

Minutes of the Iowa Woodland Owners Association, July 13, 2013
Ox Yoke Restaurant, Amana Colonies, Iowa

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 by President Al Wagner. Members present were Al Wagner, Linda Rouse, Bob Jefferson, Dave Bartemes, and Ann Schneckloth. Al read the minutes from the last meeting. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes with the amendment of membership by adding the word secretary. Linda seconded and the minutes were approved.

The Fall Field Day and Annual meeting is scheduled for September 7 at Pleasantville, Iowa, near Des Moines. Details are listed in Timber Talk publication. The IWOA Board will meet the evening of September 6 in the clubhouse of the Toad Valley Golf Course in Pleasantville.

Who is willing to be on the IWOA Board? Al has emailed the whole membership and has gotten no response. Chuck Semler's 3 year term is up next year. Chuck would be eligible for one more term but he has chosen not to run. Al has appointed Dave and Linda to be the nominating committee to find people to be on the Board. The Ballots will be mailed out within the next month or so. New Board members will be recognized at the Annual Meeting.

Dave gave the scholarship report. There was a lively discussion about amounts that the scholarship should be, how many should be given, and what the student will give back. Dave suggested we offer a \$1,000 scholarship next year, then offer the same student another \$1,000 on the following year. The second year we could also give another student a \$1,000 scholarship. We will have to use Iowa State University for student eligibility. Dave said the student will get back to us with reports and attend our meetings. Dave made a motion that the board approve his research on the scholarship, and Ann seconded. The motion carried. This will be discussed again at the Board meeting on September 6.

A committee has made a new job description for the Membership Secretary. The President needs to approve her paycheck and monitor her job performance. Linda objected to the slowness of membership recording, making our image look bad. Linda made a motion to approve the new job description for Membership Secretary. Dave seconded, and the motion carried. Linda asked why we needed to report our number of acres of woodlands, and Dave said it was information useful to our lobbyist.

Our brochures are out of date. We will ask Larry Wiley to update our information after the Annual meeting in September. Dave wants to have the scholarship information in the new brochures.

24 people responded to the Timber Talk members survey. Al reported that there were many interesting responses. We touched on adding family membership possibilities, but it was generally thought that each membership has a family association with it.

The Environmental Council was discussed, and it was said that it is doing a good job for us. Dave mad a motion that we pay the \$100 annual dues to The Environmental Council, and Ann Seconded the motion. It carried by a 3 to 2 vote.

Dave reported on the State Fair float. He said that "it will come

together". Ann made signs for it, and Kevin Kelly will donate the use of real trees from his tree farm. Dave asked to be reimbursed \$25 for the entry fee. Bob moved and Ann seconded that we pay it. Motion carried. The float will be seen one time, at the parade in downtown Des Moines the evening before the State Fair starts.

Bob moved we accept the changes in the bylaws as set by Paul Millice, Board Secretary. Linda seconded, and the motion carried. These changes will be mentioned at the Board meeting September 6. If someone wants to change them, we will have a vote then.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am. Ann Schneckloth,
temporary secretary