



Northwest Illinois Forestry Association

Minutes of May 5, 2021

President Tom Arnold called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Officers and Directors present were; Tom Arnold, Jay Solomon, Ken Beach, Kevin Cahill, Dick Pouzar, John Schroeder, and Jerry Misek.

President Arnold then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April 14th Zoom meeting minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Kevin Cahill moved to approve the minutes. Ken Beach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Beach reported that he had received \$41 since the previous meeting with \$25 coming from two memberships. He noted the current balance in the checking account to be \$3,264.96. He also reported that there will be a CD coming due this fall and asked what to do with the lower payment rates presently on the CD's. He suggested using a shorter maturity date so it would not come due at the same time as our second CD. Dick Pouzar recommended going for the highest CD rates on the longer maturing CD's noting that if we really needed those funds, only 6 months interest would be the penalty for cashing before the maturity date. Since nothing needs to be acted upon now, it was agreed to wait until fall to make any decisions.

Old Business

President Arnold reported that he had not received any suggestions or nominations from the letter that was sent out to the membership.

Discussion followed about nominations for the Officer and Director positions with the following agreed to:

President-- Ken Beach

Vice President-- Alvin Wire

Treasurer--Vacant

Secretary-- Jerry Misek

Communications Officer-- Dick Pouzar

Director (1 year term)--Tom Arnold

Director (2 year term)--Tom Walsh (with Tom Arnold checking with Mr. Walsh to confirm his willingness to accept the position.)

There being no further discussion on this item, Kevin Cahill moved to elect the slate of Officers and Directors. Jay Solomon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

It was agreed that President elect, Ken Beach, would continue as Treasurer until a candidate for that position could be found. It was further agreed that Tom Arnold would finish this meeting as President.

President Arnold then told us that he had emailed a list of Forestry related publications that Stockton Public Library Librarian, Kim Scace, had submitted for NIFA to purchase. Since this item had been approved at a previous meeting, President Arnold directed Treasurer Beach to send a check for \$500.00 to The Stockton Public Library marked with attention to Kim Scace.

A copy of the Forestry publications is attached to these minutes.

President Arnold then turned the group's attention to reporting on possible items for the 2021 tour and meeting agenda.

First, President Arnold asked John Schroeder about a tour of New Mellary Abby's forest. John agreed to get approval from the Abby and discussed possible tour options of different forestry practices to be seen. It was agreed to let John pick the practices to be toured and to set the tour date, but to avoid the Memorial Day weekend.

Next, President Arnold asked Jerry Misek if he had contacted John Lundquist about touring his Christmas tree operation. Jerry responded that he had contacted Mr. Lundquist and he was willing to an "in person" tour of his property and he will demonstrate shearing trees. Mr. Lundquist will choose the date for the tour.

President Arnold then informed us that he had not contacted Greg Hopton about arranging a tour of the Sawmill Museum.

President Arnold continued that he had contacted Jay Hayek about conducting chain saw safety classes. Several classes will be held sometime in August or September with Mr. Hayek choosing the dates. President Arnold said that he already has a list of people who want to take the safety classes and he will offer his property for a site to conduct the classes. He then asked if anyone else would like to host a site for some of the classes.

Kevin Cahill replied that he has several Ash trees that he could have dropped at the edge of a pasture. They could be suitable for safety classes.

President Arnold then asked Ken Beach if he can set up a tree identification tour in September. Ken responded that he is working with the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation in co-sponsoring that tour.

For the final tour, President Arnold asked Jerry Misek if he had contacted the Wild Turkey Federation's Forester, Cody Widner, to see if he could do a tour. Mr. Misek responded that he had contacted Cody and he was willing to do a session in October.

President Arnold reminded all of the people who are setting up tours to do a write-up of the tour and get it to Dick Pouzar so he can send out the tour itinerary in a timely manner to the membership and the press.

As the final item of old business, Ken Beach said that he was talking with Brad Petersburg about Brad's work in organizing a Woodland-Wildlife Coop. Mr. Petersburg sent Ken an article about the previous actions in developing the Coop. Ken said that he would forward this article to the Zoom meeting members. Ken continued that Brad had told him that the Coop landowner members agree to the wildlife enhancement items but make no definite commitment to apply those practices.

Mr. Petersburg has applied for grants for the woodland management practices that benefit wildlife and encourage Oak and Hickory species. Mr. Petersburg has received approval of the Coop concept from many organizations and would also like NIFA to approve of the concept.

Jonh Schroeder commented that similar proposals for wildlife enhancements are happening out West. He continued that the practices need to be done correctly and with the proper equipment. Tom Arnold added that some money has already been committed to support Mr. Petersburg's project.

Ken Beach said that he sees no downside to Petersburg's project, but he will write a letter to the membership to get their input or approval.

New Business

President Elect Beach is drafting a second letter to be sent out to NRCS and SWCD Conservationists in our 6 county area. He continued that he would like to visit each of the 6 county offices to introduce himself and ask for support for NIFA.

Jay Solomon asked if the letter will be sent by email or postal delivery. Dick Pouzar then questioned Jay about his thoughts as to whether Extension personnel should be included in the letter. Jay responded that there is a limited number of Extension people who would have an interest in Forestry.

President Arnold asked the group if we needed another Zoom meeting to finalize the agenda. It was agreed that another meeting would be appropriate. Ken Beach suggested that June 2nd to be the next meeting date. Jay Solomon responded that he has another Zoom meeting on that date at the same time. Jay continued that he may be able to get another person to cover that meeting for him. Just in case, June 1st was set as an alternate date that was agreeable with the group.

President Arnold asked if there was any other business to be discussed. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Cahill moved to adjourn. Ken Beach seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Misek

NIFA Secretary

Northwest Illinois Forestry Association Book Order Requests

The Overstory by Richard Powers	\$11.37
(this is an oversized paperback, hardcovers are \$16.07 and on backorder)	
The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben	\$14.35
Forest Forensics by Tom Wessels	\$14.20
Urban Forests by Jill Jonnes	\$17.10
Norwegian Wood by Lars Mytting	\$23.70
Trees in Paradise by Jared Farmer	\$33.25
White Pine by Andrew Vietze	\$18.00
A Landowner's Guide to Managing Your Woods by Anne Larkin Hansen	\$18.95
American Canopy: Trees, Forests, and the Making of a Nation by Eric Rutkow	\$19.00
Dirr's Trees and Shrubs - An Illustrated Encyclopedia	\$75.95

The Tree Book: Superior Selections for Landscapes, Streetscapes and Gardens by Dirr	\$45.97
The Tree: A Natural History of What Trees Are, How They Live, and Why They Matter	\$16.15
The Man Who Planted Trees by Jim Robbins	\$17.10
The Trees of North America by New York Botanical Garden	\$47.45
Trees of Illinois by Linda Kershaw	\$19.90
Trees of Illinois Field Guide by Stan Tekiela	\$13.25
Landscaping with Trees in the Midwest by Scott Zanon	\$24.26
<u>Children's Books</u>	
Wangari's Trees of Peace by Jeanette Winter	\$5.59
A Tree for All Seasons by Robin Bernard	\$4.17
The Tree Book for Kids and Their Grown Ups by Gina Ingoglia	\$11.17
A Tree is Nice by Janice Udry	\$5.59
Redwoods by Jason Chin	\$6.29
Mrs Peanuckle's Tree Alphabet by Mrs Peanuckle	\$5.59
Old Elm Speaks: Tree Poems by Kristine O'Connell George	\$16.99
Trees: A Rooted History by Piotr Socha	\$14.37
The Secret Life of Trees by Chiara Chevallier	\$2.99
Total	\$502.70

