

Minutes of the Iowa Woodland Owners Association January 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Paul Millice at the Ronnenburg Restaurant in Amana, Iowa. Present were Board members Bob Jefferson, Phil McCune, Al Wagner, Russ Glime, Tom Brady, Ed Kocal, Paul Millice, and Ann Schneckloth. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Russ seconded, and the minutes were approved. Treasurer Sherri Sisson had emailed everyone the Finance Report. There was discussion regarding our payment to the Scholarship, and the payment shows up in the 2017 report. Al made a motion to accept the Finance Report, Bob seconded, and it was approved. Membership Secretary Cathy Wilke had emailed everyone a Membership Report. There are currently 486 members. Paul said we must be sure to include all family members in certain membership listings. Russ made a motion to approve it, Al seconded, and it was approved.

Kevin Karr has declined the Spring Field Day. We have nothing listed as alternates for the Spring Field Day. There is one person possible near Harpers Ferry. Larry Wiley had one 10 years ago, but wants to wait until 2019 to do another.

Tom Brady had said at the last meeting that he would help with the Tree ID project, but he has had no contact from Kevin Karr. Tom said he needs to know the people on the fair Board and the Grounds Crew to get information. It would be a good thing to get done so more people would know of our group.

Our website needs to be updated. We also need more people to run projects in our organization. Russ said he would help bring our website up to date, and he will contact Julie, the webmaster. It was also mentioned that not everyone is receiving Timber Talk. Contact Cathy Wilke or Steve Meyer at gfdchief@netins.net. Julie should accept anything from Board Members. We should all look at the website on a regular basis.

The IWOA has been annually gifting to Trees For Kids. Al made a motion that we give \$200 for this project in Ron Fullencamp's name, Ed seconded, and the motion passed.

The Natural Resource Commission of the DNR has formed a working group and has invited IWOA members. Everyone gets together to share information, and Paul has attended the 2 meetings they have had. Paul will keep us informed.

The ISU Forestry Scholarship that IWOA had started had been given \$3,000. The contract we drew up did not state any monetary amount to be given. Paul has a draft stating that we give \$1,000 a year until we get

to the \$6,000 giving level. A committee of Paul, Al, and Bob will look at the scholarship in depth. They will send a letter of review to ISU so they will not give too much.

The First of March is the Iowa City Prairie View event, and Larry Wiley will be there with the IWOA information. The fourth of March will be the Kirkwood Garden Fair, which also has a big turnout.

Paul recognized Tom and Ed for their contributions to the Timber Talk. The Tree Day at the State House in Des Moines is not yet known. We will have to find out from Shannon Ramsay, Co Chair of the coalition for Healthy Trees. That date is usually our spring meeting. Al made a motion to give \$1,000 to support the Coalition, and Russ seconded, and the motion carried. The TriState Forestry meeting has not been opened for registrations yet. The date is known, but nothing is on the website.

We have IWOA shirts available for \$15, and the hats can be obtained at the Field Day, usually in May.

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:59 am.

Ann Schneckloth, Secretary