

IWOA Board Minutes

13 Jan 2015 Ox Yoke Inn Amana

Present: Al Wagner, Chuck Semler, Dave Bartemes, Ann Schneckloth, Kevin Karr, Paul Millice.

Absent: Robert Jefferson, All Rathje, Tom Brady

Also in attendance: Steve Meyer Timber Talk Editor

President Semler called the meeting to order at 10am.

September regular board minutes; motion to approve by Schneckloth and second by Wagner; approved.

Treasurers report was reviewed, Semler to check reference scholarship showing up as an asset. Motion to approve by Bartemes and second by Schneckloth, approved.

Membership Report, Comp Membership was discussed. Motion by Bartemes and second by Millice, Approved

The board discussed membership and talked about recruiting incentives.

Reviewed the Iowa State Forestry Scholarship and the fact that any IWOA member may contribute to this scholarship.

Dave Bartemes updated the board on his nut cracker project. Dave has engineered and built a prototype mechanical nut cracker. Dave has offered up the rights to ISU if they donate a % to the IWOA scholarship fund.

IWOA Spring Field Day, details central Iowa Dr. Randall to provide details.

Field days were discussed; we may want to partner with Trees Forever. Semler to check with Dr. Randall on partnership.

Annual meeting timing and locations were briefly discussed, tabled as Dr. Randall is not available.

Millice submitted a bill of \$220 for name tag lanyards and \$22.78 for card stock. Motion by Bartemes and second by Wagner, approved.

The coalition will again storm the hill (Des Moines) on March 4th 9am this is our chance to talk to our legislators in mass about our concerns for tree health and tree funding. The board has agreed to provide \$5 toward lunch to any IWOA member that joins us for this once a year

opportunity. The board will then meet at 1pm in the state house cafeteria Semler to post this information on list serve.

Steve Meyer addressed the board, is always in the need for content. Semler to check with the National about reprinting articles.

President Semler reappointed Dave Bartemes as our Legislative liaison

President Semler appointed Ann Schneckloth and Al Wagner to the nominating committee.

Bartemes said we have lost our Ash trees and is wondering about Walnut trees. Walnut trees represent a \$4 Billion industry and that we should think about forming a research committee to offer a grant to do research on Walnuts. Semler to talk this subject with Dr. Randall also.

Motion by Karr and second by Millice to provide \$1000 to the Coalition for trees to continue their great work.

Next Board meeting March 4th 1pm State Capitol cafeteria Des Moines

State Fair Parade, Bartemes to get application to discuss at March Board meeting.

Membership, Talked corporate members as Deer and Deer Hunting Magazine own a couple thousand acres in southern Iowa. May want to put an ad in hunting publications. Semler to work with Karr.

Bartemes made a motion to adjourn

Paul Millice IWOA Secretary