

**Approved Minutes Michigan Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
Audie's Restaurant Mackinaw City, 2 February 2012**

Attendance: Bernie Hubbard, Glen Moll, Jack Pilon, Bill Cook, Laurie Marzolo, Bill Hasse, Jim Ferris, Joyce Angel, Don Howlett, John Hamel, Doug Lee, Josh Wall, Terry Manty, Amy Douglass, and Chris Hohnholdt.

Call to order 9:30 am

Meeting brought to order by Joyce Angel.

Joyce reminded the committee that no one will discuss timber prices and went over the agenda that was handed out; no changes to the agenda were made.

2012 Executive Committee Update

Jim Ferris has taken the Continuing Forestry Education role
Tori Irving is the new newsletter editor and is working with Brenda on the transition

A motion was made to let it be known that the treasurer and secretary positions were appointed positions for calendar year 2012 by Jack Pilon.

Second: Don Howlett

Passed with a chorus of ayes

A motion was made to appoint John Hamel, Bernie Hubbard, Don Howlett, and Bill Hasse to the executive committee for 2012 by Bill Cook.

Second: Laurie Marzolo

Passed with a chorus of ayes

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to change the title of the fall minutes from executive team meeting to executive committee meeting by Laurie Marzolo.

Second: Glen Moll

Passed with a chorus of ayes

A motion was made to pass the fall MSAF executive committee meeting minutes with Bill's changes by Joyce Angel.

Second: Bill Cook

Passed with a chorus of ayes

A motion was made to pass the MSAF executive committee conference call minutes dated December 15, 2011 with Bill's changes by Glen Moll.

Second: Don Howlett
Passed with a chorus of ayes

Treasurer's Report- Jack Pilon

Jack reported \$2,292 in proceeds from spring conference and \$875 in losses from the fall conference. The committee went down all the line items to create the working budget for 2012 that Jack will manage.

A motion was made to budget \$2,000 from the general fund for the printing of the Green Book by Don Howlett.

Second: Bill Hasse
Passed with a chorus of ayes

A motion was made to approve the 2011 budget status report as amended showing the \$875 loss from the fall convention by Jim Ferris.

Second: Don Howlett
Passed with a chorus of ayes

A motion was made to continue the PLT Honorarium by Bill Cook.

Second: Don Howlett
Passed with a chorus of ayes

A motion was made to approve the budget for 2012 by Laurie Marzolo.

Second: Terry Manty
Passed with a chorus of ayes

Education Fund Report- Jack Pilon, Bill Cook, and Josh Wall

Everyone thanked Bill for the time and effort that he has/is putting in for the billboard that has been paid for with a combination of donations and education fund monies. Transactions included sponsoring a teacher to attend a sustainable forest management workshop, purchase of the Aldo Leopold Green Fire viewing license, billboard contributions and rental fees, student scholarships, raffle ticket sales, and the Benishek luncheon reimbursement. Talk of creating an Education Fund budget for 2012 was tabled for later in the meeting.

A motion was moved to accept the budget for 2011 by Joyce Angel.

Second: Bill Cook
Passed with a chorus of ayes

Council Report- Joyce as per Ernie's notes

Budget is facing a deficit again this year and has since 2009. National will continue to do strategic planning based on "Good to Great" the book by Jim Collins and his hedgehog strategy

to move forward, balance the budget and increase membership. Nominations for fellows and field foresters of the year are due at the end of February. Everyone agreed we should get applications for joining SAF at the spring and fall conferences.

Membership Report- Amy Douglass

The system has not been outputting information and has many bugs being new and all. The delinquent list came out late so if you know of anyone that might be on the list or potential new members get them back onboard. There was mention of a dues discount for recruiting new members. Bill Hasse mentioned that Sara Wall and he are in the initial phases of putting together a Dickinson County working group comprised of retired foresters, current SAF members, and folks from other disciplines. The goal is to do community outreach and education as well as provide networking opportunities for folks.

Lower Peninsula Chapter Report- Doug Lee

Low turn out at the fall convention with one of the possible causes being a busy time year and other conferences to work around. The chapter is looking for a chair and chair-elect for 2012. It was mentioned that Chad Fate and Lee Mueller might be interested and Doug agreed to contact them to confirm. Kicking around ideas for the up coming fall convention with several possible venues mentioned on being Mission Point on Mackinaw Island. Bill Cook says that they have been reminding him that they would like a chance to host either the fall or spring convention. Might be difficult in the spring if the lake if froze.

Upper Peninsula Chapter Report- Terry Manty

Brock Van Oss has agreed to be the next chair elect. The UP has a one year chair elect position followed by serving two years as chair. Chris Hohnholdt has agreed to fill the chapter treasurer position. The spring conference will be May 16-17 in Houghton with the first day being indoors followed with a field day. Topic will be the new DEQ water permits with the presentations being on campus, still working on the field locations. Franklin Square Inn is planned for the lodging with chapter meetings being held at the union. Chapter is looking at having the banquet at the Franklin Inn also. SFI and SFE credits will be pursued to encourage more to attend and outreach to the local logging community. It was suggested that hard copies of the new BMP manuals be available to attendees.

Nominating Committee- Joyce for Jack Penegor

Issue- no state chair elect officially appointed. John Hamel has agreed to fill the position but would like to have someone to run against. John, Bill Cook, and Joyce will work at rounding up someone else in the next month or two.

Science and Technology- Laurie Marzolo

She is planning a trip for anyone that would like to visit Spain and Portugal in a couple years. Sounds like it will be geared towards each countries natural resources base and it was mentioned that they are producing 25% of their energy from wind and solar.

Green Book- Group

Doug Lee mentioned that the printing firm has sent SAF a bill (+/- \$4,000) for the printing of 5,000 books after printing 400 that were bound and sent for review. The remaining balance (+/- 4,600 books) is presumed not bound and still at the firm. The committee that was appointed during the December 15th conference call (Jack Pilon, Laurie Marzolo, and Tori Irving) will look into resolving the issue since the formatting changes had not been finished before the final printing. If you have any information relating to the events leading up to the printing please let Laurie know by e-mail maplepoint@hotmail.com.

Greenfire- Josh Wall and Bill Cook

There have been a few showings since the license was bought 11/8/11 for \$150.00. Locations include Iron Mountain and Escanaba with another showing coming up on February 16th Hereford and Hops. Bill Cook has been a big help in lining up venues and everyone is encouraged to try and schedule a showing for their local areas. Donations are encouraged with the monies going toward the education fund. There are two DVD's of the movie with supporting material floating around and the main contacts are either Bill Cook or Sara Wall.

Billboard- Bill Cook

Bill recommends we discontinue the billboard in part due to lack of effort by the owner to meet our requests. He will be calling the owner towards the end of the February to let them know that we will no longer be paying for it. Had somewhere around 35 hits on the website when it first went up in July and it has tapered off into the teens as of late. Everyone agreed that this was a success and we need to continue to do outreach like this to support our profession and educate the general public.

Ties to the Land- Bill Cook

Bill stated that they are easy to put on and that there are a few scheduled in the Lower and Upper Peninsulas.

Auto Tour- Glenn Moll

Glen stated that it has been difficult to get support from former supporters due to the hard economic times. Some examples included New Page filing for chapter 11, LP budgets set in September, and TFG only doing contributing half of what they normally do. He has applied for

a \$3,000 grant through Plum Creek and is waiting to hear back from a couple other places. It was suggested that he contact Timbermans and the Timber producers. The tour has an average cost of \$2,500 per year and SAF normally covers about \$700 of that with the balance coming from donations. A lengthy discussion was had over what budget to use for funding but that depends on if the grant goes through.

Auto Tour Application - Don Howlett

Don has been in touch with national because they already have an SAF application for the Android and he passed out a one page Auto Tour Smartphone Application that the Auto Tour Committee (John Hamel, Ernie Houghton, and Don Howlett) are working on. The committee reviewed the application/proposal and agreed with what had been done to date. The major points the committee will continue to work on include safety information (don't want people pulling over to the side of the road), putting the information from the brochure, linking websites, and some suggested reading into the application. Bill Cook will be the contact for the web links going into the application when it gets to that stage and suggested contacting Lee Mueller who has a wealth of knowledge on the subject.

A motion was made to move forward and apply for a foresters fund grant to help with the start-up costs of this Auto Tour Application by Don Howlett.

Second: Glenn Moll

Passed with a chorus of ayes

Education Fund Budget- Committee

A lengthy discussion was had over how much to budget out of this fund for the Green Book and Auto Tour. The main contributions are from the conventions and tickets sales and most were worried about draining the balance of \$2,993. At the time it was proposed that \$1,000 dollars be budgeted for the green book and \$1,000 towards the auto tour with another \$500 going towards scholarships and \$650 going towards supporting a teacher at a sustainable forest management workshop. Jack agreed to send out an updated budget later with changes and a few different scenarios. There are still a lot of questions that will need to be answered over the next few months to really pin down a real accurate budget at this time.

Joyce motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 pm

Second: Laurie Marzolo

Passed with a chorus of ayes