

Minutes of the June 26, 2019 Iowa Woodland Owners Association Meeting

President Paul Millice called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Ronneburg Restaurant in Amana, Iowa.

Present were Paul Millice, Tim Meyer, Russ Glime, Al Wagner, Ed Kocal and Phil McCune.

Russ made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, which was held May 30, 2019. Tim seconded the motion and they were approved. The financial report was given, stating that the total amount in our checking account is \$13,318.53. Ed Kocal made a motion that this be accepted and then Al Wagner seconded the motion that we accept this amount as true and accurate. The membership report was presented, noting an apparent decrease in the number of current members. There are presently 483 members. It was noted that 59 members have failed to renew their IWOA membership. One suggested strategy to increase membership is to send out reminder cards as email reminders. This method may be incorporated via Kathy. Tim made the motion that this strategy be accepted and Russ seconded this motion. An additional reminder to renew membership could be placed in the December Newsletter stating it is time to renew your membership. Tim led a discussion about increasing organization membership, but as of this date nothing has been formalized. The use of business cards with the IWOA logo was highly touted as being very effective in calling attention to the worthwhile purpose of the organization. A goal was set by the Board to increase membership by 50 new memberships. Russ proposed this number be obtained by June 2020. Tim seconded the motion. Additional methods of increasing membership would be to contact Paul Tauke, who previously was the Chief of Forestry in Iowa. He may have ideas as to how to increase organization membership and methods to encourage people to get involved in our organization to preserve and enjoy Iowa's forested acres. Regional state foresters should also be contacted, as they are knowledgeable about possible perspective members and interest in IWOA goals and mission for the future. We further discussed the White Paper written by Paul Tauke. Utilizing the informative material presented in the paper and member knowledge of forestry issues, we may attempt to have a discussion scheduled with Governor Reynolds. IWOA members would discuss with the Governor and interested State personnel the present condition and future of forests in Iowa. The nominating committee stated that the upcoming election will take place this Fall. At this time, there are four candidates to fill three positions on the Board. Russ Glime has volunteered to receive the ballots for verification purposes. Other issues discussed were the transfer of interpretive signs at the Iowa State Fair to perhaps an alternative venue, such as a state park or other nature viewing areas. The issue is tabled for now. The Spring

Field Day at Larry Wiley's Farm was judged to be a great success. It was mentioned that one attendee felt handicap accessible parking designated area would have been beneficial.

The next meeting will be Saturday September 7, 2019, prior to the Fall Field Day. Al Wagner made the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Minutes taken by Phillip McCune