

IOWA WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Winter, 1989-90

This is the first Quarterly Newsletter of the IOWA as authorized by the Board of Directors, November 4, 1989. The purpose of this publication is to provide a medium for more regular communication among IWOA members. Newsletter contents are expected to include both IWOA administrative matters and other items of interest to IWOA members. The Board hopes you will find this newsletter helpful, and that it will hear from you with comments. Eugene "Gene" Frye has agreed to serve as editor of this Newsletter, and will welcome comments from members on its content and format. His address is 2735 14th. Ave., Marion, IA 52302.

November Director's Meeting

A special meeting of the IWOA Board of Directors was held in Ames, IA November 4, 1989. Present were Claussen, Grimes, Alman, Handley, Sollien, Tellinghuisen and Yocum. Absent were Miller, Quade and Grau.

Former Director William Ritter was named Membership Chairman

Financial report on the Annual Meeting at the Amanas was accepted. A small profit was realized. Treasurer reported funds on hand of \$3,704.47. 1989-90 membership stands at 157.

Eugene Frye was appointed editor of our own newsletter scheduled to be a quarterly with the first issue to be mailed to members in January 1990. This will allow communication to members of material not appropriate or not significantly important for publication in the Extension Service Woodland Newsletter.

Location of the Annual Meeting for 1990 was discussed. Further investigations will be made.

John Quade offered to serve as distribution contact for sale of the "Woodland Steward" handbook.

An attempt will be made to have IWOA members serve on as many REAP county committees as possible. The REAP program and funds channeled through the DNR to local farms, school boards, county conservation boards and other organizations provide a great opportunity to start some local programs which will benefit the environment and in turn the people who live here.

The next Director's meeting is scheduled for January 27, 10:am at 102 E Church St., Marshalltown, IA 50158.

Reported by Secretary/Treasurer Richard Alman.

Trees Forever

Congratulations to Trees Forever. Formed in Cedar Rapids less than a year ago for the purpose of promoting the planting of trees on a sustained, permanent basis with a positive, non-controversial approach, Trees Forever proposes to:

1. Establish local volunteer action groups which will regularly pursue tree planting projects

2. Lead by example, pursue high visibility and educate the public about the need for more tree plantings
3. Actively involve youth giving them hands-on experience and pride as they are introduced to a responsible environmental ethic
4. Solicit civic organizations and private sector funding for plantings through a variety of innovative sponsorship techniques.

Though only organized in February 1989, Trees Forever was able by Arbor Day to conduct a successful and high-visibility tree planting on the southwest lawn of the Iowa State Capitol. In all, 47 native species trees were planted and christened the "Trees Forever Capitol Grove".

Following discussions with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Trees Forever is now operating as a program under INHF. With financial assistance from INHF, Trees Forever will be free to concentrate its direct efforts on its tree programs.

David Krotz and Shannon Ramsay co-direct the Trees Forever program from their office in Cedar Rapids, Phone 319-393-6930.

IWOA wishes Trees Forever every success in its promotion of trees; its goals are our goals.

Woodland Steward Handbook

IWOA has for sale the "WOODLAND STEWARD, by James R. Fazio. This is a 200-page manual on woodland ownership that is being used as the primary resource book for the Master Forester Course. There are 15 sections, including woodlot planning, protection and harvesting of firewood, Christmas tree growing and woodland wildlife planning.

Copies are available for \$15 plus \$2 (UPS) shipping. Send orders to J. P. Quade, 1905 E. 32nd Ct., Des Moines, IA 50317. Check or Money Order should accompany requests, along with the address where the book is to be sent.

1990 Dues are Overdue!

If your address label does not contain the entry "1990" on the first line, IWOA records indicate that your 1989-90 dues are in arrears, and you may miss out on future issues of the Newsletter and other IWOA benefits. Dues are only \$10 per year, and run October to October. *If you have an interest in Iowa woodlands, you cannot afford not to be a member of IWOA.* Send remittances to:

State Forest Nursery
IOWA WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION
2404 S. Duff Avenue
Ames, IA 50010

Summary, January Director's Meeting

The IWOA Board of Directors met in Marshalltown January 27, 1990.

Passed motion to encourage IWOA members to participate actively in their County REAP Committees. Passed motion to present a 10-point program relating to trespass and game law violations to appropriate state officials.

Membership Chairman Bill Ritter's report indicated a current IWOA membership of 272 out of a goal of 400. Secretary/Treasurer Dick Alman reviewed his financial report. Budget was amended to provide \$700 for Newsletter expenses. Passed motion to pay \$1000 to ISU Extension service for assistance on the cost of their Woodland Owners Newsletter.

Discussed procurement of aluminum membership signs suitable for members to put up near their woodlands. Selling price to members would be \$10, and goal is to have them available at the 1990 Annual Meeting. A "New Member" kit containing many valuable pieces of information was displayed. Agreed to investigate matter further.

Discussed "Right to Know" and OSHA regulations and their effects on woodland owners.

Next Directors meeting scheduled for March 10, 1990 at Marshalltown.

Reported by Secretary/Treasurer Richard Alman.

The President's Corner

State Fair Wrap-up: The 1989 Iowa State Fair is long over. By way of review of our exhibit, a poster map of Iowa showed where our members are located. Another map indicated where Iowa's BIG TREES are. To go along with the latter, we had notebooks with pictures of the BIG TREES with a legend showing species, size, location, owner and other information about each of them. Our people manning the

display were often asked questions concerning our organization and trees. If the answers were to their tree questions were not readily available, we asked that they note their questions on an information sheet.

Again this year we had a drawing and gave away 12 clocks, made from white oak or hard maple and shaped as oak or maple leaves.

As our thoughts turn toward ideas for 1990, we are inviting offers from our members to help with the 1990 Iowa State Fair. I am keeping a list of those who offer. We would be pleased to hear from non-members as well as members who might wish to extend assistance in some other way or to furnish ideas for our 1990 display.

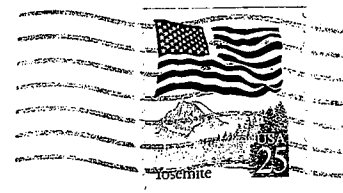
REAP: Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) committees are being formed in the counties across the state. Maybe you have been reading about it; maybe you are a part of it. The overall purpose of the REAP program as passed by the Iowa legislature is to protect Iowa's natural resource heritage of air, soils, water and wildlife for the benefit of present and future citizens. The program is a long-term integrated effort to wisely use and protect Iowa's natural resources through the acquisition and management of public lands, to upgrade public park and preserve facilities, to encourage environmental education and to conduct environmental research and other environmental efforts.

The IWOA Board of Directors recommends that IWOA members become members of the County REAP committees and take an active part in local REAP projects. A major duty of the County REAP committees is to review applications for grants to achieve conservation objectives. All in attendance at REAP committee meetings are entitled to a vote. If you have an interest in serving on a local REAP committee or would like more information, please contact me.

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