

IWOA Minutes 02/27/2023
State Capitol, Des Moines, IA

Meeting was called to order by chairman Phil McCune at 9:55 A.M. Other board members present were Russ Glime, Craig Semler, Paul Millice, Al Wagner, Al Walter and Tim Meyer.

Members were attending the Trees and Forest Day at the Iowa State Capitol with Senate bill 1129 in mind. It proposes changes in the taxation formula for forest reserve acres.

Two Master Woodland Steward programs are scheduled for this coming April. Billy Beck has asked a IWOA representative speak to each class on behalf of the IWOA. Ed Kocal has agreed to talk to the April 4 session in Lee County and Craig Semler will speak to the group in Cerro Gordo County beginning April 11.

Motion made by Paul M / 2nd Al Wagner to contribute \$250 to Trees for Kids program. Chip Murrow is the new program coordinator.

Changes in our bylaws regarding membership categories were discussed and it was decided to discuss further at our next meeting after Russ Glime, Tim Meyer and Al Wagner get a chance to hammer out a few details.

There was a brief discussion regarding the IWOA scholarship. ISU has enough IWOA money to continue the scholarship for the next year or two. Al Wagner handed out a draft composed by his wife, Sharon, that would be an alternative to our current arrangement with ISU. General consensus was to table the proposal in order for every board member to study the information prior to our next board meeting.

Russ stated new brochures would cost around 80-90 cents per brochure. Because the brochure contains membership categories we will delay printing until after a decision has been made regarding the membership categories.

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Spring Field Day has been set for May 24 (all day) at Amana. There is a saw mill, 7000 managed forest, furniture and history of Amana.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 A.M.

Craig Semler, IWOA secretary

