

IWOA Minutes 07/10/2024

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Meeting was called to order by president Phil McCune at 10:00 A.M.

Other board members in attendance were Tim Meyer, Steve Meyer, Paul Millice, Russ Glime and Al Wagner. Also in attendance was Kevin Kelly.

Minutes - motion from Glime/ 2nd Wagner to approve the 05/09/2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Financial report - Finances were reviewed and motion to approve by Millice/ 2nd T. Meyer. Motion carried.

Membership report - currently a total of 446 members. T. Meyer presented ideas for increasing membership. T. Meyer, S. Meyer and Millice will work on a mentoring program that will , hopefully, result in new members. Also, we will work on tapping into the large number of lowans who have land in Forest Reserve. T. Meyer reported there are approximately 21,000 Forest Reserve landowners that have around 830,000 acres of Iowa land in Forest Reserve.

Semler presented progress to date regarding becoming a 501c3 organization. Motion by Wagner/ 2nd Millice to pay expenses up to \$500 to CPA to help Semler with the process.

Millice asked the board to authorize up to \$500 for someone to combine the 99 county Forest Reserve landowner lists into one list for the entire state. Motion by Millice/ 2nd S. Meyer. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Meyer/ 2nd Millice for the IWOA board to present its position regarding the Forest Reserve with a unified, singular voice stating the Forest Reserve should continue as is without taxation and would qualify only with proper and active management.

Kocal is currently organizing the fall field day to be held at the Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge east of Des Moines. This would include a tour of their oak savanna restorations and the restored bison population to the enclosed area. The date will most likely be the latter part of September.

The nominating committee will consist of Glime, McCune and Wagner.

(Walter and Wagner will be going off the board at the year's end.)

Semler proposed putting some of our money into a CD. Motion by S. Meyer / 2nd Semler to put \$15,000 into a 6 month CD. Motion carried 6-1.
Semler will contact our treasurer, Sherri Sisson regarding the logistics

Glime reported there were no scholarship applications.

S. Meyer stated he is waiting for a response from Polk County regarding a tree planting program along a selected trail.

Meeting was adjourned at noon.

Craig Semler, IWOA secretary