

Minutes of the Iowa Woodland Owners Association May 30, 2019

President Paul Millice called the meeting to order at 4:15 at the property of Larry Wiley in Palo, Iowa, following a spring field day. Present were Paul Millice, Tim Meyer, Russ Glime, Sherri Sisson, Al Wagner, Phil McCune, Ed Kocal, Ann Schneckloth, and guest Dale Boevers. Russ made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, Tim seconded, and they were approved. Sherri gave the Finance report. Our total amount in checking is \$13,318.53. Sherri reported that our Bond is due. A check will be sent to the Iowa State Scholarship fund, and any donations to the scholarship will have to be made through Sherri, because she has the code numbers. Our last scholarship recipient was Benjamin McGregor. She also said that the cost to physically mail the Timber Talk newsletter was 28% IWOA money and 71% Tree Farmers money.

There was no Membership report.

The Membership committee has met, and several ideas were discussed. Tim said we should have a numbers increase goal, and it was decided to try for 50 new members. Ann had composed a letter to prospective Forest Reserve participants, and she passed it around for approval. After suggestions, she will compose another and send it to Board Members for approval again. Paul suggested that he could ask our Lobbyist to contact Farm Bureau and see what counties could be targeted for the letter mailing. Dale Boevers, the next field day host at Farley, Iowa, suggested we target his county. Tim made a motion that we limit our mailing expenditures to \$500, Ann seconded, and the motion passed. Paul said the publisher we use for Timber Talk could print and send the documents. Russ has created business cards, and he gave a lot of cards to the Board members to use as a way to casually get new members.

Member option: There should be mention in the Timber Talk about different levels of membership. Today's membership registration also included a line for possible new member suggestions. Paul will sort them out, and Tim volunteered to call some people as part of the action plan.

Term limits for 2019 were discussed. Paul's term as President is up when the Annual Meeting is held after the September 7 field day. Ed said he would be on the ballot as a Board Member again. Tom Brady and Al Rathje will not run again. Paul said he has 3 names as possible candidates. There will have to be a meeting before July so the ballots can be prepared and sent before the Annual Meeting. Paul appointed Russ, Ann, and Sherri to be Election judges and certify the numbers of

votes.

The State Fair Signposts project has become complicated. The discussion turned to finding a new place for it that is less confusing. Paul will contact Shannon Ramsay of Trees Forever to see if there are any ideas they have and maybe cosponsor it.

The Larry Wiley Field Day was a success, thanks to Mark Vitosh for planning the talks and arranging the people movers. Ed reported that he sold shirts, caps, and IWOA signs totaling \$424. Russ said he counted 80 participants at one of the talk stations. Adam Jenke from the Iowa State University Forestry department wants to meet with representatives from IWOA to keep a good relationship going with IWOA. He attended today's field day.

Iowa City will host the National Nut Growers and Horticulture associations. The Northern Nut Growers can sign you up.

Paul said the White Paper that Paul Tauke wrote and published is not complimentary to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Tim moved to authorize plaques for the field day. Ann will write up certificates of appreciation for Bob Jefferson and Al Rathje.

Ed mentioned that the Turkey Federation has a speaker that is very good. He will ask her to do something at the September 7 field day. Dale said that his field day will feature a free lunch to get a lot of people there, and possibly attract new members. He has a 13 acre field that he can use for parking. The IWOA can contribute to the free lunch. Paul said there was ample food today, and it cost \$450.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 26, at the Ronnenburg Restaurant in Amana, Iowa, at 10:00 am.

Al made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Ann Schneckloth, Secretary