

**MSAF Executive Team Meeting  
St. Ignace, Michigan  
June 8, 2005**

Chair: Donald Dickman called the meeting to order at 1930 hrs.

**Agenda: Dickman**

Motion to approve agenda as presented carried.

**Treasurer's Report: Pilon**

Pilon reviewed the treasurer's report and noted that there had been very little activity lately and that there were not any outstanding bills as of June 6, 2005. Up to \$3000 was allocated for the Spring SAF meeting with the increase to cover costs for speakers. It was also discussed that the Foresters Fund has become substantial. Total cash remaining is \$6,123.72 in the General Fund with \$3,220.86 in the Foresters Fund.

Motion to approve the Treasurers Report by Ferris, McNichols seconded. All in favor none opposed.

**UP Chapter: Ferris**

Projected the budget for the Spring meeting could break even if approximately 167 people attend.

**Legislative Tour**

No new information – Deb Huff not present

**Strategic Communication Plan**

Promote Forestry as a career. Contact Don Howlett with ideas

**Auto Tour: Moll**

121 signs are mapped – got survey information on about 70 of them. Of those 7% are missing. Running low on brochures – reprint or redo? Sponsors would need to be updated on the brochure.

Costs: \$5,500 for 30000 brochures, ~\$1,000 for signs, ~\$10 per post, ~\$130 for plywood, +hardware. Currently \$500 is set aside – estimate about \$5,500 from brochures. Will still need another \$1,000 from SAF.

Comment was made that it is worth the \$7000 over two years and even worth Foresters Fund money to accomplish this.

Glenn needs help working on keeping up with signs

**Silviculture at MSU: Dickman**

Chairs for LP and UP need to draft letters to the Dean of Agriculture. McNichols and Ferris will work on it.

**DNR Forest Mgt Committee**

Dickman volunteered – rotate with chair? Maybe appoint someone for a period of time. Conflicts with DNR and USFS personnel? Dickman will sit for a year and report back.

Ferris motion for Dickman to sit on the committee – Howlett seconded. Motion Passed.

**VOS: Hubbard**

Bernie reported on the proposed changes. Ferris suggested that restructuring will not increase interest from field foresters because they are not interested in the political structure of SAF. There was agreement on this. Dickman suggested looking to the Horticultural Society – Urban Foresters are involved with them. Conduct local group activities? Any comments should be directed to Bernie or Don.

**Leadership Academy: Dickman**

Who do we send next year? Incoming LP and UP chairs? Nominate someone by January.

**Awards: Ernie**

Set for tomorrow, few expenses. Has forms for Forester of the Year – due Sept 1. \$500 in budget for Awards. Ernie will top off his supplies. \$55 per plaque. Looking for new volunteers – suggested maybe Byron Sailor?

**Field Forester**

Karen Garder – Bill suggested. Missed this year's deadline.

**Newsletter: Georgia**

Going good. Mid August for mailing deadline for next issue. Might pursue a HTML version for the web. Good job to Grossman for getting stars for the consultants map.

**Archives: Dickman**

Dave Lavine has them. Still space at Hartwick Pines to store them? Grossman has the file cabinets. Dickman to coordinate logistics for getting cabinets and files to meet.

**Fall LP Meeting 05: McNichols**

Nov 2-4 at Garland in Leweston. No theme yet.

**Spring and Fall 06 Meetings: Dickman**

Idea for LP meeting could be Rx Fire. Possible joint UP and LP meeting once again in Gaylord. Don will run with the idea.

**Minutes: Cook**

Minutes from last meeting were presented by Cook and a motion was passed to approve them.

**Membership: Amy**

As of the end of May 41 non-renewed people. 8% of our membership. 495 now (with the 41 in it) Down 35 from last year. People were called by National.

**New Business:**

Burnette and Pilon will do articles for the next newsletter on the topics discussed at the conference.

**Adjourn: Dickman**

Seconded by Holman. 2005 hrs.