

## MINUTES OF IWOA MEETING

April 22, 2009

The meeting of the IWOA was called to order at the Ox Yoke Inn at 10:10, Wednesday, April 22. Those present were Tom Rosenberger, Larry and Twila Wiley, Harland Stientjes, Don Smith, Paul Tauke, Dave Hannon, Dave Overby , Ron and Carol Fullenkamp.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.

The Treasurers report was presented and were also approved.

Membership was reported as being down. A suggestion to call the members who dropped out. A list will be drawn up and assigned to Board members to do the calling.

At the last meeting, there was dome discussion about having the budget set before the annual Board meeting in September, since our fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30. Don Hannon will set the date for this meeting, since he has agreed to take over the duties of Secretary.

(Thank you very much)

A decision was made to the Board call the new members to welcome them to the organization and also the graduates of the management classes. This would help in letting them know the purposes of the IWOA and to get them acquainted with the group. Tom is going to check into the packet that is to be given to each new member. In addition, the Board suggested that the minutes of the meeting should be published in the Newsletter. These minutes will be sent to Dave Overby and Barb Coeey.

Regarding communications received, Tom had thank yous from the Trade Show Marketing Board and the Garden Show. Carol brought a letter to be sent to the First Federal Credit Union to close out an account. Members agreed the account should be closed.

Ron introduced the Tree Farmer Association's Tree Farmer of 2009. Larry and Twila Wiley have earned this designation this year.

Under Old Business, it was suggested that Cathy again start her county by county membership drive mailings.

Don Smith reported a good attendance at the Hort Show in Ottumwa. Larry said that the Garden Show had good attendance and the booth had a lot of visitors.

The annual meeting is set for Dallas County on September 11.

The Legislative Committee reported that the Forest Reserve bill is dead for this session. It was also reported that Iowa County is trying to start charging for inspections of forests. This is a

matter which should be watched closely.

Dave Overby brought back returned Newsletter mailings for incorrect addresses. The Board approved to reimburse Dave for this returned postage. The issue dates for the Newsletter was brought up. Changing the printing from three to four times a year could keep our members better informed as to upcoming seminars and new information etc. This will be brought up to the Board at the annual meeting this fall.

The Website/Newsletter was discussed as to how it was divided as far as duties go. Dave Oversby and Barb Cooley are in charge of the Newsletter and they would like to have members send them articles for it. Julie, from Divine Doodles, handles and Website. Articles should also be sent to her to keep the Website updated. This is a good place for listing upcoming events, too. Dave Hannon volunteered to check into the Website and let Julie know about things that need updating.

Paul Tauke told about the celebration of the 150,000,000<sup>th</sup> seedling planting at the Ames nursery on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Everyone was welcome to attend. The seedling will be planted by Gene Hertle, the first nursery man. Ron made a motion to donate \$200 to help offset the cost of the program. This motion was approved by the Board. Paul also talked about the Emerald Ash Borer, and the fact that it is now just across the river from Alamakee County. He brought up the trapping done concerning the gypsy moth which is thick in the northeast counties Also discussed was the Forestry Bureau Budget.

The next meeting was set for June 27<sup>th</sup>, (Saturday) at the Ox Yoke Inn, 10:00am.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30.