

The Iowa Woodland Owners Association Board meeting was held January 14, 2020, at the Pizza Ranch in Vinton, Iowa. President Russ Glime called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Present were Russ Glime, Craig Semler, Ed Kocal, Tom Brady, Paul Millice, Al Wagner, Tim Meyer, Phil McCune, Ann Schneckloth, Timber Talk Editor Steve Meyer, and Membership Secretary Cathy Wilke. Everyone had received an electronic copy of the minutes of the last meeting. Craig made a motion to accept the minutes, Al seconded, and they were accepted. The Treasurers report was discussed. Everyone had an electronic copy of the treasurers report. Cathy had sent an electronic copy of the Membership Report. She has made a USB copy of the Forest Reserve names and given it to Russ. She still has 8 1/2 counties to record. The Tree farmers have been bringing new members for IWOA. Tim made a motion to accept the Membership Report, Paul seconded, and it was accepted.

Russ asked the board Members to report on their assignments given at the last meeting.

Ed said the Spring Field Day will be in Guthrie County. There are 2 places close together. One will be a sawmill that can be visited in the morning. A woodland will be the afternoon session. It will probably be in late April or early May. We may be able to get some new members from central Iowa at this field day.

Tim reported on the membership drive. He said it is more active in the fall.

Cathy said that she gets the list of new Master Woodland Managers, and she would like to see us give memberships to the 2020 graduates. The Iowa Deer Classic will be another opportunity with a wide audience. Cathy said that renewal applications just went out in the mail. Tim wants to have another membership meeting soon. Ed said that people on the Forest reserve list should be invited to attend our field days.

Paul reported on preparations for the Iowa Deer Classic, March 6 through March 8. The Power Point Presentation is nearly done, and he has copies for people to see. He also has 500 extra copies of the Timber Talk publication to hand out. He has also prepared a letter to hand out to any prospective new members. Our booth will be on the upper level right by the seminar rooms. Ed will order more IWOA hats that may be handed out to new members. Paul will also set up a booth at the Kirkwood Winter Garden Show February 15. Al, Paul, and Russ will attend and afterward have a planning meeting for the Deer Classic.

Al reported on the change for the by Laws. He handed out copies with the changes written out so we all could read it.

Russ reported that the Capitol Tree Day is March 11, Wednesday. We should carpool if possible to have a good representation of IWOA in the Rotunda. We should contact our Senators and Representatives before that day to be sure they will stop by our display. It was suggested that we have our Board Meeting that day in the Wallace Building near the Capitol, because the noise level is too high in the cafeteria.

Russ then said the several of us are going to attend the TriState Forestry Convention in Freeport, Illinois, March 14. Larry Wiley will have an IWOA booth there. Russ suggested we try to carpool from central Iowa. When it was in Sinsinawa, we usually got 15 new members.

The IWOA newsletter, Timber Talk, is best sent electronically. The Iowa Tree Farmers have cut their budget, so many of them will join the IWOA to get Timber Talk. Hopefully there will be less hard copies to go out in the snail mail.

The Forest Health Advisory Council report was given by Russ. There are now tariffs on white oak. Loggers must now have paperwork to prove their source, and not all sawmills are registered with the DNR.

Paul reported on the Landowner Assistance Program. There was discussion about insurance liability concerns. It is an idea to ask people for opinions at the Deer Classic and have paper documentation.

Cathy will look into the Iowa State Horticulture Society Membership to see if we ever have joined them.

Iowa State Extension Field Days will need to have financial help. The Master Woodland Manager course is high on the list, but nothing is scheduled yet. We can help with classes.

The ISU Scholarship has been voted on already, and the Treasurer has been directed to make the payment every year. Al suggested that there be a small article in the Timber Talk to remind members that a donation to the Scholarship fund is tax deductible.

Al reported that the Listserve on Yahoo is not supported anymore. He said that the webmaster has suggested a modernized site like the Woodland Owners of Maine. He said that it may cost \$1,750 to do an update on our website. Ours is 15 years old. He said Julie, our webmaster, is very good at her job. We have 15 Facebook members, but that site must be updated every day. The discussion will be tabled until next meeting.

There was no information about what Iowa Farm Bureau is backing. It is hoped that the increase in sales tax will have some conservation designation.

Kendricks Sawmill will donate \$100 to IWOA. It would be a very good field day location for IWOA. Their tours are able to accommodate large groups.

Russ typed up the new By Laws change and everyone read a copy. Al said that a vote by the Board to approve it stands amended, and then it will be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting. It will be included in the mailing for the Annual Meeting. Ed moved we approve the By Laws change, Paul seconded, and it was approved.

There was discussion about a dues increase. The expense of sending hard copies of Timber Talk came to \$5 a copy. Al made a motion to charge \$25 dues for members and associate members, with \$5 additional for sending hard copies of Timber Talk in 2021. Tim seconded, and the motion carried.

Ann made a motion to adjourn, Tim seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:14 pm. The next meeting will be Tree Day at the Capitol, March 11, 2020.

Ann Schneckloth, secretary