

Northwest Illinois Forestry Association

Minutes of December 9,2003

President Arnold called the regular meeting of the Northwest Illinois Forestry Association to order at 7:05 pm at the IDNR meeting room in Mt. Carroll.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Keith Arnold reported that the NIFA has a total of \$7517.14 in all accounts.

OLD BUSINESS

Ralph Eads will check on the availability of the Church of God in Mt. Carroll for the Annual Dinner Meeting on March 23, 2004. Ralph suggested Kurt Bobson , the new IDNR State Forester, as the Annual Dinner Meeting speaker. The group agreed. Ralph will contact Kurt to see if he is will speak to the group on that date.

President Arnold then directed the group to work on the 2004 meeting and tour agenda. Pending contacts for open schedules and times the following was selected:

January 13 at 7:00pm at IDNR meeting room in Mt. Carroll--- John Walt will discuss the current insect and disease threats to our forests.

February 28 at 1:00pm near Orangeville--- Scott Elsasser to tour his Sugar bush.

March 13 at 8:00am at Sinsinawa Mound--- Tri State Forestry Conference.

March 23 at 7:00pm at Church of God in Mt.Carroll---Annual NIFA Dinner Meeting.

June 12 at 1:00pm near Sterling---Tour Clayton Linschied Forest and Wildlife areas.

July or August near Galena---Tour John Eisbach's Wooded Wonderland sawmill and wood processing operation.

September near Fulton---Chain saw safety program at Dave Seger's Tree Farm.

September or October near Mt. Carroll---Tour State Tree Farm Award winners, Michael and Patty Johnson's, forest and wood working enterprise.

Other items that may be scheduled are Cy Bugner's Jackson Sawmill in operation and the Forest Products Demonstration House.

President Arnold then asked Dick Pouzar to discuss the NIFA Directory of Timber Products and Services. Dick handed out preliminary copies of the Directory for comment and discussion. The Directory will be 8 pages with 15 or 16 listings for products and services. The cover will be 2 colors and a heavier weight. Dick asked for comments on how many copies will be needed. It was agreed that about 3,000 copies would be the goal. Initial estimates on printing costs are around \$800 to \$ 1,000. The grant that NIFA applied for with the assistance of the Blackhawk Hills RC&D has not come through. Further price checking will be done before proceeding with the printing.

NEW BUSINESS

President Arnold called for nominations for Directors to replace the expiring terms of Carol McPhillips and Dave Harrison. Dick Pouzar nominated Ralph Jones and Carol McPhillips. Ralph Eads moved that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for the 2 nominees. Dick Pouzar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Arnold then called for nominations for officers. Dick Pouzar nominated the current slate of officers to hold their positions. Ralph Eads moved to close nominations and elect the slate of candidates. Dick Pouzar seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

The current officers are: Tom Arnold, President; Tim Keller, Vice President; Jerry Misek, Secretary; Keith Arnold, Treasurer. The office of Editor remains open.

Ralph Eads moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Misek

Secretary