

IWOA Board Meeting
July 16,2011
OxYoke Inn

President David Bartemes called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Members present were VP Al Wagner, Secy Dave Hannon, Memb Secy Cathie Wilkie, Chuck Sembler, Linda Rouse, Bob Jefferson, and guests Shirley Schreiber and Dick Struther.

Minutes of the April 16,2011 meeting were approved as presented by motion from Bob and second by Chuck.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented by motion from Linda and second by Al.

Pres Bartemes reported the lobbying coalition was successful in getting \$50k line items in each of the next two budget years for healthy trees. This was only possible in this tight budget time because of the expertise of our lobbyist, Paul. There was discussion about working in the future with or against Farm Bureau since it is unclear if they are friend or foe. Dave has asked Paul(lobbyist) to provide guidance.

Chuck reported the June 15th Field Day went well, and there was a good turn out. He wondered whether we should charge more in the future, since we just broke even on this one. Others commented the food and presentations were very good.

Al said there is nothing new regarding the September 10th annual meeting coming up. The Governor, who has been invited to speak, has not yet responded.

Discussing the last issue of Timber Talk, Cathie used E-mail for the 65 of our members who requested it that way. The rest of our 355 members received theirs by regular mail. In the next issue, Cathie will ask the Tree Farmers to let her know if they would like to use E-mail, which does save a lot of money. It was suggested future issues emphasize education items. There was further discussion about allowing members to advertise items for sale that would be woodland related. This will be explored further. The subject came up as a result of a Hertz Co. member wanting to use our ListServe to advertise a woodland auction coming up. It was pointed out that ListServe has some real problems, and we do not have control of it. However, in the meantime, that member has our permission to do so on a motion from Linda and second by Al.

In discussing the possibility of Shirley becoming a replacement for board members Don Smith or Larry Briney, both of whom resigned, the by-laws definition of eligibility was determined to be lacking. This is to be resolved by our next meeting. Also, to review possible candidates, Cathie is tasked with providing each board member a list of our members, as well as copies of the by-laws.

There was talk about possible location for the 2012 annual meeting. It will be pursued at the next meeting.

Finally, it was decided to look into the feasibility of IWOA putting on our version of Master Woodland Management courses. Al will pursue.

A motion to adjourn was approved at 11:30.

Prepared by Dave Hannon, Secy