

IWOA Board Meeting
Saturday, January 28, 2012
Ox Yoke Inn, Amana, Iowa

President Bartemes called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. Members answering roll call were - Al Rathje, Kevin Kelly, Dave Bartemes, Al Wagner, and Linda Rouse. No other persons were present. In the absence of Secretary Millice, Rouse acted as secretary.

A motion by Kelly/Rathje to approve the minutes of September 9, 2011, with inclusion of the name of Dave Hannam as outgoing Board member, and with recognition of the award to President Bartemes by Iowa's Coalition for Woodlands and Trees presented at the September Annual Meeting of the membership on September 10, 2011, was approved unanimously.

The report of Treasurer Jo Ann Mensinger was discussed. A motion to approve was made by Rouse/Wagner. Vote - Unanimous.

No Membership Report was available. A discussion followed regarding membership, By-Laws, and dues. Board members have volunteered to contact those on the membership list whose dues are delinquent after such member has received a written dues notice and failed to respond. It was decided by consensus that the phone numbers of Board Members should be included in Timber Talk. A motion made by Kelly/Rathje to allow Al Wagner to proceed with setting up a 'Pay Pal' option for dues was approved. Vote - Unanimous.

In the report on Iowa's Coalition for Woodlands and Trees, Bartemes informed the Board that the issues around the Forest Reserve Law will be given to a formal committee at the Legislature. The Board agreed to nominate Chuck Semler to be the representative from IWOA on the Committee. An informal suggestion by Kevin Kelly to require a forest owner not be allowed to submit his/her application for Forest Reserve until after the forest has been in his/her possession for five years was favorably discussed by the Board.

A motion was made by Rouse/Kelly to ask the President to communicate with Mensinger regarding her continuing role as Treasurer including the offer of remuneration. The Board recognizes the time commitment as well as the skills required and is appreciative of her many years of excellent service to IWOA.

The committee of Kelly, Millice and Rathje appointed at the September meeting of the Board presented written suggestions on "what constitutes a woodland owner". After discussion, a motion was made by Rathje/Kelly to clarify the definition of 'woodland owner' in an amendment to the By-Laws by adding to Article IV, Section 4, a new Subsection. At the April Board meeting, the Board will be asked to approve:

Article IV., Section 4, Subsection A. - Definition of Woodland Owner
-- a person who owns at least one acre of land that has no buildings or structures, and at least 200 actively growing trees/acre where domestic animals and livestock are excluded.

Vote - Unanimous. Article XIV, Section 3, requires a two thirds vote of the membership and/or the Board for an amendment.

The Board discussed the ongoing issue of accepting advertising in Timber Talk and on the Website. A motion by Wagner/Rouse to allow ads of business card size (approximately 2" X 3,5") at a charge of \$25/issue was passed. Yes - Rathje, Wagner, Rouse. Abstain - Kelly. The members of the Board will solicit ads.

A motion was made by Rathje/Wagner to table action on the discussion of stipends for speakers. Vote - Unanimous.

Dave Bartemes reported that the May Field Day will be a "humdinger" which will include a prairie burn of one acre and lunch will be "the best". It was decided on a motion by Rouse/Kelly to charge \$20. for registration (to include free membership) and \$10. for student registration. Vote - Unanimous.

A suggestion has been made by a long time member for our Annual Meeting in 2012. The President will have more information for the Board meeting in April.

The proposed Budget for 2012 was discussed and approved on a motion by Wagner/Rathje. Vote - Unanimous.

Kevin Kelly brought a copy of Forest and Shade Trees of Iowa which can be purchased for sale by IWOA at 45% off the publishers' price. A motion was made by Rouse/Rathje to purchase ten books for the approximate cost of \$200. Vote - Unanimous.

The next Board meeting was tentatively set for Saturday, April 7, to be held at the Ox Yoke Inn in Amana.

Wagner made the motion to adjourn. Vote - Unanimous.

Linda Rouse, Acting Secretary