

Northwest Illinois Forestry Association

Minutes of January 14, 2003

President Tom Arnold called the regular meeting of the Northwest Illinois Forestry Association to order at 7:10 pm at the IDNR meeting room in Mt. Carroll. He announced with regrets that charter member and Editor for NIFA, Walter Peaslee had passed away. Tom then circulated a sympathy card for members to sign. The card will be sent to Walter's family.

Carol McPhillips moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Ralph Eads seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer, Keith Arnold reported the current balance of \$6,400.16 for all NIFA accounts.

OLD BUSINESS

President Arnold told the group that he had been contacted by Paul Wray of the Iowa State Forestry Dept. for NIFA's assistance with registration at the Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference. Tom confirmed the appointment of 10 NIFA members to assist.

Keith Arnold stated that the NIFA's copy machine is located at his business office in Stockton. He continued in saying that the copy machine doesn't work and will need repairs. Dick Pouzar moved to allow \$300.00 for copy machine repairs. Carol McPhillips seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

President Arnold asked for volunteers to assist with getting out the newsletter. Carol McPhillips volunteered to stuff envelopes and affix address labels.

Michael Johnson announced that he had submitted a grant for the Illinois Tree Farm Committee and the grant was approved. The grant proposes to split up the Tree Farm Committees to get more people involved and shorten travel times to get to meetings. He told everyone to watch the "Woodland Scoop" for information about input by all Illinois Tree Farmers.

President Arnold then went through the 2003 tour and meeting agenda and confirmed dates with some members. Tom plans to have the 2003 agenda ready to hand out at the Annual Dinner Meeting scheduled for March 11th.

Ralph Eads said that the Church of God will again prepare and serve the meal for the Annual Dinner Meeting.

A question was raised about door prizes. President Arnold said that door prizes are welcome from anyone without a minimum or maximum value. Just bring the prizes to the meeting on March 11th.

President Arnold then introduced Dave Dornbusch, Coordinator of the Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development area. Dave informed the group that he did resubmit a grant proposal for development of a web site for NIFA. Last year the grant proposal was not funded.

Mr. Dornbusch's main topic was to offer help and suggestions for NIFA to develop a member's services and products booklet. He had prepared a mock booklet to show a format that could be used. Dick Pouzar also passed out copies of possible formats for the booklet. Also the booklet that the JoDaviess County Farm Bureau spearheaded was passed around. The booklet was titled "JoDaviess County Homegrown".

After much discussion, it was decided to form a committee to develop some of these ideas. President Arnold agreed to head the committee and he also appointed: Dick Pouzar, Carol McPhillips, Jerry Misek, and Dave Dornbusch. A committee meeting was scheduled for 1:00 PM on January 30th at the USDA Service Center in Elizabeth.

A motion by Carol McPhillips and seconded by Patricia Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Misek

NIFA Secretary