

Wisconsin Walnut Council Board Meeting - November 28, 2017

@ Dick Powell farm with meeting called to “order” @ 10:00am

Attendees: Manfred Mielke, Dick Powell, John Ouellette, Russ Moody, John Nielsen, Carol Nielsen, Bill Carlson; Jared Olsen

Budget reviewed and approved with \$100 to be paid to web site manager, Donna Daniels – Paid Dec. 13, 2017

Spring Field Day was discussed: Jim Karpinsky will host on Saturday May 19

- site visit some time between January 14 - 25, 2018
- possible speakers - Tom Hill WWC DNR liaison, Matt Singer - MFL DNR Forester, Dylan Bell -DNR Integrated forester,
- 30 acres of former ag field, planted to trees and direct seeded over a number of years using some home grown seed, sandy loam soils, deer protection, fencing, management practices - well pruned, planting techniques, thinning and other cultural work
- try to see beautiful woodworking in house, silent auction (maybe as a WWOA fundraiser)
- joint meeting with WWOA (contact is Carol Nielsen)
- brown bag lunch, chapters provide coffee break and beverages for the day
- check on shed tables chairs, portable toilet; site history by Karpinsky
- ad in local paper.

National Meeting (Sunday July 29 - Wednesday August 1, 2018) update: Field day by WI scheduled Monday July 30, planning committee met twice already, the entire tour will be at Dan Bohlin family farm, morning will be planned stations, afternoon will be walking tours with experts at chosen stops; lunch will be catered by SWT from Fennimore with tents for shelter; Dick Powell will provide a wagon and WI DNR (Hill) will provide 2 wagons from Boscobel; field visit will end by 3 pm with final stop at Potosi Brewing and Beer Museum. Morning topics (approximate): open oak woodlands, savanna, invasive species, riparian management, pollinators and prairie; Afternoon topics (approximate): erosion control, natural regeneration, prairie plantings, sawmill demonstration.

Other WI topics for meeting: Aldo Leopold general and methodology for outreach in WI and IA; UW Platteville tree ring research; Dan Bohlin farm history Sunday night.

Plan a day to assist Dan with field day prep at the farm ~ 2 weeks before the meeting.

Notes to Manfred: add Logan Wells to present regarding his wood utilization research portion of the meeting as follow up for the sawmill demonstration; add Leopold outreach

methodology to meeting agenda; contact Brent McCown of WWOA Bad Axe Chapter to invite members to the field day.

Manfred will reach out to Micheal Perry to see about a banquet presentation. UPDATE: Micheal Perry is too expensive. Meeting committee is looking for an alternative. IA is hiring the “Hap Hazards” an Iowa band.

Board Member update/elections: expiring terms are Tom Donahue, Meg Cates, Russ Moody, Manfred Mielke; Cates per JJO, Moody and Mielke continue as Board Members; Manfred and John will check with Tom Donahue about continued interest. Terms ending in 2018 include Ouellette, Carlson, Bohlin.

Committees: committees will remain unchanged (see web site) with the possible exception of Tom Donahue.

Russ Moody will draft a letter encouraging WI DNR to fill open marketing positions. Letter attached.