

IWOA  
Board Meeting  
Jan 15, 2011

President Dave Bartemes called the IWOA board meeting to order at 10 AM.

Roll call included Al Wagner, Al Rathje, Linda Rouse, Larry Briney, Bob Jefferson and Chuck Semler. Also present were state forester Paul Tauke and membership secretary Cathy Wilke.

Minutes of the Board Meeting of Sept 14, 2010 were read and approved on a motion made by Jefferson and seconded by Wagner.

Minutes of the annual meeting of Sept 14, 2010 were read and approved on a motion made by Jefferson and seconded by Briney.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved on motion by Briney and seconded by Wagner.

We received correspondence from one of our members expressing appreciation for the quality of the meeting in NE Iowa last fall.

We discussed the Coalition for Iowa's Woodlands & Trees, which is made up of 16 organizations, which includes our IWOA. It was mentioned that Jim O'Bradovich is our lobbyist who will help educate legislators about our goals. These include trying to prevent invasive species of our trees, education of the public concerning management of trees and woodlands, and obtaining government funding to achieve these goals. We discussed trying to achieve an alliance with the Farm Bureau in the coalition but this was tabled at this time.

There was no new business or committee reports at this time.

We tentatively decided to hold the summer field trip in Chuck Semler's timber near Story City on June 23. Details will be forthcoming.

The 2011 annual meeting will be under the guidance of Al Wagner. He will work on selecting a location and additional committee members.

The 2011 budget was reviewed. Jefferson moved and Wagner seconded a motion to approve. Motion approved.

Timber Talk will be published 3 times yearly. Cathy Wilke has agreed to publish the paper if someone else will be in charge of getting the articles to her. Dave Bartemes volunteered to get the articles and Paul Tauke said the foresters would help. We will continue with the paper edition this year but survey the membership desires about doing it electronically, which would save significant expense. Semler suggested a surcharge on

the dues for those that want to continue to receive the paper edition. The deadline for submission of articles will be Jan 1, Apr 20, and Aug 1.

It was decided to post the minutes of the board meetings on our website and on facebook once the board has approved them. A copy of the bylaws will also be placed on our website.

Paul Tauke gave a state forester's report. He states the state will offer seedlings to state residents first and then to out of state residents. This helps generate revenue for the nursery so they can continue to do their job. He also states there is \$500,000 for woodland projects at the state level. The DNR is trying to develop the Healthy Woodland Initiative that would utilize 2 urban foresters.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Apr 16 at 10 AM at the Ox Yoke Inn in Amana.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Semler  
Board Member