

Michigan Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
3 November 2010, Grayling, Michigan
(Minutes approved 28 January 2011)

Attendees: Jack Penegor, Bill Hasse, Pete Squibb, Bernie Hubbard, Jim Ferris, Brenda Owen, Joyce Angel-ling, Bill Cook, Doug Lee, Amy Douglass, Larry Leefers, John Hamel, Craig Kasmer, Martha Sjogren. Late arrivals: Tom Seablom, Ernie Houghton, Jack Pilon, Bill Rockwell.

Called to order: 7:43 pm

Introductions – Jack Penegor

Secretary's Report – Martha Sjogren

Martha presented the draft minutes from the 3/9/10 executive committee meeting. A few minor editorial corrections were made.

Motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Larry Leefers.

Second: Bill Hasse

Passed with a chorus of ayes

Martha raised a question about how to incorporate some comments on the draft MSAF Business Meeting notes from March 10, 2010. Brenda Owen made the suggestion that the comments be included in quotation marks in the minutes.

Martha also reminded the group that after having served as Secretary since 2007, as of 1/1/11 she is hopeful that the executive committee will have found a new person to serve as secretary.

Agenda – Jack Penegor

Jack presented the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Amy Douglass.

Second: Doug Lee

Passed with a chorus of "ayes"

U.P. Auto Tour – Glenn Moll (not present) update provided by Jack Penegor
80% of the "SAF" decals are up, according to Glenn. For the Western UP, Jack has the poles at his property and needs to distribute them.

Green Book – Jack Penegor

Jack Penegor said he received a letter from Jack (Book Concern) and got a lot of feedback on Craig's artwork. Jack wondered if we knew any other printers. Several suggestions were given to Jack Penegor. Current draft is about 40% bigger than the last version, about 68 pages. It is currently available on our website. More artwork

could be added. Brenda Owen suggested maybe we need a committee to move project from current stage to publication.

Brenda Owen, Craig Kasmer and Jim Ferris volunteered to serve on a committee to get quotes from publishers,

Discussion about how many copies would be made. Suggestion made to use a certified printer (SFI/FSC). Bill Cook suggested the committee try to have a recommendation back to the executive committee at the January 2011 meeting. Some discussion about whether or not we need to get donations to print it. Estimated cost is in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Discussed use of Education Fund, National SAF grants, Tree Farm, Michigan Forestry Association, Michigan Timbermen's Association as potential funding sources.

Donations would be able to be recognized as contributing to printing costs but the TEXT is MSAF.

Michigan Forester – Brenda Owen

When they publish Michigan Forester, they send a copy to each MSAF member and about 50 extra copies to Brenda. She'll put the extras out on the registration table tomorrow. Brenda has noticed a print quality issue with some parts of the pdf, particularly, the map on the back of consulting foresters advertisement. Brenda is disappointed in that because the contributors actually pay for one full edition each year. She will be working diligently on solving the problem.

Archives – Craig Kasmer

The bins have not yet been purchased. The records are safe in the basement at Hartwick Pines. Craig will work with Jack Pilon to purchase the bins.

MSU Reorganization – Larry Leefers (handout provided)

Don Dickmann is the Acting Chair and will be here tomorrow. Don would like to have about 15 minutes on the agenda tomorrow, perhaps at the business meeting. The Dean will be making the proposal outlined on the handout soon. Timeline is included. MSU Forestry Department is the oldest, continuous undergraduate forestry program in the United States. Larry indicated that he is hopeful at this time and plans to keep MSAF and MSU alumni informed. There was general support around the room for the need for MSU to maintain the SAF-accredited status as a clearly identified need to produce graduates that can obtain and succeed in the forestry profession. The president of MSU has been involved directly in some of the conversations with the public (MDNRE) and they are supporting maintaining a forest management program.

Jim Ferris suggested placing the proposal (handout) in the Michigan Forester. Larry and Bill Cook discussed it back and forth and it might end up being an email to MSAF members to provide a link to additional information.

Pete Squibb and Craig Kasmer agreed to try and add Don Dickmann officially to the agenda for tomorrow.

Bill Hasse asked Bernie Hubbard about his opinion on SAF-accreditation in general and whether or not the future will include this.

Treasurer's Report – Jack Pilon (handout: Year 2010 Budget Status Report)
Jack Pilon reviewed his report with the group.

Anna Hess (MTU) was a student who was supported (\$250) to attend National SAF meeting. Larry Leefers jumped in to say he had some conversations with Linda Nagel and they agreed that MSU students would be able to submit requests to Jack Pilon for the other \$250.

Motion to approve reimbursing the students was made by Joyce Angel-Ling

Second: Bill Cook

Motion carried to a chorus of ayes.

- 1) 2010 Budget (revenue and expenses)
- 2) 2011 Budget
- 3) MSAF Education Fund – Seablom

Some discussion between Ernie Houghton and Tom Seablom that the criteria for selecting recipients for the scholarship is unclear and concerns about how to make this scholarship sustainable.

A motion was made that MSAF provide a scholarship each year to the president of the Student SAF chapters at MSU & MTU (\$500 each). Jack Pilon made an amendment that the funds come from the Education Fund. Jack Penegor made an amendment that we begin immediately, for the Fall 2010 semester.

Second: Jack Pilon

Another friendly amendment was added by Jim Ferris that SAF student membership be required.

Motion carried to a chorus of ayes, however, Bernie Hubbard wondered about earlier motions about approving the scholarship at earlier meetings

An amendment was made it to reduce from \$500/school to \$250/school.

A suggestion was made that the idea of this scholarship be brought up at the State Business meeting and maybe also the UP/LP chapter meetings to see if they are also interested in contributing additional funds to the scholarship.

MTU/MSU elections for student chapter president are held in May, term begins in June. Suggestion was made that we time payout of scholarship occur prior to Fall MSAF meeting.

- MSU Liaison – Nzokou
- MTU Liaison - Nagel

Lake States Fire Consortium –

Robert (“Zeke”) Ziel contacted Jack Penegor and would like to have a joint project with MSAF. There was some conversation about how that would work. Jim Ferris said that he thought he knew of an MSAF member who would be a good contact for Robert

Bill Cook expressed the idea that Robert could communicate with interested MSAF members (maybe via email) or we could invite to executive team meeting.

MI Bird Conservation Group – Jack Penegor

Karen Cleveland contacted Jack Penegor to see if we would be interested in joining them and the Fisheries and Wildlife Societies meeting for a joint meeting in 2011.

Craig might be able to go. Might not be a joint meeting but could solicit interest in helping to organize a session (including providing speakers for forestry related topics) and promote the event to our membership (including in the Michigan Forester). This might be a topic to bring up at the MSAF business meeting on 11/4/10. Jack will respond to Karen.

PNIF Coalition – Bill Cook

The group has been around for several years and tried several things. They are interested in putting on a spring session for new legislators. They are working on rough ideas for the convention. MUCC has a grant to hold the coalition together to try and present a forestry perspective to the new legislators. Bill thought this would be a good thing for MSAF to be involved in.

MUCC agenda might be more sportsmen-related and less forestry. Amy Trotter is the only MUCC member there and she is just trying to hold coalition together.

Not a lobbying function...it is an education function, according to Bill Cook.

Bill Cook recommends that we continue to have Jack Penegor, Joyce and himself stay in contact with the group. There was general recognition of the importance of sharing forestry with these new legislators.

MSAF Recognition Program – Tom Seablom (handout: MSAF Education Fund Account 2010)

Tom asked the group whether money should be spend on many, less expensive items or fewer, higher quality items for the MSAF Education Fund raffle. General consensus was fewer, higher quality items.

Someone suggested there might be some more capacity within our membership for more craft donations for the raffle i.e. to tap into the artistic skills of foresters for some craft/art items.

We used to have more donations. We discussed the possibility of a silent auction for high value stuff.

Tom raised a concern that there has been a pretty high need for Education Fund financial support of the UP Auto tour.

Special Projects Team – Bill Cook

Bill C has made a recommendation that we develop a work team to deal with special projects.

A small dose of organization could maybe tap into more volunteer energy/potential if we developed a list of members that would be willing to perform a task in short order. It could serve as an ad hoc group when things come up. There was general support from the group. We agreed it would be useful to chair.

Regional Deer Advisory Committees – Pete Squibb

Pete suggested MSAF get some members onto these committees. There is a process, on their website, along with a 4-page application. Meetings are held twice a year. Applications due 12/14/10. Might need to have members coordinate with each other and maybe stay in touch with MSAF executive committee.

General Statements Made

Pete Squibb let group know Rick Myrick doesn't want to be the chair in 2011 of LP chapter. They will deal with it at LP chapter meeting on 11/4/10

Larry Leefers reminded us the SAF convention in 2011 has the theme "International Year of the Forest" and will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Someone initiated a round of applause for Bernie Hubbard, Ernie Houghton, and Bill Rockwell for all they have done to support MSAF and national SAF in their various roles.

Ernie Houghton plans to raise the idea of sponsoring a brick for the National SAF Gifford Pinchot building renovations at the MSAF business/LP/UP meetings tomorrow.

SAF District V Fellow nominations are Bill Hennigan (MI) and Craig Russell (MN).

Amy Douglass noted that we lost Eino Sanio within the last few weeks. He was a member for 58 years.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jack Penegor.

Second: Everyone

Meeting ended at 10:42 pm