

MINUTES OF THE IWOA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2007

Ox Yoke Inn - Amana, Iowa

President Hendricks called the meeting to order at 10:10am with Board members and Officers: Brink, Fullenkamp, Hendricks(spouse), Rosenberger, Stientjes, Wiley(spouse), Wilkie and Woodruff(spouse) attending.

Treasurers report read and approved.

Secretaries report read and approved with a name correction on p.2 of the 2007 Tree Farmer of the Year (Orvis not Orvid).

Membership report given by Wilkie with many activities related to our growth from 485 last quarter to 536. These resulted from 17 recent Woodland Manager Training members and also membership offers sent to 345 Forest Reserve owners in Clinton and Delaware counties. A copy of our recent Newsletter was included. More will likely follow.

While the later was a significant expense (about \$1.44/ mailing plus our recent Newsletter), it was considered beneficial based on feedback to a potential member market. Wilkie will contact Walkowiak with the IDNR for considering several other counties. A special membership effort was noted by member Gregg Redlin with customers through his Iowa City business.

Communications - Hendricks shared a letter sent to IDNR Director Leopold advising of IWOA's important woodlands role and being available on such matters. No response yet although a phone call by his staff to the IWOA Secretary seeking Hendricks address.

Secretary of State Northey asked for an IWOA member to attend a 6/22 meeting to discuss woodland/orchard/crop damages due recent storms. Wiley will be attending and will request input for that meeting through ListServ.

The FFA group has generously sent many letters of Thank You and two Awards for our continuing support.

A short-notice letter was circulated about a meeting today by the IEC related to coal-fired electric generating plants. Not enough time to properly review and comment.

Field Day held April 19 at the Louis Christens - By all measures, this was a success. Seventy-two guests attended this midweek early April event. A special note was that it allowed us not only to see many years of very personal woodland efforts (named his trees) but to see "Spring" related growth - all with cool weather. The Secretary was instructed to send the Christens a well deserved "Thank You".

Annual Conference September 18, 2007 - Steintjes reviewed speaker contacts made to-date and a possible visit (from the Wickiup Center near Palo) to an off-site deer-depredation project. We discussed the list of special guests including attendance and involvement by elected officials. Notices are scheduled to go out around August 18th with the inclusion of a Ballot for the 2007- 2010 Directors.

Director and Secretary Positions for 2008 - Recommendations were given and discussed. Contacts will be made by the Secretary to fill these positions - the Director/s by Ballot and the Secretary by the Board. "Thank-You" to those who volunteered for these important positions. The Secretary will also send a note of appreciation to the others who recently volunteered for IWOA committees and assignments.

May Newsletter Timber Talk - 1800 copies were printed with approx 1400 going to the Iowa Tree Farmers and IWOA. The extra are used at numerous statewide woodland events and for Membership Secretary efforts. Hard to measure but it appears most feedback shows a positive mind-set change in the view toward IWOA.

Woodland Events - Hendricks/Judy attended the Master Woodland Training in SE Iowa and gave the 17 attendees a presentation about IWOA Membership. SW Iowa needs more representation.

National Walnut Council Convention - Rosenberger has no updated news on the need for volunteers and hopes to attend. Go to our IWOA WEB site for more info. This is a major Iowa Woodland event.

State Fair Participation - Brochures were made available and volunteers are needed to participate (ListServ will be used) with the IDNR. Fullenkamp will be involved.

Other Discussion - Always the interesting part of our meeting

Fullenkamp will be providing details on an ITF event near Lineville, Iowa. Hendricks will be attending the next Master Woodlands Program in August. Brink discussed details and a source for a more convenient IWOA Display banner. Rosenberger will follow-up on a source of IWOA T-shirts that have been recently supplied by the Hendricks. Wilkie advised of a source where all IWOA merchandise can be handled. Hendricks volunteered to continue, after leaving the Board, to represent IWOA with the IEC. Woodruff volunteered to represent us at the FFA event next year. A discussion on Carbon Credits stimulated many opinions and needs to be better understood for the overall effectiveness - and truth.

The Next Board Meeting will be held the night before the September 18th Annual conference in the Cedar Rapids area. Details will be sent.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom A. Woodruff, Secretary
6/19/07