

IOWA Board Meeting
April 16,2011
OxYoke Inn

President David Bartemes called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Members present were V.P. Al Wagner, Secy Dave Hannon, Membership Secy Cathie Wilkie, Chuck Semler, Linda Rouse, Bob Jefferson, and Alan Rathje, Guests present were Paul Tauke and Jesse Randall.

The minutes of the January 15,2011 meeting were approved on motion by Al and second by Bob.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved on motion by Bob and second by Al.

Pres David gave the coalition report saying there were very active lobbying efforts including setting up a display in the capital which was toured by many legislators.

Chuck reported the June Field Day will be June 15th in Story City starting in the morning at the Fairview Lodge.

Al provided a handout showing the annual meeting will be held September 10, 2011 at the Hurtsville Interpretive Center near Maquoketa, Iowa. Details will be available on our website and in the next issue of Timber Talk.

Cathie gave the membership report showing we have 331 members, representing 35,195 acres of forest land. There was discussion about offering free memberships to persons showing real interest such as attending field days.

In the Timber Talk discussion only 63 people were willing to receive it electronically. Since Cathie will be doing Timber Talk from now on, Al moved and Chuck seconded that Cathie's monthly pay be increased from \$135 per month to \$150. Motion carried.

Paul told us that due to budget cuts, he may have to reduce some services such as the Loess Hills Visitors Center and/or close some trails. He also said there is some hope to get Forest Health funding in the next two years.

Jesse explained that due to budget cuts, he now has the duties that had been done by three people. He also lost secretarial help. For the next two years his priority has to be on research. He also informed us the Master Woodland Owners classes he has attempted to set up recently have been canceled due to lack of interest. Since there was agreement that Extension service to woodland owners is very important, we asked that he make us a proposal of what we can do to assist him. He agreed to do so.

On previously tabled business, Linda agree we should back off of cooperating with Farm Bureau, but instead educate our members about the forestry/ agriculture interface.

Under new business, there was discussion about filling the open board seat. Al will contact Greg in I.C .re his interest. It was also mentioned it would be nice to have someone in the Decorah area. Cathie is to send a membership list to each board member so we can look for potential candidates.

The 2011 Events were identified as WoodFest in Amana, All Iowa Horticultural Show in Ottumwa, and Kirkwood College Garden Show.

It was decided the next meeting will be at the OxYoke on July 16th at 10:00AM.

The meeting was then adjourned on motion by Bob and second by Al.

Prepared by Dave Hannon, Secy