

**SIOSA Board of Directors Meeting
April 2nd, 2011**

Present: Gregg, Pattison, Casey Campbell, Dave Whittlesey, John Orvis, and Jennifer Abraham

Casey started meeting at 1:15

Treasurer's Report

Regular Account:

Balance as of 3/11/11	\$7,750.27
<i>Credits:</i>	
3/11 - John & Sharon Orvis Supporting mship.	+\$100.00
3/11 - Steve Curtis, SF mship.	+\$25.00
3/11 - Linda Applegate SF mship.	+\$25.00
3/31 - Interest	+\$0.07
<i>Debits:</i>	
3/12 - ck# 1034 - Subway	-\$128.08
2/30 - ck# 1035 - J. Abraham, March. fee	<u>-\$400.00</u>
Balance as of 4/2/11	\$7,372.26

Federal Account:

Balance as of 3/11/11	\$16,649.89
<i>Credits:</i>	
3/31 - Interest	+\$0.13
<i>Debits:</i>	
3/2 - ck# 1046 - Michael Shay (Oak Savanna restoration in Stephens Forest BCA in Clarke Co., Iowa)	<u>-\$4,579.20</u>
Balance as of 4/2/11	\$12,070.82

Casey motioned to approve treasurer's report, John seconded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Habitat & Restoration

Gregg started off by saying that there is a lot of restoration activity occurring, most contractors are working. Quite a bit of burning going on. 120 acres have been thinned and 150 acres burned in the BCA up-to-date. Some thinning has also been occurring in Decatur County (Buckingham, Adamson...) Gregg also mentioned that he got a hold of Steve Flood and he intends to burn eventually. He has quite a bit of Ceresia lespedeza on his property and Steve also has 3 acres of savanna restoration potential.

Outreach

Jennifer talked about the 4-H nature club and how she will continue to try and recruit kids for the program. There has been some interest from kids in the Leon community. There was also discussion from the group about the upcoming field trip to Union Ridge and how Dave and Gregg may be able to offer SIOSA some funding support for transportation to and from Union Ridge Conservation Area.

Old Business

Casey talked more about the website calendar (www.brownbearsw.com/freecal/SIOSA). Jen said she would be sure to add a link to the website. Note: Anyone on the board can add/edit items onto the calendar, ask Casey or Jen for the password. John was going to talk to his contact, Ron Folenkamp about the Iowa Conservation Alliance and whether SIOSA can officially partner with the group. John also mentioned that the boyscout group that was scheduled to camp out at his place did not do so because of poor weather conditions.

New Business

The group discussed whether Bruce Nelson will become SIOSA's latest board member. There is a chance that he will join the board; no definitive answer as of yet. Jen mentioned that she would apply for the REAP CEP grant on behalf of SIOSA. The deadline is May 16th. The main purpose of SIOSA's proposed project will be to train and develop education materials (website, DVD, and workshops) for Iowa landowners interested in learning how to implement prescribed fire for management purposes.

Gregg motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dave seconded.