

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am at the Dale Bouvers farm in Farley, Iowa, to elect officers before the fall Field Day and Annual meeting of the IWOA members. Present were Board members Paul Millice, Russ Glime, Ann Schneckloth, Tim Meyer, Craig Semler, Ed Kocal, and Phil McCune. Ann nominated Russ Glime for President, and Tim nominated Phil McCune for Vice President. Russ motioned that nominations cease, it carried and Russ and Phil were voted into office.

The meeting resumed at 3:17 pm after a wonderful field day. Russ called the meeting to order, with Ed Kocal, Paul Millice, Carig Semler, Al Wagner, Russ Glime, Ann Schneckloth, Phil McCune, and Tim Meyer present. Dale Bouvers, our host, gave the IWOA the extra money from donations for lunch amounting to \$378. Ed said there was \$140 brought in from the sale of IWOA shirts. Russ said that the Finance Report was \$12,346.27 in our checking account. The Membership Report was sent in by Cathy Wilke, reporting 496 members in 2019. Cathy is going to be resetting the Forest Reserve lists to be in the same format so other computers will be able to use it. Right now it is in different PDLs and Excels. Billy Beck, the new Iowa State University Forestry Extension Director, also wants access to the new formatted list. The election ballots for the IWOA Directors resulted in Ed, Craig, and Al voted in to serve 3 years.

Tim, Al, and Paul will be ready to talk with the new DNR Director, Kayla Lyons. The Governor also wants to speak with us, and Russ will look into setting up a time for each of them separately.

The signposts at the Iowa State Fairgrounds will require monitoring. Paul said that the information should also include where other trees and signposts are located. All said that we should look into locating them at parks. Kevin Karr did a lot of work to put this in place.

Ed is looking into the Spring Field day. Phil mentioned that the White Rock Conservancy near Boone is commemorating the Kruschev visit 50 years ago. It would be a good Central Iowa location. There is a sculpture of pounding a rifle into a plowshare.

The White Paper, penned by former Iowa Forestry Director, Paul Tauke, needs to be published and distributed around Iowa. We are still concerned about the demise of the Forestry Bureau. Our coalition should invite hydrologists into our group and confer with Billy Beck, who is a water quality specialist.

Paul Millice is going to set up a power point to use at the Deer Classic in March. He has reserved a booth for the IWOA, and plans to have seminars during the 3 days there. The power point will be about one half hour long. He will find an expert to help him get it ready. A schedule for

volunteers who will sit at the booth will have to be arranged. A trick to get people to stop by would be to guess the number of acorns in a jar, or candy in a dish. Ann suggested a chainsaw for a prize.

Russ will notify all the Board members by email of the next meeting time and place. It was suggested that we meet in Vinton, a central location, and the Pizza Ranch there has a meeting room. Paul made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Ann Schneckloth, secretary