

IWOA Minutes 05/09/2024

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Meeting was called to order by Chairman Philip McCune at 11:00 A.M. Other board members attending were Tim Meyer, Paul Millice, Steve Meyer, Al Walter, Al Wagner, Russ Glime, Ed Kocal and Craig Semler.

Minutes from the 02/26/2024 were approved.

Financial report- motion to approve by S. Meyer/ 2nd A. Walter - carried

The board expressed its gratitude to membership secretary, Cathy Wilkie, for all her extra efforts in sending out emails to the general membership regarding our stand on the assault of the Forest Reserve Bill.

Steve Meyer reported on the successful Tom Brady project in Polk Co. and how it was good publicity for the IWOA.

Additionally, he proposed another similar project for a worthy former IOWA president, and will explore the possibility and report back to the board.

Ideas to increase IWOA membership were discussed, such as copies of our newsletter placed in county USDA offices and/or sending to landowners with timber in forest reserve who are not currently IWOA members. Paul M. will get in touch with Shannon Ramsey who might be able to help us contact those who have forest reserve timber.

A motion was made by Semler/ 2nd T. Meyer to reimburse Paul Millice \$67.84 for the 70 post cards he sent out regarding the forest reserve legislation. Motion carried.

T. Meyer introduced ideas for increasing membership such as a mentoring program, greater collaboration with other groups (such as foresters) and communications with other states to find out what works for them.

Field Day at New Melleray Abbey Forestry scheduled for May 16 - plans are basically set and 90-100 are expected to attend. Motion to spend \$200 on door prizes made by P. Millice/ 2nd T. Meyer. Carried

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Al Wagner will order more caps.

Motion made to reimburse board members for meals at board meetings made by S. Meyer/ 2nd P. Millice. Carried 6 to 1 with 1 abstention.

Millice brought us up to date regarding the legislation to change the forest reserve, which stalled after an amendment was added to the change. It is expected to be an issue, once again, at the next session. Millice, T. Meyer and Kocal will coordinate our defensive efforts.

Motion made to create a standing committee with the purpose to increase our membership made by T. Meyer/ 2nd Millice. Carried. Phil McCune will appoint committee.

Semler volunteered to investigate process to create 501c3 status.

Next meeting - set for July 9.

Meeting adjourned at 12:38 P.M.

Craig Semler, IWOA secretary