

Northwest Illinois Forestry Association

Minutes of December 11, 2012

President Tom Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm in the basement meeting room of the Stockton Public Library.

President Arnold asked the date of the last minutes. Secretary, Jerry Misek, responded that the last minutes were for the January 10, 2012 meeting. The only item needing attention was the request from NRCS Soil Scientist, Frank Heisner, about NIFA helping to find forestry soil sites for an upcoming multi-state tour in October 2013. So far no one has been contacted by Mr. Heisner about NIFA's assistance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Keith Arnold, was not present so there was not a report.

OLD BUSINESS

President Arnold told the group that he was contacted by Edith Gustus this past summer. Edith would like to do something in honor of her husband, Oscar, who has passed away. She mentioned doing a reprint of the Schurmeier Forest booklet to update it and was willing to spend up to \$500.

Dick Pouzar (who developed the booklet) said that only the cover section would need to be updated. There are still a lot of booklets that are already printed and have not been used.

Tom Arnold will get back in touch with Mrs. Gustus to discuss the booklet.

NEW BUSINESS

President Arnold explained that the November meeting was cancelled because he had other commitments that couldn't be changed. He then asked the group for ideas for the 2013 meeting and tour agenda.

Ralph Eads said that Tom Sleeter had contacted him and would be willing to speak to the group about the changes in tax laws. It was suggested to have him present the new tax changes at the February business meeting.

President Arnold stated that he was contacted by the Stockton FFA Alumni Association to discuss getting forestry information to the current FFA members. After much discussion, it was decided to invite the FFA Alumni and interested FFA members to the January NIFA meeting. President Arnold will make the contacts.

Alvin Wire shared with the group that he had previously given a 7 minute humorous talk on chain saw safety and would be willing to do it for the FFA members if they wanted it.

For the Annual Dinner meeting, Ralph Eads said that he could contact the group that has served the meal in the past to see if they will want to serve again. For the speaker, Jerry Misek explained that he had photos of the statewide forestry tour that he and his wife

hosted in September 2012 and would be willing to do a slide show on the tour. It was decided to plan March 19th as the date for the Annual Dinner Meeting.

Dick Pouzar was contacted by Larry Priske about holding a tour at his place in the summer. Mr. Priske would like to have Keith Griebel (the logger who performed the harvest) explain the recent harvest to encourage new growth in his timber. Dick will contact Mr. Priske to get a June or July tour date.

Dick Pouzar offered to do a tree planting tour at his Tree Farm in April when Kevin Oetken and his crew will be planting 5 acres. Dick said that the tour could also include the tree planting areas that he had previously completed.

Other ideas offered for meetings and tours were:

- * A meeting called “Ties to the Land” for guiding estate planning
- * A short chain saw safety demonstration put on by a chain saw company
- * A tour of Mike Mullvain’s business in Durand
- * A tour featuring Timber Stand Improvement

These and other suggestions will be discussed at the January meeting.

President Arnold then moved on to the next order of business which was election of officers and directors.

President Arnold stated that he would like to step down as President because of family and business commitments that take away from his active participation in NIFA business. No other persons agreed to take the President position. Dick Pouzar offered to do the meeting and tour announcements and the group agreed to move the business meetings to the third Thursdays of the month to better accommodate Mr. Arnold’s schedule.

With those concessions, Tom Arnold agreed to again serve as NIFA President.

Alvin Wire moved to elect the present officers for another term. Lee Freedlund seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The officers for 2013 are: Tom Arnold, President
Dick Pouzar, Vice President
Keith Arnold, Treasurer
Jerry Misek, Secretary

The 3 year Director terms of Ralph Eads and Alvin Wire are expiring. Jerry Misek moved to re-elect Ralph Eads and Alvin Wire as directors. Bill Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The current Directors are: Greg Hopton

Dave Harrison

Bill Hawes

Lee Freedlund

Ralph Eads

Alvin Wire

Ralph Eads moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dick Pouzar seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Misek

NIFA Secretary