

IWOA Minutes 12/01/2022

Pizza Ranch, Vinton, IA

Meeting was called to order by chairman Russ Glime at 10:10 A.M. Other board members present were Phil McCune, Craig Semler, Tim Meyer, Steve Meyer, Ed Kocal, Al Wagner, Al Walter and Paul Millice.

Motion made by Al Wagner / 2nd Ed Kocal to approve minutes from 08/04/2022 and 10/07/2022. Motion carried.

Financial report - as of 10/23/2022 there is a balance of \$21,874.19 in the checking account. Motion to accept by S. Meyer / 2nd Phil M. Motion carried.
Membership report - 477 members

Newsletter - S. Meyer indicated the next issue was basically ready to go and was requesting report from the latest field day to go in the next issue.

Fall Field day outside Washington, IA Oct. 7 went well and was well attended. There seemed to be a consensus preferring a full day that included lunch for future field days.

Results are in and Steve Meyer, Ed Kocal and Craig Semler re-elected to IWOA board for another three years.

R. Glime submitted a letter to DNR indicating our support for efforts regarding Forest Legacy applications involving Little Sioux Scout Ranch and New Melleray Abbey.

Motion to approve \$1250 paid to Trees Forever Coalition made by Al Wagner / 2nd Tim M. Motion carried.

ISU Master Woodland Steward Program has two programs planned for next Spring: April 3 in Lee Co. and April 10 in Mitchell/Cerro Gordo counties.

Motion made by Steve M / 2nd Paul M. to give \$250 (total of \$500) to each Master Woodland Steward Program in April. Motion carried.

It was general consensus to not participate in the Kirkwood Winter Garden Fair on 02/19/2023. Paul will check with a show coordinator regarding the possibility of participating in some other shows.

\$1890 has been received in memory of Tom Brady and an annual golf tournament has been established in his memory at the Toad Valley Golf Course.

\$425 was generated from the first memorial tournament. Steve M. and Phil M. will approach Polk Co. regarding memorial tree planting.

The Iowa Legislature will soon be back in session. The plan is to meet with legislators on 02/27/2023 followed by our next board meeting.

The 2022 recipient of the IWOA scholarship is Mark Steffen. There is currently \$1687.50 left in the account at ISU. Following discussion Al Wagner volunteered to look into giving our scholarship directly to the individual and not go through ISU.

Another option mentioned was to discontinue to scholarship.

IWOA has been contacted regarding identifying and labeling trees on the Iowa State Fair grounds. Al Walter will respond to the contact.

The Spring Field Day has been set up to be at the Amana Forestry area.

National Resource Conservation Service letter was discussed.

Reduction of membership categories was discussed further with general consensus to postpone a decision.

Russ G. volunteered to take care of updating our brochures and website for the next couple of years.

Larry Wiley was wanting help handling all our paper supplies, etc. used for PR. Ed K. and Paul M. volunteered to take care of that.

Election of officers for the coming year: President - Phil McCune, VP - Tim Meyer, Secretary - Craig Semler

Meeting was adjourned at 11:38.

