



Northwest Illinois
Forestry Association
Woodland Owners
Sharing Ideas on
Forest Productivity

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Minutes of December 5, 2016

President Tom Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Stockton Public Library.

Officers and Directors present for the business meeting were: Tom Arnold, Alvin Wire, Lee Freedlund, Kevin Cahill, and Jerry Misek.

President Arnold called for any additions or corrections for the February 9, 2016 meeting. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Alvin Wire moved to approve the minutes. Kevin Cahill seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Dick Pouzar, emailed his report to the officers and directors. Highlights of the report included the current checking account balance of \$3,490.20. NIFA also has 2 CD's totaling \$6,014.84. His report listed income and expenses for 2016 and projections for 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

President Arnold reported that the fall chain saw safety session with Jay Hayek was well attended. Registration fees covered the expenses with a minor surplus.

No other old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

President Arnold called for suggestions for the 2017 meeting and tour agenda.

Items discussed were:

*January 10—Business Meeting

*February 14—Business Meeting with possible speakers of Tom and Janis Sleeter on real estate taxes.

*March 21st or 28th are the dates for the Annual Dinner Meeting. Jerry Misek will contact the Consulting Foresters from Geode Resource Conservation and Development office in Iowa. They could talk about timber marketing and give price forecasts for tree sales.

*April 22nd –Tour of Tom Arnold’s forest regeneration with other stops at the Russell Roberts woods and the IDNR property where they seeded nuts several years ago.

*May—President Arnold will contact Dave Harrison to see if he can arrange a tour featuring tree planting.

*June (or possibly August)—Tour of Mike Mulvain’s lumber business in Durand.

*July—Tour of Aldo Leopold Foundation land near Baraboo, Wisconsin.

*September—Tour of Kevin Cahill’s forest with emphasis on timber management and invasive species controls. Also tree identification and tree grading to be discussed.

* October—Chain Saw Safety program at Jim Breed’s woodland near Elizabeth.

These items will be discussed at the January Business Meeting. Hopefully dates will be confirmed for the activities.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Dick Pouzar was unable to attend the meeting but suggested that an additional Office of Communications Director be added to the slate of Officers. No action was taken on the suggestion since there was not a quorum of officers and Directors present.

Keith Cahill moved that the present slate of Officers be elected for another year. Jim Breed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Two Director positions are up for election. Keith Cahill moved that Lee Freedlund and Jim Breed be elected as Directors. Alvin Wire seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The slate of Officers and new Directors is:

President—Tom Arnold
Vice President—Alvin Wire
Treasurer—Dick Pouzar
Secretary—Jerry Misek
Director—Lee Freedlund
Director—Jim Breed

There being no further business, Lee Freedlund moved to adjourn. Alvin Wire seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Misek

NIFA Secretary