



Northwest Illinois
Forestry Association
Woodland Owners
Sharing Ideas on
Forest Productivity

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Minutes of February 14, 2017

President Tom Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm in the meeting room of the Stockton Public Library.

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

President Arnold called for any additions or corrections for the January 24, 2017 meeting.

Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Breed moved to approve the minutes. Kevin Cahill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Dick Pouzar, was not present but he did send a detailed copy of the Treasurer's report.

Currently cash assets are \$11,092.87. Anticipated income and expenses for the year could grow the treasury by nearly \$1,000. Paid Memberships are anticipated to be 126.

OLD BUSINESS

President Arnold reminded everyone of the tour on February 17th at the Galena Territory. IDNR Forester, Jeff Harris and Resource Manager for the Territory, Emily Luebcke, will lead the tour featuring Oak regeneration. Tour participants are to meet at the Galena Territory's Owners Club at 1:00 pm.

President Arnold then called for any old business. Hearing none, he reviewed the coming year's tour and meeting agenda. August is open in case some event needs to be rescheduled.

President Arnold then said we need to start working on scenarios for the panel discussion of taxes at the Annual Dinner meeting on April 4th.

Confirmed speakers for the panel discussion are: IDNR Forester, Jeff Harris; Winnebago County Supervisor of Assessments, Tom Walsh; Tax Advisor, Tom Sleeter; and Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation Easement Manager, Jim Johannsen. Extension Advisor, Jay Solomon, will serve as moderator for the panel.

Kevin Cahill offered the following scenarios for the panel to discuss:

Scenario 1

Descendent children inherit several hundred acres of crop land and woods. Most is sold. One couple keeps 80 acres of crop land and 120 acres of unmanaged woods.

Scenario 2

Couple buys a home with 40 acres of woods. It had a forest management plan that was written 8 years ago.

Scenario 3

Farmer retires by selling his crop land. He keeps the house and 20 acres of unmanaged woods.

Scenario 4

Couple inherits and farms 800 acres of crop land and 200 acres of unmanaged woods.

Much discussion followed with the meeting attendees formulating questions for each of the panelists to answer for each scenario. To keep the discussions to the point and on schedule, questions from the audience at the dinner meeting will be held until after each of the scenarios has been covered by the panelists.

NEW BUSINESS

President Arnold called for any new business. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. Alvin Wire moved to adjourn. Greg Hopton seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Misek

NIFA Secretary

