



Northwest Illinois  
Forestry Association  
Woodland Owners  
Sharing Ideas on  
Forest Productivity

## **Northwest Illinois Forestry Association**

Minutes of December 12, 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, Dick Pouzar, Greg Hopton, Jim Breed, Alvin Wire, Lee Freedlund, Kevin Cahill, and Jerry Misek.

President Arnold called for any additions or corrections to the November 7th, 2017 meeting minutes.

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Pouzar emailed the 2017 Annual Treasurer's Report to all Officers and Directors before the meeting. The 2017 income was \$2,795 and the 2017 expenses were \$2,098, resulting in a surplus of \$697. The report included a budget for 2018 which projects a similar surplus. A complete Treasurer's report will be posted on the NIFA website.

Treasurer Pouzar passed out new NIFA Business cards. The cards are in color and have the NIFA website and email addresses along with the main functions of the organization.

Lee Freedlund moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Ron Mikosinski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Arnold called for any old business besides work on the agenda. Hearing none, he started discussion on the 2018 agenda.

January 9<sup>th</sup> will be the next business meeting to be held at the Stockton Public Library. Marie McDonough of Marie's Wood Carvings in Stockton will start the meeting with some of her carvings and discuss her business. Work will then continue on the 2018 agenda.

February 13 meeting will feature a representative from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to discuss programs involving Forestry and possible funding

opportunities.

March 10 will be the Tri State Forestry Conference at Sinsinawa Mound.

March 27<sup>th</sup> will be the NIFA Annual Dinner Meeting. President Arnold will contact Ralph Eads to set up the dinner arrangements and meeting place. Jerry Misek will contact IDNR Biologist, Doug Dufford, to be the featured speaker.

April 7<sup>th</sup> will be a tour at the Tom Arnold farm featuring Timber harvesting and Oak regeneration.

May 5<sup>th</sup> will be a tour at the Ken Beach property featuring the results of different methods of tree plantings.

June is open for a meeting and tour of invasive woodland plants and different control methods. Extension Specialist, Jay Solomon, will make the arrangements.

July 14<sup>th</sup> will be a tour of the Kevin Ward farm featuring a new tree planting of 20,000 trees and specialized equipment for handling trees and invasive shrubs. Consulting Forester, Kevin Oetken, will lead the tour.

August or September is being reserved for Chain Saw Safety. Possibly there will be a beginner's session and an advanced session. President Arnold will contact Jay Hayek as the instructor. The sessions will be at the Jim Breed and/or Tom Arnold Tree Farms.

August or September (depending on when the Chain Saw Safety sessions will be held) will be a tour of the Kirkland Sawmill and related enterprises. Jerry Misek will make the arrangements.

October is open and can possibly work with 4H or FFA youth on Forestry items of their interest.

November 13<sup>th</sup> will be a business meeting to work on the 2019 agenda.

December 11<sup>th</sup> will be a follow up business meeting and election of Officers and Directors.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

It was noted that Paul Bane has been selected as the new IDNR Forester for northwest Illinois.

The next item of business was election of Officers and Directors. After discussion, the present officers were nominated to continue with their offices and Greg Hopton and Ken Beach were nominated for the 3 year term of Directors.

Jim Breed moved to elect the above stated Officers and Directors. Lee Freedlund Seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The 2018 Officers are:

President—Tom Arnold

Vice President—Alvin Wire  
Treasurer—Dick Pouzar  
Secretary—Jerry Misek

Directors (newly elected) Greg Hopton and Ken Beach  
Directors (continuing) Lee Freedlund, Jim Breed, Keith Arnold, and Kevin Cahill

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

Alvin Wire moved to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Cahill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Misek

NIFA Secretary