



Northwest Illinois  
Forestry Association  
Woodland Owners  
Sharing Ideas on  
Forest Productivity

## **Northwest Illinois Forestry Association**

Minutes of December 11, 2018

President Tom Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

President Arnold called for any additions or corrections to the November 20<sup>th</sup> minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Alvin Wire moved to approve the minutes. Jim Breed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Pouzar handed out his report that showed itemized 2017 and 2018 expenses and income. The report also showed the 2018 budgeted items. Total 2018 income stands at \$3,428 and total expenses at \$3,069.

Lee Freedlund moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Kevin Cahill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Arnold called for any old business besides continuing work on the 2019 agenda.

Hearing none, he moved on to discuss the 2019 agenda.

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> business meeting will also include a presentation by Forester, Olivia Rauen, on Oak regeneration.

Jay Solomon then discussed the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Elizabeth Community Building that the Illinois Extension and Wild Turkey Federation will be hosting. The meetings featured speakers are U of I Extension Forestry Specialist, Chris Evans, and Iowa DNR Special Projects Biologist, Ryan Harr.

The meeting will have both a morning session and an afternoon session. Jay handed out a flyer covering the meeting schedule and topics.

February 12<sup>th</sup> business meeting at the Stockton Public Library will include a cooperative

planning session with representatives from the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation. Jay Solomon will moderate the session.

March Annual Dinner meeting: Dick Pouzar reported that Illinois District Forester, Paul Bane, will not be able to be the speaker because of other commitments. Since Paul was present, Dick Pouzar asked him to see if he could find a replacement speaker. Paul agreed to try.

April 20<sup>th</sup> will be a tour at the Tom Arnold Tree Farm featuring natural forest regeneration following different timber harvests.

May will feature a tour of the Larry Priske Tree Farm to see the effects and benefits of pre-commercial thinning that was performed several years ago.

June will have a tour covering the results of the fall aerial spraying to control Bush Honeysuckle at the Brad Petersburg farm. This tour is conditional pending the effectiveness of the spraying that will be evident in the spring.

July is presently open.

September 21<sup>st</sup> will be a tour of the Johnson Creek Hardwood's business.

The second week of September will be targeted for conducting chain saw safety classes. Jay Hayek will be the instructor. Presently 4 sessions are being considered. There will be 2 beginners sessions and 2 advanced sessions. Both Tom Arnold and Jim Breed offered their Tree Farms as places to hold the sessions. The Galena Territory may also have a site for a session or two.

October is open and Dick Pouzar suggested that Jay Solomon locate someone to lead a field exercise on eradicating woody invasive plants in the fall.

President Arnold then asked for any more suggestions from the crowd of 20 people. Jim Breed stated he would like to learn more about tree species selection for planting based on soil types. This could be an indoor meeting. Jerry Misek volunteered to contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Forester to conduct the session.

### **Featured Speaker**

President Arnold introduced Nancy Johnson, Gypsy Moth Program Manager with the Illinois Bureau of Environmental Programs.

Nancy presented an illustrated program on the Gypsy Moth which included the life cycle of the Gypsy Moth, the damages it causes, how it spreads, and possible control measures. Presently there are 2 outbreak areas in Jo Daviess County that are being monitored and treated for control of this pest. Nancy asked all people present to watch for Gypsy Moth egg masses on trees. If any are found, she needs to be contacted to confirm the Moth's presence and set up a monitoring program to evaluate the moth's population numbers and determine if controls are needed.

Nancy had several handouts about the Gypsy Moth and answered many questions from the group.

## **New Business**

Dick Pouzar said that this is more like old business, but asked President Arnold if anything has been done to either donate books or money to the Stockton Public Library. After a short discussion, President Arnold said he would contact the Library to see what they would prefer to have.

President Arnold then moved to the business of election of Officers and Directors. He wants to encourage younger members to take a more active role in the organization.

Discussions followed that covered the organization's bylaws and their need for revisions, how to encourage new memberships, and to develop partnerships with other organizations with similar goals.

President Arnold noted that the section of our bylaws describing the editor's duties needs to be changed. Dick Pouzar volunteered to draft an amendment to the bylaws, post the bylaws and the amendments on the NIFA website, and inform the members by mail or email at least 15 days prior to the January 8<sup>th</sup> business meeting. The notifications will allow for a membership vote on the bylaw revisions.

With this much discussion, President Arnold suggested postponing the elections to the January meeting.

Dick Pouzar moved to postpone the elections to January. Jim Breed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There being no further business, President Arnold asked for a motion to adjourn. Alvin Wire moved to adjourn the meeting. Lee Freedlund seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Misek

NIFA Secretary

