



Northwest Illinois
Forestry Association
Woodland Owners
Sharing Ideas on
Forest Productivity

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Minutes of November 7, 2017

President Tom Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:52 pm in the meeting room of the Stockton Public Library.

Officers and Directors present for the business meeting were: Tom Arnold, Dick Pouzar, Jim Breed, Lee Freedlund, Kevin Cahill, and Jerry Misek.

President Arnold called for any changes to the February 14th, 2017 meeting minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Kevin Cahill moved to approve the minutes. Jim Breed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Dick Pouzar, said that he did email a detailed copy of the Treasurer's report. It highlighted the 2017 income at \$2770 and expenses at \$2024. That results in \$746 above expenses. Dick continued, saying that a Treasurer would not usually encourage more expenses, but we might consider doing just that. He then asked for comments.

President Arnold suggested buying some Forestry related books for the Stockton Library, since they do not charge NIFA for the use of their meeting room.

Jay Solomon stated that there is a 4H County Coordinator and we could possibly give a grant to a 4H member to some Forestry related research project.

Treasurer Pouzar mentioned that NIFA has given a donation for a 4H Forestry trophy, but did not do it this year. He thought we should continue with the donation for the trophy.

No action was taken at this time for the suggestions.

Treasurer Pouzar passed out new NIFA membership brochures. The brochures are in color and include up to date information as well as the NIFA logo. He explained the costs for the brochure.

25 copies--\$25.00

100 copies- 68.00

250 copies-\$87.50

Jerry Misek moved that we purchase 250 copies of the brochure. Jim Breed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lee Freedlund moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Jim Breed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

President Arnold called for any old business. Hearing none, he moved on to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

President Arnold passed out 2017 NIFA agendas and said there were a couple of agenda items that did not occur and we may consider them in the 2018 agenda.

Discussion on the 2018 agenda follows:

Dec. 12th—Business meeting to work on the 2018 agenda

Jan 9th—Business meeting possibly starting with Marie McDonough of Marie's Wood Carving showing her products and possibly a short demonstration. Lee Freedlund will contact Marie about this.

Feb. 13th—Business meeting with NRCS representative talking about programs related to Forestry.

March 10th —Tri-State Forestry Conference at Sinsinawa Mound

March 27th—NIFA Annual Dinner Meeting

April 7th—Natural Forest regeneration tour at Tom Arnold's farm

May 5th— Tour of 20 year old tree plantation showing the results of direct seeding of various nuts at Ken Beach's property

June or July—Tour of Kevin Ward's tree planting and specialized Forestry equipment (Jerry Misek to make the arrangements.)

Sept.—Chain Saw Safety Program at Jim Breed's forest. Possibly a beginner's session followed by an advanced session

Other possible tours included-- Brad Petersburg's control of Honeysuckle by aerial spraying.

--Tour of Kirkland Sawmill and related enterprises

--Tour of marked trees for a Timber Sale at Tom Arnold's farm

A short discussion was held about a possible new IDNR Forester being hired for our area.

President Arnold called for any more items for discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Kevin Cahill moved to adjourn the meeting. Ron Mikosinski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Misek

NIFA Secretary