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Minutes of November 10, 2015

Vice President Dick Pouzar called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Stockton Public Library.

Officers and Board members present were; Dick Pouzar, Keith Arnold, Jerry Misek, Lee Freedlund, Greg Hopton, and Alvin Wire.

Vice President Pouzar asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 10th minutes. Hearing none, Greg Hopton moved that the minutes be approved as sent. Lee Freedlund seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Keith Arnold, reported that the total NIFA funds are presently at \$8,478.73.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice President Pouzar reminded members that there is still one tour left for this year. The tour will feature a forest burn at the Doug Dufford farm on Dec. 12th.

Vice President Pouzar stated that there are about 25 NIFA signs still available and suggested that we give a sign to NIFA members who do not have one at the next Annual Dinner Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Pouzar announced that he will not be seeking re-election as Vice President in the December officer elections. He also stated that the Director terms for Alvin Wire and Ralph Eads are expiring. Keith Arnold also announced that he will not be seeking re-election as Treasurer in next month's elections. Pouzar indicated that he was willing to become the Treasurer and urged the directors present to consider candidates for the vice presidency.

Vice President Pouzar said that he has added a "News" section to the NIFA website. He will update it frequently with items of interest for people interested in forests.

Vice President Pouzar then moved on to planning the 2016 meeting and tour agenda. The following events were discussed and members who will follow up on the event were assigned:

Forestry Wildlife program (Dave Harrison)
Spring Invasives program (Keith Arnold coordinating with Jeff Harris and Jay Solomon)
Forest Products Laboratory tour (Jerry Misek)
CPO Update on Timber Theft (Alvin Wire coordinating with his son and Audrey Jones)
“Safety in the Woods” Presentation for the Annual Dinner Meeting by Alvin Wire (10 minute length)
Alternative Forest Products tour (Dick Pouzar possibly at Dave Seger’s forest)
Presentation on Hunting Leases (Greg Hopton contacting Jim Sullivan)
Session with FFA Advisors (Tom Arnold)
Joint Session with Master Naturalists (Kevin Cahill coordinating with Jackie DeBatista)
Starting a Forest Plan (Kevin Cahill coordinating with Jeff Harris and Ron Appleby)
Nachusa Grasslands tour (Dick Pouzar coordinating with Scott Schaffer)

Looking ahead to the NIFA Annual Dinner Meeting, Vice President Pouzar suggested either March 22nd or 29th as probable meeting dates. Using these dates will make it easier to contact speakers for the meeting.

Vice President Pouzar noted that the Stockton Library meeting room is already booked for Dec. 8th. He then asked for suggestions for other meeting places or changing our meeting date. After discussion, it was agreed to change the NIFA meeting date to Dec 1st at the Stockton Library.

Vice President Pouzar asked if there was any more business for this meeting. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Kevin Cahill moved to adjourn the meeting. Alvin Wire seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Misek

NIFA Secretary

