

MINUTES OF IWOA MEETING
January 17, 2009

The January meeting was called to order by President Tom Rosenberger at 9:55 at the Ox Yoke Inn, Amana, Iowa. Those present were Dave Hannon, Don and Sheila Smith, Larry Wiley, Denny Michel, Bev Brink, Ron and Carol Fullenkamp and Tom Rosenberger.

Before the regular agenda, Bev Brink introduced David Overby and Barb Cooley to the group as the persons interested in taking over her job as editor of the newsletter. They spoke briefly to the group about their past experience and credentials.

The minutes of the annual Board meeting from September were read by the Secretary and were approved as read.

The Treasurers report was presented by Tom.. There were some questions on a few of the items in the report. After some discussion the report was approved, but several of the Board suggested that the items be better described. Tom will bring this up to Joanne and see what can be done.

A membership report was not received at meeting time.

Bev reported that the brochures were printed and were ready to be delivered to the members that wanted them for different activities. She also presented the billing for them, and payment was approved by the group.

Tom reported on the hats, which he had several for display. The Board decided on charging \$12 apiece for them. It was suggested that a hat be given to those person who sign up for membership in the organization at the various shows and exhibits our organization attends. This would be a means to promote the IWOA. After discussion, the motion was approved.

Ron reported on the combined membership drive. Jesse Randall has been working on it and has the list completed. Target date has now been set as March 1st.

Larry brought in two samples of letterhead design. He said that members who wanted to use them could pull them up on Word and use them. It was decided by the group that only one design should be used so that the letterhead would better identify the IWOA. That was agreed upon by all present. Bev suggested checking in with Julie to print it on the Website for use.

Tom read communications that he had received. One was from the DNR thanking the IWOA for donations to last years seminar. Another was from Dale Zaug, President of the WNOA and a Director of the NWOA offering help with problems and concerns our group may have.

Under Committee reports, Dave Bartemese sent information regarding the Annual Meeting for this fall. The date has been set for September 11th. He asked for approval for a deposit on a meeting place in Dallas Center, Iowa. Motion was made and approved to pay the \$250 to hold the building for the meeting. There was a discussion concerning possibly putting together a

woodland cookbook in time for the annual field day. This was tabled as not being a feasible project at this time.

Ron reported there is nothing happening at this time in the legislature that is a concern to IWOA.

On the Newsletter, Bev was happy to report that the transition has started with the new editors and with Heritage Printing to put it together she is putting the next issue on the Website. She also stated there is a need for a list of persons not wanting a hard copy of the newsletter. We will have to check with Cathy to see how this can be done. It was suggested that there be an article on the Website and on Listserv that the pages are open for anyone to access.

Regarding the Spring field day, Ron checked with John Orvis and there is a possibility that we could join forces with the savannah group. There was some discussion about how the economy may have some effect on a successful field day, and that maybe we should be cautious in the planning of them. Don Smith said that he had talked with Larry Krotz and that may be a place to hold a field day.

Larry reported that IWOA will be represented at Sinsinawa again this year and also at the Garden Fair held in Cedar Rapids.

Don will be representing IWOA at the Iowa Hort event held in Ottumwa on April 3rd & 4th. Larry and Tom both said they will also try and attend.

Ron stated that nothing is happening on the Iowa Forestry Network and that probably nothing will happen until we find a "victim" to run it.

On New Business: Tom told about the new magazine coming from NWOA. He also reported that the environmental council was asking the IWOA to advertise our events in their newsletter.

It was brought up at this time that maybe we need to split the duties between two persons regarding the Website and the Newsletter. This was tabled until the next meeting. Bev will look into it.

Denny Michel reported from the DNR as to what is going on with the Forest Reserve Law and changes in the inspection process. He also showed a little program that was produced by the DNR regarding lands and recreation in Iowa.

The budget was the last item on the agenda and it was looked over in some detail before it was approved as presented. It was noted that this budget should really to set up to concur with the fiscal year, which is October 1 to September 30. A motion was made to set the budget to be presented at the Annual meetings hereafter. The motion was approved.

The next meeting will be held on April 22nd.
The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.