

APPROVED Minutes Michigan Society of American Foresters, Executive Committee Meeting

March, 30 2011  
St. Ignace, Michigan

Attendees: Terry Manty, John Hamel, Glenn Moll, Jack Penegor, Bernie Hubbard, Joyce Angel-Ling, Jim Ferris, Jack Pilon, Mike Elenz, Bill Cook, Ernie Houghton, Brenda Owen, Doug Lee, Bill Hasse, Bill Rockwell.

Call to order: 6:20

**Secretary's Report** – Jason Darling

Jason presented the draft minutes from 1/28/2011 executive committee meeting. A few minor editorial corrections were made.

Motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Jack Pilon.

Second: Doug Lee

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

**Agenda** - Joyce Angel-Ling presented and amended the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Terry Manty

Second: Jack Penegor

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

**Treasures Report** – Jack Pilon

Jack passed out and presented his most current report. He stated we did well at the fall conference (Grayling), and that we are in good shape financially for 2011. Brenda Owen had an update on the computer software cost; it would cost only \$100 instead of \$700.

Motion to approve the treasures report as corrected by Jim Ferris.

Second: Jack Penegor

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

**Education Fund Report** – Tom Seablom (absent)

Checks were sent out to the student chapters.

**Council Report** – Ernie Houghton

Ernie covered a number of items that were brought up in the March meeting. The report is attached at the end of this document.

A new idea was brought forth to help highlight important policy issues each month that are most important to MISAF and its members. The idea is to narrow down the issues from the list that National sends out.

**Membership Report** – Amy Douglas (absent)

Joyce gave the updated in Amy's place. MISAF letters were sent to all the new hires with the Michigan DNR.

**L.P. Chapter Report – Doug Lee**

Doug talked about several interested parties for the fall meeting locations. Topics are coming soon. Still need a vice chair for L.P chapter.

**Vice Chair Positions – Round Table Discussion**

In great need to find new people. Change bylaws to 2 year positions.

**U.P. Chapter Report – Terry Manty**

The U.P. is also in need of a vice chair. Bylaws updated but not submitted for approval.

**Auto Tour – Glenn Moll**

Glenn stated that the numbers of auto tour brochures are lower than estimated, therefore we need to order more for 2012. He requested \$3,500 for the brochures, which would last a number of years. An additional note; manned visitor centers will be removing its employees. We are looking to make a survey to see how brochures are being used/accepted. Discussion was made to possibly re-work the brochures and to create a web-link with national/trees are the answer, and/or create a Facebook account for feedback. We are seeking feedback and cost benefit analysis of the brochures. Possibly publicize the brochures in a newspaper.

Motion to approve printing of the Brochures and sponsorships by John Hamel.

Second: Doug Lee

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

**Old Business****Green Book – Brenda Owen**

The new books are coming along well and are on schedule. Brenda will have a draft by May and a final in June. So far we have received one price quote. Need to get the date into the new software and then seek more quotes.

**Buy a Brick – Jack Pilon**

We bought a brick for \$150.

**Bird Conservation Meeting – Joyce Angel-Ling**

Did not receive any contact about the meeting and will not pursue it any further.

**Heartland Leadership Academy – Bernie Hubbard**

A regional academy for region 5 and 9 is in the works. The plan is to put a committee together to help organize the academy. The possible date is July 15-17. Confirmed the meeting site at Touch of Nature which is located in Carbondale, IL. Looking for speakers and presenters from each state. There will be no fee the participants simply have to get there. Want people to go and represent Michigan. Allocate \$1500 in the budget to help get people there.

**Open Positions - Joyce Angel-Ling**

Each chapter has the opportunity to vote in chairs. Talk about this at the State business meeting. The chapter will have the chance to provide ideas for individuals they want for the position. The state chapter needs to figure out how to vote people into the positions.

### **New Team Structure Proposal for Planning Events – Brenda Owen**

Brenda summarized her plan and is looking for a second person to help with conference planning; she is hoping for a 4-5 person team. This team will help Chapter chairs work out the logistics of a conference, get fair price quotes for venues, seek out presenters and help work out the agenda. Possibly change state bylaws and add a planning/program committee? No motion was made but will continue to consider the idea. Volunteers so far are Brenda Owen, Doug Lee, John Hamel and the treasurer of the host chapter.

### **Billboards on I-75 – Bill Cook**

Bill handed out some ideas for the message that will be on the billboard and is seeking input. The billboard will target southbound traffic on I-75. Bill is seeking out sponsors to fund the project and was successful. MISAF will contribute \$1000 for this.

Motion to approve allocation of money towards the billboard project was made by Bill Cook.

Second: Glenn Moll

Approval of the money is contingent upon successful funding from other sources. The money will come from the education fund and if that fund starts to fall short we can transfer general funds into the education fund.

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

### **Buy-A-Teacher – Bill Cook**

MFA is working with Trees for Tomorrow to organize a training at the Ram center for approximately 25 middle school and high school teachers. The cost is \$750/teacher.

A motion to sponsor a teacher using funds from the education fund was made by Bill Cook.

Second: Jim Ferris

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

### **Ties to the Land – Bill Cook**

Presented this training opportunity for individuals/families to participate in and help identify and solve some estate planning issues that occur with transferring properties between generations. It is succession planning for the family. Looking to SAF to send a letter which will endorse and possibly sponsor a training program. Bill would like help finding a legal estate planner to present at the program. There are also opportunities to get trained to deliver the Ties to the Land session.

Motion to support the program as an organization was made by John Hamel.

Second: Doug Lee.

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

### **New Business**

#### **“Year of the Forest” Projects – Joyce Angel-Ling**

No specific plans in place. No national SAF actions; national convention will be addressing it. Question was brought up as to how we should address this at the state level. Further discussion will be had at chapter meetings. Possible ideas: article in the forester. We need to get the message out! Possibly have a presentation at the fall meeting about international forestry items.

**Re-visit Bylaws – Ernie Houghton**

Would like to get a group of volunteers together to start a committee to re-visit the bylaws.

Motion to adjourn was made by Brenda Owen.

Second: John Hamel

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Adjourned at 9:56 PM.