

MINUTES
ILLINOIS FORESTRY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Harrisburg, Illinois

The Executive Committee of the Illinois Forestry Association (IFA) met in Harrisburg at 10 a.m. prior to attending the IFA Region 4 information meeting on the purchase of carbon credits. Present were: Ray Herman, President; J.B. Gates, Vice-President; Dave Gillespie, Secretary; Dan Price, Director-at-Large; and Joe Newcomb, Region 4 Director.

Those present discussed contacting the groups mentioned in the last Exec. Committee meeting minutes to ask these groups to participate in the IFA annual meeting and help defray the expenses of that meeting. The Region 4 Directors will continue to make contact with these groups.

The draft agenda of the annual meeting was discussed. Rep. Phelps will be present to discuss the forestry issues if other State Reps can't be present to do so. Ray suggested inviting IDNR Deputy Director Leslie Sgro to attend and discuss the IDNR's status in the forestry issues raised by the IFA. The remainder of the draft agenda was discussed. No changes were suggested or made. The Region 4 Directors will proceed.

Dave should send Betty Joubert an up-to-date membership list. (Done)

Dan Price announced he plans to resign his position as Director-at-Large. He will formally send a letter stating so to Ray Herman.

The committee discussed increasing membership. Ray will meet soon with Mike Kiefer to discuss actions needed on this subject.

After discussion, J.B. Gates moved, seconded by Dave Gillespie, that when membership registration forms are available at forestry workshops, fairs, and other events attended by IFA representatives, if potential new members will fill out the form and pay the dues to the IFA representative present, the dues will be \$20.00 instead of \$25.00. The motion passed.

The subject of a directory of IFA members was discussed. Some state forestry associations publish a membership directory. This subject will be looked into and discussed at a future Board of Directors meeting. It was suggested that the names of new members be listed in the IFA newsletter.

J. B. Gates will check into the cost of plastic bags with the IFA logo, plus pencils.

The meeting adjourned at noon to attend the Region 4 workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Gillespie, Secretary