

IWOA Minutes 04/23/2025

Amana

Meeting was called to order by president Phil McCune at 9:55 A.M. Other board members attending were Tim Meyer, Russ Glime, Paul Millice, Steve Meyer, Ed Kocal, Ray Lehn, Ruth McAndrews and Craig Semler.

Minutes from 01/23/2025 meeting - motion to approve by Lehn/ 2nd Millice Carried

Finances - "travel expense" is actually reimbursement for meals at board meetings

Membership - the number of acres represented has dropped by 91,445. However, approximately 90 members have not yet renewed their membership. It has been pointed out that direct mail is not very cost effective in increasing membership numbers. It would most likely work better to promote ourselves through our own members or through the 986 tree farmers. T. Meyer will attempt to get a list of the tree farmers.

Spring Field Day in Fayette Co., Tuesday, May 6 - Kocal reported 45 have signed up so far. The general consensus was to go ahead with door prizes.

New apparel - Kocal pointed out some different options for shirts and jackets that could be ordered by our field day this fall.

Liability Insurance - there was discussion for the need for coverage and approximate cost. T. Meyer and S. Meyer will bring more information to the next board meeting.

Mileage Reimbursement - motion by Semler/ 2nd Lehn to reimburse Millice for 450 miles @ \$0.50/mile (\$225) for his IOWA-related trip to Council Bluffs. Motion carried.

It was the general consensus to get prior approval for expenses whenever practical.

Iowa Legislature - senate bill S219 (regarding forest reserve) with an amendment, has evolved to S633. Next it would go to the full senate, and if it passes, then to the house.

Purchase authorization for displays - motion by T. Meyer/ 2nd S. Meyer for Millice to purchase two tables and literature racks, not to exceed \$400-500. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Meyer/ 2nd Kocal to reimburse Millice \$60 for his expenses for passes at the Iowa Deer Classic. Motion carried.

S. Meyer presented a paper with guidelines for "Legacy Plantings" as a possible annual project for the IWOA in partnership with district foresters. The idea was tabled until the next meeting.

Semler volunteered to present a sample budget at the next meeting.

IWOA scholarship - R. Glime requested a volunteer to replace past board member Al Wagner on the scholarship committee. Ruth McAndrews volunteered. Motion by Millice/ 2nd T. Meyer to award a total of \$1000 for one or two scholarships. Motion carried.

White Oak Initiative with Jason Meyer at Amana on August 27/28. T. Meyer obtained prior approval from board members to spend \$300 toward the event.

Note: P. Millice filed the biennial report for the Iowa corporation IWOA to the Iowa Secretary of State on 01/21/2025.

Motion by S. Meyer/ 2nd T. Meyer to adjourn. Motion carried. 12:00 noon

Craig Semler, secretary