was discussed. Motion was made that the IWOA help out with this meeting with a donation of \$200 and it was approved.

The budget was studied and discussed. The matter of raising dues was brought up, but that discussion was tabled. The budget as presented was approved.

Denny Michel spoke on the workings and changes occurring in the Forestry Bureau. He also talked about the revising of the bottle bill and the problems facing the State Nursery.

Bev showed a video of how to set up a WIKI and how it might be helpful to IWOA.

The next IWOA meeting was set for April 4, 2008 again at the Ox Yoke at 10:00 am.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.