

I. Meeting called to order by President, Mike Starshak

Present: Board Members-S. Naparalla, K. DeCramer, D. Niedermair,.
WHA Members-M. Niedermair, M. Perr, D. Solberg.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda made by K. DeCramer, Second S. Naparalla. Passed unanimously.

III. Approval of 1/28/17 Annual Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve D. Niedermair, second M. K. DeCramer . Passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Account balance is \$1974.18

Motion to reimburse S. Naparalla \$96.35for nut crackers purchased from Roloff.

Motion made by M. Niedermair, Second D. Niedermair.

V. Secretary Position

Send out an email to everyone on list or letter if no email regarding open position with short description as well as involvement in upcoming activities and next meeting date.

VI. Media Manager

Heather Brown has accepted the position. She noted that\$50/mo. would equal about 4 hrs of her time. She would appreciate if WHA has projects like brochures that we are able to give her the info so she can work on them in months when we don't have activities going on.

The decision was made to have 4 separate general brochures created. Members are to work on them during Feb. and circulate to others for input.

1. WHA Brochure update – Starshak & DeCramer
2. Nut Cracking Workshop – Naparalla
3. Hickory Feast – Solberg & Starshak
4. Hickory Tree – Starshak

IX. D. Hickory Feasts (Addressed out of order due to Solberg needing to leave early)

A. Spring Feast

Solberg informed us that he caters themed dinners at Vine & Rushes in Ripon on a monthly basis. They are 3-5 course dinners, paired with wine held on a Sat. evening or Sunday mid- afternoon, typically charging \$75/plate.

He will be doing a hickory theme dinner and invited WHA to join in earning \$10-\$15 /plate.

He will let us know the date when he finalizes calendar with Vines & Rushes.

B. Fall Feast- Possible the Fox Valley Metro Area and connect it to the Appleton YMCA hickory planting.

VII. Membership Discussion

WHA added Membership Benefits: 2 FREE seedlings obtained from members that are growing them, possibly from a individual in Sheboygan or left over from DNR 4th graders.

Northern Nut Growers Association (NNGA) is considering giving their membership with a paid WHA Membership.

Niedermair suggested (snail) mailing letter and envelope to 2017 members to renew membership. Naparalla stated that we need to do better getting info out to everyone interested, esp. members, regarding our meeting dates, activities and that we need their assistance. If they are not active they will not remain a member.

VIII. WHA Appearances

A. Sentry World Local Food Fair in Steven's Point 2/17/18

Motion to pay \$75 vendor fee for Naparalla (& any other interested member) to set up table to promote WHA and member hickory products made by D. Niedermair, Second DeCramer. Passed unanimously.

B. Arbor Day

DNR seedling order for 4th grade classrooms due by March 15th. DeCramer will contact all Green Lake County Schools regarding ordering hickory trees and dispersal, Niedermairs Beaver Dam & Columbus area, Starshak-Amish and Naparalla – Wautoma and Montello

C. NNGA Annual Meeting, Aug 5-8 and WI Woodland Owners Assoc. Annual Meeting Sept. 20-23

Motion that WHA should see if we could be speakers to present Grant results made by DeCramer, second by Naparalla, passed unanimously. Starshak will contact groups and will also check with grant people to see if travel, etc can be covered by grant \$.

IX. 2018 Events – Proposed

A. Nut Cracking Workshops – Naparalla has sent out emails and made calls to 10 area libraries but no dates set as of yet.

B. Field Tours – Possible locations: Niedermairs willing to host again, Paul Schwandt farm near Markesan, Member Lloyd looking into locations near Oakfield, Appleton YMCA, Camp Grow

C. Seedling Collecting Tour/Workshop at Sheboygan or Markesan location

X. **Next Meeting Date:** Sunday, February 25th 9:00 a.m. Starshak residence

XI. **Adjournment**