

Minutes of the Iowa Woodland Owners Association meeting June 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Millice at 10:03 am at the Ronnenburg Restaurant, Amana, Iowa. Present were Paul Millice, Russ Glime, Al Rathje, Phil McCune, Tom Brady, Ann Schneckloth, Al Wagner, and Kevin Karr. Tom made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting in March, and Al R seconded. The minutes were approved. There was some discussion about the Financial report. We were charged for 2 Porta Pots for the spring field day because the property owner thought we needed more than one. Russ made a motion to approve the Financial report, Tom seconded, and it was approved. Not everyone got the Membership report because it was emailed the night of June 19. Our membership has gone up to 500. Tapping into the Forest Reserve list has awakened people to our organization and the need to be active. Cathy is still in process of merging lists with the Tree farmer group. Al W made a motion to approve the Membership report, Phil seconded, and it was approved.

Al Wagner and Ann Schneckloth are up for reelection to the Board. Bob Jefferson is not going to run again. We will need 2 more names for new Board members from the Nominating Committee. Phil and Russ will be nominators and election judges.

Steve Meyer is the Timber talk newsletter editor. He is concerned about getting all the emails covered when he publishes. Cathy sent him a file with 38 new members, and 19 of them had email addresses. The other names will need hard copies. Paul said that we should absolve Steve from having to do the job of sending Timber Talk out. Cathy's job description says that she takes care of correspondences and maintains the list of members. Russ said that it can easily be sent on to members by email.

The Officer election process comes up once a year. Paul said that he would be okay with keeping the Presidency and the Board agreed that he

is doing a good job. Tom said that we should change the bylaws to make the term times be 3 years. Secretary and Treasurer term times need to be changed, too. These proposed changes will be taken to the Annual Meeting in the fall. The Board can appoint a new member if anyone leaves the Board before their term is up.

Ten Iowa State Fair signposts are installed at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. These are part of the Tree Identification project that Kevin Karr has been working on for about 2 years. The squares on the signage will be for cell phone usage. When the phone picks up the image, it will go to the web page for the IWOA. Russ reported that he has gotten the web site current with our information. The other square will provide information about the particular species of tree with it, and it has our logo on it. During the State Fair days there will be a posting also. The cell phone has to download an app of either QR Droid or QR scan. Kevin asked that a Board member stand near the station or in the DNR building to help people with using the apps. Paul said that we should ask for volunteers on Listserv. Volunteers can get a ticket to the fair and parking paid by the IWOA for fair days. Tom made a motion, and Al W seconded that we ask for volunteers for the Tree ID Project initial introduction. The motion carried.

The Spring field day was a success. The IWOA furnished Porta Pots and a tent. Paul said we should always have an awning or tent. Tom said that we should also have some provision for lunch, that the sack lunch idea was not working. Russ said that a public address system is also needed.

Chuck Semler has said that 2 scholarships were given out and he found out about it after the fact. Al W and Bob will work out a new contract with Iowa State University to insure the scholarship is given correctly. Hopefully it will be given to someone who will stay in Iowa.

Paul said that nothing has been locked in for our Fall field day and Annual Meeting. Mentioned as possibilities were the Iowa State Fair Grounds or Grinnell College and the Sustainable Land Trust Office. Shannon Ramsay has mentioned that she would do another field day, as well as the Nut Growers Association. Paul asked how to proceed in the future with Door Prizes. Tom said he will continue to bring seeds and nuts for starting trees. Should we buy packets from the Iowa State Nursery? In the past, saws and tools have been donated. Al W made a motion to authorize \$100 to be spent on a door prize. Tom seconded, and it carried. We will wait for further word on the place and date from Paul.

Dave Bartemes was going to represent IWOA at the Friday conference call with the Natural Resource Commission to discuss funding alternatives. He will represent our position that we are resistant to additional taxes.

Paul said that we should give a plaque to Jesse Randall, the Iowa State Forestry extension Head, who is now leaving that position. Tom made a motion to give Jesse the award from the IWOA, Al R seconded, and it passed.

Russ encouraged all of the Board to visit the IWOA website. He said it is important to keep it up to date. He can pass on to Julie, our webmaster, any new information for it. Also, our brochure needs to be updated. Heritage will need to type it up. Kevin mentioned that 2 people from the Iowa State Fair Board need complimentary copies of Timber talk.

Our next Board meeting will be set when the Fall field day is figured out. It is overwhelming to meet the same day as the Annual Meeting, so the board will meet the night before the Fall field day. Al R made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Ann Schneckloth, secretary

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*Correction
to the minutes*

Ann,

The only thing Dave Bartenes was to cover the Conference call with the Forest Advisory Council, not the NRC
Thanks,

Paul M.

Attachments

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