

IWOA Minutes 07/19/2023
Amana, IA

Meeting was called to order at 5:55 P.M. by president Phil McCune. Other board members attending: Russ Glime, Craig Semler, Paul Millice, Steve Meyer, Tim Meyer, Al Wagner, Al Walter and Ed Kocal.

Proposed changes to By-Laws were presented by Glime, T. Meyer, A. Wagner. Motion by Al Wagoner/ 2nd Tim Meyer to approve proposed changes and bring to a vote by the general membership at the annual meeting in September. Motion carried.

Motion by Kocal/ 2nd Walter to send out proposed by-law changes, board nominees ballot and field day registration in a single mailing. Motion carried.

Minutes from 05/24/2023 – motion to approve by Walter/ 2nd Wagner. Carried

Financial report: current balance \$28,948.40. Motion to approve by S. Meyer/ 2nd Kocal. Motion carried.

Membership report: Stands at 455 which is slightly less compared to the last 12 to 18 months.

Special recognition to a deserving pair of individuals to be made at annual meeting.

S. Meyer proposed Tom Brady memorial tree seedling planting in coordination with Doug Sheeley and Polk Co. Conservation. Motion by Millice/ 2nd Wagner to support the project with the purchase of 300 seedlings from the state nursery along with tree shelters and stakes at a cost of approximately \$1400. Motion carried. Meyer will continue to follow through with the project.

S. Meyer stated that he was attempting to set up a system for press releases.

S. Meyer also proposed an abbreviated mission statement. A positive discussion followed with specific proposal likely at our next meeting

Millice will approach Deer Classic regarding IWOA participation again.

McCune pointed out that there is a joint conference sponsored by the U. of Missouri, Northern Nut Growers, Chestnut Growers of America and the Walnut Council. It takes place at Columbia, MO July 23-27, 2023.

Iowa Nature Summit will be held in Des Moines in November. The IWOA has already supported the project with a \$250 contribution, a request by the Iowa Nut Growers.

Next board meeting will be September 14 at the Ledges State Park field day.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Craig Semler, IWOA secretary