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MINUTES OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

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Marshalltown, IA

The meeting was called to order by President Ritter at 10:00am. Present were Directors Grimes, Hansen and Frye. Also present were State Forester Bill Farris and for the latter part of the meeting, State Horticulturist Dan Cooper. Inasmuch as a quorum was not present, any formal actions taken at this meeting must be ratified (or otherwise) by a Board meeting at which a quorum is present.

Directors informally approved the Minutes of the August 2, 1992 Board Meeting as mailed to Directors by Secretary Frye.

Frye distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report received by him from Treasurer Mensinger, who was unable to attend the meeting. Moved by Frye, seconded by Grimes to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. It was mentioned that Treasurer should prepare a budget for approval at the next Board meeting.

Frye reported that IWOA's current mailing list has 318 names, of which 19 are for complimentary copies of the Newsletter (District Foresters, etc), thus there are at present 299 dues-paying members. Of the latter, 140 have paid their 1993 dues at this time.

Legislative Committee, (Grimes, Ch) presented an extensive report of its activities since the last meeting. These activities concentrated on the problem of animal, especially deer, damage to Iowa woodlands. Grimes distributed copies of the report, "Assessment of the Impact of Wildlife Damage on Iowa's Horticultural Industry" conducted by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa State Horticultural Society, "Proposed Measures for Mitigating Wildlife Damage to Iowa's Horticultural Crops", prepared by the ISHS, "Notes of Animal Damage Control Meeting with DNR, October 28, 1992", and a copy of Sec. 109.10A, "Farmer Advisory Committee", of the Iowa Code. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled with the ISHS November 16, 1992. Frye was encouraged to summarize these documents in the next IWOA Newsletter.

There was considerable discussion on the timing, location and theme of the 1993 Annual Meeting. Consensus was that it should be held in the southeastern part of the state, both because an Annual Meeting has not yet been held in this area, and because of the many woodland operations and

attractions there. Generally agreed that early-to-mid September would be the best time for the meeting. Frye directed to explore the possibilities with Mensinger, and report by letter or otherwise.

Bill Farris reported on recent events from the DNR standpoint. There are still 10 vacancies in the professional forestry positions in Iowa, which is adversely impacting the service the District and other foresters can render woodland owners. This is complicated by the fact that the various State and Federal programs (REAP, SIP, etc) are absorbing a lot of the foresters' time. He stated that we should publicize the fact that 10-year CRP contracts can be extended by 5 years if the landowner converts from grass to trees. Next year's SIP funding is expected to be about the same as this year's. Farris said that the Personal Computers utilized by the District Foresters have been a godsend in aiding them in coping with the additional paperwork imposed by the various programs. Farris noted that July 25-27, Iowa is hosting the Annual Meeting of the National Association of State Foresters (Northeast US Division), and that it would be nice if we could get together some information on IWOA for that group.

Dan Cooper said that the next Board meeting of the ISHS is scheduled for November 16, 1992, at which time he expects better feedback on the deer situation. Regarding the deer problem, Cooper stated that in his opinion, he would like to obtain suitable remedies without going to the Legislature. The ISHS Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 14, 1993. Cooper revealed that the ISHS is near to obtaining its own building at the Iowa State Fair, and that he expects the proposition to be finalized at the ISHS Board meeting of November 16. This could have a very favorable impact upon IWOA's State Fair activities.

Next IWOA Board Meeting was set for 10:00am Saturday March 27, 1993 at Marshalltown.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52am.

Respectfully submitted,



Eugene O. Frye  
Secretary