

IOWA WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

SPRING, 1992

Summary, February 1992 Board Meeting

The IWOA Board of Directors met at the Super 8 Motel, West Des Moines, IA February 28, 1992 in conjunction with a Iowa State Horticultural Society retreat as scheduled. In the absence of Secretary Frye, Past President Grimes served as Secretary pro-tem.

A preliminary report on the survey conducted recently by the ISHS with regard to animal damage was distributed. ISHS plans to call a meeting later among those who have indicated an interest in working toward a solution to the problem.

Gnewikow reported on arrangements for the 1992 Annual Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Walnut Council Meeting, August 2-5 1992.

A draft of "Amended and Substituted Bylaws" bylaws was presented for consideration, and subsequently accepted.

Secretary Frye was appointed to the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of former Director Sollien, who had resigned from the Board. This term ends at the next Annual meeting.

Next meeting of the Board was set for May 16, 1992 at the residence of Gary Harman in Indianola, IA.

IWOA Board Members Attended Retreat

Most members of the IWOA Board of Directors attended a retreat organized by the Iowa State Horticultural Society February 28-29 near Des Moines. The purposes of the retreat were to coordinate activity areas of the constituent members, and to provide professional guidance to representatives of the constituent organizations to aid them in developing their own programs and organizational structures.

A meeting of the IWOA Board was held in conjunction with this meeting.

Iowa State Horticultural Society

The ISHS was founded in 1866 by a provision of the Iowa Code of the time, with the general purposes of promoting and encouraging horticulture and its related interests to include production, marketing, utilization and improvement of Iowa's living environment. It also provides liaison between the Iowa Legislature, Iowa Government agencies, Iowa State University and affiliated organizations.

Any organization that has for its purpose the promotion and development of any phase of horticulture and allied industries may affiliate with the ISHS upon recommendation of the ISHS Board of Directors and with a majority of those voting at an annual session of the ISHS.

The Society is headquartered at the Wallace Office Bldg, Des Moines, IA 50319.

Current affiliated organizations include:

- Iowa Nurseryman's Association
- Iowa Irrigation Association
- Society of Iowa Florists and Growers
- Iowa Christmas Tree Growers Association
- Iowa Nut Growers Association
- Iowa Turfgrass Institute
- Iowa Urban Foresters Association
- Iowa Woodland Owners Association

IWOA Bylaws Changes

Significant changes in IWOA Bylaws revisions adopted by the Board of Directors February 28 are:

The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer must be regular (voting) members of IWOA, but none needs to be a member of the Board. These officers constitute the Executive Committee of IWOA.

The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined, but those of President and Vice President cannot.

No person having served two full consecutive terms as President is eligible for election to a third consecutive term as President.

The same term limits as described above apply to persons serving as Vice President.

Vacancies in the Board of Directors or officers shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next Annual Meeting.

Bylaws can be amended either by the voting members or by the Board by a two-thirds vote of the membership or the Board. Amendments adopted by members shall not be amended or repealed by the Board. Any Bylaw amendment adopted by the Board shall be subject to repeal by members.

1992 Annual Meeting

IWOA's 1992 Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with that of the National Walnut Council Meeting near the Amanas.

The present plan is for the IWOA Board to meet the afternoon of August 2, with a general meeting of IWOA members that evening. IWOA members will be free to attend Walnut Council meetings and field trips of their choice. Special registration fees have been negotiated for IWOA members.

A schedule for the meeting and registration materials will be sent to members early this summer.

Additional Master Woodland Managers Training Programs Scheduled

Two additional Master Woodland Managers programs are scheduled this spring for Southeast Iowa, probably in Des Moines and Warner/Madison Counties. The programs will begin May 19 and 20, 1992 and run until June 23 and 24. The program involves 32 hours of intensive instruction over the 6-week period, and participants are then required to contribute at least 32 hours of public service during the following year.

Your Newsletter Editor recommends this program highly for those wanting to acquire valuable, up-to-date training on just about all aspects of woodland management.

Also, the first Iowa Master Urban Tree Manager Program is scheduled for the Waterloo area starting in late April, 1992.

For further information on either of these programs, contact your District Forester or:

Forestry Extension
251 Besey Hall
Iowa State University
Ames, IA 50011

Some Iowa Deer Hazard Statistics

A memorandum provided to IWOA Treasurer Dick Alman by Iowa State Senator Beverly Hannon summarized some interesting deer hazard statistics provided by DOT and DNR. These are cited below:

YEAR	1988	1989	1990
Accidents relating to deer hunting	12	6	7
Deaths from deer hunting Accid's	2	1	1
Deer Killed in Traffic Accidents	9,248	8,914	8,830
Deaths from Deer/Traffic Accid's	3	2	1
Number Deer Licenses Sold	166,543	194,611	192,551

Bird and Animal Houses and Feeders

An excellent publication containing designs for constructing shelters and feeders for a wide variety of birds and animals is available from most County Offices of the Iowa State University Extension Service for the nominal price of \$1.00

Ask for North Central Regional Extension Publication No. 338, "Shelters, Houses and Feeders for Birds and Mammals."

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Charter President Featured in Article

IWOA Charter President Dan Fogle and his tree farm operation were featured in an article in the "Outdoor Iowa" section of the DES MOINES REGISTER issue of March 22, 1992. The article described his tree farm operation, Shelterwood Forestry Services, near Creston, Iowa.

The Fogles have performed a great deal of timberland improvement on their existing woodlands and have planned and are in the process of reforesting former croplands. Dan also operates a small sawmill.

He graduated from one of Iowa's early Master Woodland Manager training programs. It should be no surprise that he works closely with his District Forester and other DNR personnel in planning his woodland activities.

Dan, wife Vickie and his parents Kenneth and Virginia Fogle (also IWOA members) earned the Iowa Tree Farm Committee's "Tree Farmer of the Year" award in 1989.

Woodland Government/Regulatory Issues

During the last decade or so, there have been increasing amounts of proposed or enacted legislation and regulations at all levels of government that tend to limit the ability of woodland owners to manage their properties responsibly, or in many cases, even to enjoy the financial and other benefits of their holdings. In some parts of the country, one can be denied the right to harvest trees that the person planted and raised himself! The situation is definitely not improving.

In Iowa, it seems that almost every year there are attempts in the Legislature to eliminate or reduce the property tax benefits of the Iowa Forest Reserve program. Without these property tax breaks, maintaining woodlands in some of Iowa's more urban counties could be a financially disastrous enterprise. In some parts of the country, local government units are imposing stringent requirements on harvesting and other management activities on woodland properties.

If we, as woodland owners wish to continue to have the freedom to utilize the management practices we believe best for our woodlands, or even to afford to maintain our woodlands, it is clear that we must become more active in influencing governments at all levels.

Your IWOA Officers and Directors are very sensitive to these issues and want to be informed promptly of any legislative or regulatory matters relating to woodlands that are noted by IWOA members. Please let your knowledge and feelings on these issues be made known to your Officers and Board in order that IWOA can take coordinated and effective action.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Officers and Board members are listed below. Please feel free to contact them on any items relating to IWOA.

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The President's Corner

The recent retreat organized by the Iowa State Horticultural Society at which most IWOA Board members attended was worth while in that it covered areas in which other affiliated members of ISHS could work together to achieve individual association goals and objectives. It also affords a opportunity for our voice to be multiplied many-fold.

The issue of deer and wildlife damage to crops is still on the go. Dan Cooper, State Horticulturist believes we may be able to solve some of the problems with the Department of Natural Resources without legislation. It is all up to them. Keep your contacts open with your legislators on this issue.

It is with regret that we accept the resignation of Floyd Sollien from the IWOA Board due to the press of business, but he assures us that he will continue as a member of the association and offer assistance when possible. The Board filled the position by appointing Secretary Eugene Frye to complete the term.

I have recently received word that the Iowa State Fair Board is changing its policy for the Agriculture Building this year. We do not yet have detailed information, but it may drastically affect our having a booth at the State Fair this year. The State Tree Farm Committee (Which has traditionally had a booth next to ours) has already withdrawn their booth.

William C. Ritter, President, IWOA



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