

IWOA ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2015

Richard & Bobbi Stoneking Farm Columbus Junction

President Semler called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm and introduced the newly elected board members, and Officers: Semler **President**; Ann Schneckloth **Vice President**; Sherri Sisson **Treasurer**; Millice **Secretary**; and Cathy Wilkie as **Membership**. Schneckloth, Wagner and Jefferson were reelected to three year terms.

Minutes of last annual meeting were presented by Semler.

Treasurers' report was presented; IWOA has a balance of \$16,000 on hand.

Semler shared information on the Forestry Scholarship that IWOA is providing to Iowa State.

Newsletter "Timber Talk" was discussed. It has been determined that we will publish April 1st, Aug 1st and Dec 15th, with cost being shared with the Iowa Tree Farmers Group.

The Coalition for Health Trees report was shared by Bartemes. The Governor will be asking for \$500,000 in his budget to the Legislature for the Healthy Woodlands Initiative. We are recommending that the Governors budget request be increased to \$1.9 million.

We also support keeping the Division of Forestry Tree Nursery open.

As well as efforts to grant landowners a reduced tax base on any buffer strips planted in accordance with FSA and State Conservation rules and regulations.

IWOA presented Joanne Mesinger with the **Larry and Twila Wiley** award for her tireless work as our Treasurer.

Door prizes were presented and the meeting was adjourned at 1 pm.

Prepared by Paul Millice, Secy,

First Cut

Newsletter and Iowa Tree Farmers. Semler has worked out a cost share arrangement and IWOA make Timbertalk more of a joint publication for both groups. The Iowa Tree Farmers also committed to providing articles for Timbertalk

Web site was discussed. If anyone has anything that needs to be added or changed send it to the IWOA president and that person will then forward to our web master.

Door prizes for fall meeting since we are sharing the meeting we need to also share in providing door prizes.

Annual meeting discussion; IWOA for planning purposes in the future we want to aim for the 3rd or 4th weekend of Sep of each year to schedule our annual meeting. Motion by Bartemes and second by Millice motion carried.

Nutcracker update Bartemes proto type works well on everything except small nuts. When it goes into production \$25 royalty will go to the IWOA's scholarship program

Motion by Millice and second by Karr to provide \$250 to the Iowa DNR for the "Trees For Kids" program.

Bartemes motion to adjourn

The board would like to thank Robert Jefferson for arranging the meeting facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Millice Secretary