

## IWOA 4 Jan 2014 Board Meeting

### Ox Yoke Inn Amana Iowa

Present: Wagner, Semler, Jefferson, Schneekloth, Kelly, Millice, Bartemes, Brady, Rathje

Also in attendance: Cathy Wilkie Membership and Paul Tauke DNR Forestry Bureau Chief

Pres Wagner called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Sec Millice presented the minutes of the Sep Board meeting. Motion by Bartemes and Second by Jefferson to accept, Approved.

It was decided that in future draft minutes would be emailed to board and approval gained thus we could have approved minutes printed in next newsletter.

Treasurer's report was reviewed, Moved by Bartemes and Seconded by Schneekloth Approved.

Field Day Fall 2014 was discussed, Ann Scheekloth has 240 acres near Charles City and has been working with her District Forrester. Sep 6<sup>th</sup> was decided. We need to get the word out.

We reviewed a request for Sponsorship from the Linn County Secondary Roads for an Invasives Field Day. They had requested \$200 Motion by Millice for \$200, Amended to \$100 seconded by Semler. Motion for \$100 carried. Pres Wagner to post on web site and list serve

Discussed providing monetary support to Iowa State Extension for the Master Woodland Manager Program would like to a schedule and to find out what the funding would be used for. Motion by Bartemes and Seconded by Rathje to invite Dr. Randall to our next board meeting Carried.

Scholarship Committee Report Semler reported that we are waiting for Sarah Roelfs to get back with us on a proposal.

Paul Tauke EAB Shared that this has been an big summer with the discovery in Burlington and two weeks later in Fairfield then a month later Mechanicsville in Cedar County and recently Creston in Union County. EAB is certainly showing up, he said expediently The DNR is discussing additional quarantine and or maybe shift focus from quarantine to figure how to

help Land Owners deal with this problem, which could run over 3 billion dollars for home owners and communities. There are treatments available, but some have unintended side effects. He also mentioned the Asian Long Horned Beetle which has been found in Ohio will be EAB times three. Thousand Cankers could cost the Walnut industry billions.

Bartemes reported that the coalition is trying to arrange a meeting with the Governor. Funding is critical at this point and time. Also are trying to organize a legislative breakfast for our day on the Hill (with a big name speaker). March 26<sup>th</sup> information will be included in the upcoming annual membership renewal mailing

Motion by Millice and Second by Bartemes that IWOA by lunch for any IWOA member that attends our "Day on the Hill" the amount agreed upon was \$5 motion carried this will be at the cafeteria as a thank you for showing up and supporting IWOA and the Coalition. Contact your legislator ahead of time and give them a special invitation to meet with us.

Membership Secretary Cathie Wilkie shared membership report with 401 current members

Spring Field Day 29 March 2014 Millice intends to invite his State Senator and Representative

Bartemes Motion to Adjourn

Paul Millice IWOA Secretary