

## IWOA Minutes 09/14/2023

Ledges State Park

Meeting was called to order at 3:40 PM by president Phil McCune. Other board members present: Tim Meyer, Ed Kocal, Craig Semler, Al Wagner, Al Walter, Steve Meyer, Russ Glime, Paul Millice and treasurer Sherri Sisson.

Minutes from the 07/19/2023 were read and approved without additions or corrections.

Steve Meyer reported on the progress of the Tom Brady Memorial tree planting in coordination with Polk County Conservation. Timber stand improvement will be required on the recently acquired bottomland and currently a contractor is being hired. A sign to recognize Tom Brady will be created with exact wording and cost to be determined. Meyer will keep us updated.

Tim Meyer has volunteered to represent the IWOA at the 10/3 Shimek State Forest Fall Forestry Field Day and 10/10 Iowa Tree Farmer of the year Field Day. Billy Beck will stand in for the IWOA 9/19 at the Yellow River State Forest Fall Forestry Field Day.

The proposed changes to the bylaws (Article IV Sect.1, Article V Sect. 1 and Sect. 3 C & D & E, Article XI) were presented to the general membership and passed. A motion by Wagner/2nd Meyer to accept the bylaw changes. Passed unanimously.

The food for today's field day was provided by Jimmy's barbecue from Boone, and the general consensus was that it was very good.

Millice encouraged all to communicate with legislators soon regarding the forest reserve proposals. In addition, send letters to local newspapers.

Shannon Ramsey is back at the helm of Trees Forever.

There was a brief discussion regarding the upcoming spring field day with several possibilities mentioned. That likely be decided at the next board meeting.

Dr. Billy Beck will provide details regarding the next Tri-State meeting as soon as possible.

Newly elected board members are Paul Millice, Phil McCune and Russ Glime.

The next board meeting will be scheduled for sometime in November.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Craig Semler, IWOA secretary

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