

Minutes of the Iowa Woodland Owners Association Board meeting
October 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm at the depot Restaurant in Grinnell, Iowa by President Paul Millice. Also present were Board Members Al Wagner, Tom Brady, Tim Meyer, Russ Glime, Phil McCune, Ann Schneckloth, and Paul. Trees Forever President Shannon Ramsay was also there, as well as some spouses. Tom Brady made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting, Phil seconded and they were accepted. The Finance report was given, with \$12,226.17 in Checking. Russ made a motion to accept the Finance report, Al seconded and it was accepted.

The Membership report showed 510 members of the IWOA. Paul said that our membership is still climbing due to the Forest reserve mailings and Larry Wiley's efforts at attending many forestry events with our brochures and banners. Paul said that it cost us 70 cents a letter for post office corrections from the list of Tree Farmers that Jesse Randall had given us. Ann made a motion to accept the Membership report, Phil seconded, and it was approved.

There was discussion on making our organization a 5013C tax category. Shannon said that the Nut Growers use the Trees Forever designation and run finances through that. Paul said that most of our big expenses are the Lobbyist and the Scholarship. We can run through \$40,000 without a tax exempt status. Al said there is not much advantage to it. The discussion was tabled.

The election results were gone over. Tim Meyer is our newest elected Board Member and was welcomed. Paul said we need people interested in serving on the Board for next year. Terms that are up are Ed Kocal, Tom Brady, and Al Rathje. Paul set up an election committee of Ann, Paul, and Phil.

Paul said that we will have the bylaws vote tomorrow at the Annual Meeting. After that, the Board will reconvene to vote on the President. The new address for the Bylaws is Iowa Woodland Owners Association, P.O. Box 334, North Liberty, Iowa, 52317.

Al gave the Scholarship update. We have agreed to give a \$1,000 per year scholarship to a forestry student. ISU will not give more than \$1,000 per year. It cannot be limited to a student who wants to stay in Iowa.

The fall field day will be showing research on Prairie Plots and upland forests. It will be on October 18, with the Annual Meeting held after lunch, catered by HYVee.

Paul said the signposts are on 10 trees as part of a new interpretive trail at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The program was started by Kevin Karr. There are cell phone scanning squares that will tell about the tree and show the IWOA website. This idea has great potential for parks. It will soon be on a map and kiosk in the DNR building. There will be 10 more trees selected for next year.

Paul has purchased a roll of tickets with numbers so door prizes can be given at the Annual Meeting. He also purchased nippers for a prize, along with Tom Brady's seeds and nuts to

be given out.

The Nut Growers Association will meet in in Iowa City next year. Keep in mind they may need help from us for their specialty crop markets.

Shannon Ramsay gave the Trees Forever update. Trees Forever and IWOA are part of the Coalition for Trees and Forests. The Coalition pays \$7,500 a year to a lobbyist, and IWOA pays \$1,000 of that. Our efforts have resulted in saving the Iowa State Nursery, and we have gotten the Legislature to allot \$500,000 for forest health. Jeff Goernt is the new State Forester and has increased the quality of the stock at the nursery. Our membership needs to keep ideas alive through Listserve and stay focused since there is no longer a State Forestry division. The Governor has given foresters no acknowledgment so we don't know where she stands. Al made a motion to contribute \$1,250 to our lobbying efforts, Tom seconded, and the motion carried. March 21, 2018, is the Thursday at the Capitol Day. We need to be there to bend their ears about taxation methods, the Forest Reserve, and the Forest Advisory Council. We also need advice from our Liaison, Jim OBradovich. Paul said that we should invite all Legislators to our meetings. The FAC is looking at Termination tax and Forest Reserve \$3 an acre.

There has been a bid made to do the printing of our Timber talk Newsletter.

Paul suggested that we consider Saturday, September 19, 2019 for our fall field day because there will be no Iowa game that day. Names suggested were Larry Wiley's forests or Tim Meyer's property.

The Awards people mentioned were Bob Jefferson, Dave Bartemes, and Kevin Karr for his ID project.

Paul appointed Russ and Al to pursue printing a new brochure.

Paul, Sherri, Ann, and Cathy agreed to stay on in their current positions on the Board. Phil agreed to do the Vice President job. Tom made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Ann Schneckloth, secretary