

APPROVED Minutes
Michigan Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
Franklin Square Inn. Houghton, Michigan. May 15, 2012

Attendance: Doug Lee, Bernie Hubbard, Tori Irving, Don Howlett, Glenn Moll, Ernie Houghton, Joyce Angel, Larry Leefers, and Jason Darling

Call to order: 6:20 PM

Meeting brought to order by Joyce Angel.

Joyce reviewed the anti trust statement and reminded the committee that there will be no discussion about timber prices.

Agenda – Joyce Angel

The agenda was reviewed; Tori Irving added a note about the Michigan Forester to the agenda.

2012 Executive Committee Update – Joyce Angel

Josh Wall wants to be replaced as the Education Fund and Raffle Coordinator. Jack Pilon is also looking to step down from the State Treasurer position. We are in need of coming up with an individual to run against John Hamel for State Chair; discuss at Chapter meetings. Discussion was made about getting clarifications about the term lengths for vice and chair positions.

Secretary's Report – Jason Darling

The minutes were passed out to the group and reviewed. Corrections were taken. Don Howlett made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections.

Second: Glenn Moll.

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Treasurer's Report – Joyce Angel

Jack Pilon was absent so Joyce passed out the report provided by Jack. The Greenbook was paid for. Discussion was made about where the funds came from (LP, UP, and State contributions). Dues from National are a little less than usual. It is requested from the Michigan Forest Association that we support a teacher for their forestry education teacher program. Discussion was made about the \$200 which is distributed to MSU & MTU chapter chairs. They are given the money in the fall and the money comes from the Education Fund.

Motion to approve the treasures report was made by Glenn Moll.

Second: Jason Darling

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Education Fund Report – Josh wall/Jack Pilon

No report, members were absent.

Council Report – Ernie Houghton

We need nominations for the Presidential Field Forester Award. They are due in May. There are other National awards we can nominate people for; check National website for information. District 5 has a new student representative who is from Stevens Point. Another leadership academy might be in the works for 2013 in Indiana.

National office news: They are negotiating the sale of national office. National is moving forward with broadening of SAF Credited Degrees. SAF might begin to accept other degrees to be accredited and members of SAF. A formal report is due in October.

Michigan SAF awards; we have been lacking in nominations and awards in the past few years. Find more information on MISAF website.

Jim Ferris is in the process of becoming the MSAF Continuing Forest Education coordinator.

Membership Report – Amy Douglas

Not present. Joyce stated there was nothing new to report.

LP Chapter Report – Doug Lee

Nothing new to report.

UP Chapter Report – Terry Manty

Absent. Joyce stated there was nothing new to report.

State Vice-Chair Nominations – Jack Penegor

Absent; no report.

Student Chapter Report – Larry Leefers

MSU – Larry reports that it will be an active year for MSU due to the fact that they are hosting Midwestern Forestry Conclave this year. Tori Irving, from the DNR, visited with the Forestry Club to talk about work opportunities.

Committee Reports – Don Howlett

Don is serving on the National Communications Committee. He reported that there is a new communication plan to help facilitate better communication throughout SAF nationally and locally. National hopes this will help with transferring information to the local chapters and so National receives the feedback it desires. A draft plan is due in November. Discussion was made about putting special National news in the Forestry Source.

Old Business

Greenbook – Panel Discussion

Much discussion was had about the status of the Greenbook. Currently there is a pallet of non-folded/stapled copies with the printing company. These are not the correct version that is acceptable to print. It was agreed upon that the current printed version is not acceptable to print and distribute.

A motion to contact the printing company to find out if there will be a cost to dispose of the current documents and if the cover to the Greenbook can be utilized was made by Jason Darling.

Second: Tori Irving

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

A motion to form an editing committee to review the most up to date version of the Greenbook and coordinate with the printer to work out any formatting issues and future pricing was made by Jason Darling. The committee will be composed of Tori Irving, Jason Darling, and Doug Lee.

Second: Don Howlett

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Ties to the Land, Estate Planning Workshops – Joyce Angel

Joyce inquired if anyone knew of any workshops that might be taking place in the near future. No comments were made.

UP Auto Tour – Glenn Moll

Glenn passed out a budget document for the project. He gave a summary of the number of brochures we could purchase with the dollars we have.

Glenn Moll made a motion for the State Society to support up to \$1,000 to the printing of the auto tour brochures. The funding however is contingent on having the anticipated funding.

Second: Larry Leefers

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Auto Tour APP Update – Don Howlett

Don is the phone app coordinator with National. The request for the app was submitted in March. Don will have more details about when the app will be completed in a few weeks. The app will hopefully be ready in the fall.

New Business

Michigan Forester – Tori Irving

The printings will come out sometime in July/August and October/November. Tori also talked about making the Michigan Forester digital. Discussion was made about how to properly place the advertising in a digital format. We need to gather candidates and

biographies together for open positions to include in the next edition of the Michigan Forester. Get these in by June to be in the August edition.

A motion to make the Michigan Forester available to members was made by Don Howlett. The next two paper copies will have information regarding the change and will be directed to contact Tori Irving.

Second: Glenn Moll

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Michigan Forestry Minute – Don Howlett

Don passed out an article from Montana SAF regarding a local radio broadcast. A forestry minute broadcast on the radio as an educational tool to communicate key forestry information/issues to the community. 20-30 broadcasts/year. Don will continue to pursue this idea and work with Bill Cook.

Proposed Deregulation of Foresters – Joyce Angel

The State of Michigan is proposing to abolish the Registered Forester classification. Discussion was made and there was a decision to take no action on the matter.

Forestry License Plate – Joyce Angel

Ada Takacs is heading up an action to create a forestry themed license plate to support education in Michigan. SAF supports this movement.

Forestry Outreach/News – Joyce Angel

Budgeting from the State of Michigan went to fund programs within the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. MISAF will make a position statement regarding this issue.

A motion to adjourn was made by Don Howlett.

Second: Doug Lee

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM