

March 2020 Meeting Minutes

The Iowa Woodland Owners Association Board meeting was held March 11, 2020 at the Wallace Building on the State of Iowa Campus. President Russ Glime called the meeting to order at 12:05. Present at the meeting were Russ Glime, Al Wagner, Paul Millice, Craig Semler, Tim Meyer, Dale Boevers and Phil McCune.

An initial review was read of the notes from the Board meeting conducted on November 5, 2019 and January 14, 2020. No corrections or additions were made. A vote to accept these minutes was made by Paul Millice followed by a second made by Craig Semler.

Dale Boevers was welcomed as the newest Board member. The Board was notified that Ann Schneckloth was unable to attend this meeting due to a change in her husband's health condition. Per standard protocol, her position as Secretary will be held until the next meeting. President Glime reminded the Board that the election of new Board members will proceed at the next general meeting in the Fall of this year.

The Treasurers report was given by Russ – there is presently \$5,347 in our account. There was no new membership report given. Several members have attended educational events recently with opportunities to learn and possibly increase IWOA membership. Paul reported the Deer Classic Seminar yielded 12 new members. He further stated that his district DNR forester, Mark Vitosh had assisted with the Power Point presentation used at the Deer Classic event. The Kirkwood Garden Seminar in Cedar Rapids, IA was well attended. No new members were reported from the seminar, but several pertinent subjects were discussed.

Prior to the meeting held on March 11, 2020, members of the Board attended the Annual Environmental meeting at the Iowa Capital Building. Some members of the State Senate and the House of Representatives were cordial enough to discuss forestry issue with our members present at the Capital that day. It was gleaned from the discussion that Senate Bill 311 has been tabled for another year, meaning that there would be no action during this legislative session pertaining to any changes in the critical Timber Reserve Program.

Other issues were presented by Russ and a general discussion was held. The information presented included the following topics:

1. Seven new professional Foresters have been added to the Iowa DNR programs. Numerous funding sources have been allocated for their position acquisition.
2. There is a discussion about a new Master Woodland Manager class for Central Iowa. Iowa State University extension Forester Billy Beck will coordinate this activity.
3. A dues increase is likely January 2021. Notification to members will occur via Timber Talk and on the web during 2020.
4. Future articles in Timber Talk are welcomed from all members. Consistent with good journalism it is acknowledged that all submissions will need to follow the Rules of the State of Iowa –all submissions need to be edited, without bias.

The next Board meeting will likely be in July or August. Strangely many things in our daily lives have changed recently. All future events have been put on hold due to the emergence of the covid-19 virus. Little things have BIG consequences.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

Submitted By: Phil McCune