

APPROVED Michigan Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan. 29 April 2013

Attendance: Jack Penegor, Bill Rockwell, Les Homan, Terry Manty, Andy Van Dyke, Bernie Hubbard, Don Howlett, Glenn Moll, Lee Mueller, Joyce Angel, Chris Hohnholt, Doug Heym, Jack Pilon, Bill Cook, Jason Darling, Amy Douglass, Jim Schmierer, and Chad Fate.

Call to order: 6:20 PM.

Bernie Hubbard brought the meeting to order.

Bernie reviewed the antitrust statement and reminded the committee that there will be no discussion about prices.

Secretary's Report – Jason Darling

Jason distributed the minutes from the last executive committee meeting at Treetops Resort in Gaylord Michigan. Edits were taken. Motion to approve the minutes as edited was made by Don Howlett.

Second: Andy Van Dyke
Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Treasurers Report – Chad Fate

Lee was not able to make the meeting so Chad reviewed Lee's report. Lee would like someone to audit his records to ensure he is starting off his duties correctly. A motion to accept the report was made by Jason Darling.

Second: Doug Lee
Passed with a chorus of ayes.

AMEND: need to include Treasurer's figures.

Education Fund Report – Chad Fate

Chad distributed and reviewed the report. \$640 allocated to MFA will stay in the account. Motion to approve the report was made by Chris Hohnholt.

Second: Jason Darling
Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Council Report/Presentation – Ernie Houghton – District V Rep.

LP Chapter Report – Jason Darling

The LP needs a vice chair.

UP Chapter Report – Andy Van Dyke

The UP is also seeking a vice chair. Andy is planning a summer tour. Possibly a tour dealing with effects of fire in the western UP. Seeking other ideas.

MSAF Website – Bill Cook

The transfer of the Michigan SAF website to an MTU server was successful.

MSAF Greenbook – Bernie Hubbard

2000 copies are available for distribution. Web version available on the MSAF website.

New Business

Policy/Position Statement Discussion – Doug Heym

Doug dispersed the policy on white-tailed deer. Discussion was made and edits were taken. A fire management policy statement is also up for review; this will be done shortly. National policy documents will be expiring this year. Let Doug know if you would like to assist in editing/reviewing the documents. A motion to approve the statement was made by Jack Penegor.

Second: Terry Manty

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Fall Conference – Bernie Hubbard

Talk about joining MTU in a Biomaterials conference. We will continue to build the details about the conference. We are looking at Traverse City as a location.

Leadership Academy – Bernie Hubbard

Indiana might be an option for 2014. Developing a module for diversity training to present at the meeting.

Auto Tour & APP Update – Glenn Moll

The app is still under development. Shipped auto tour brochures to MDOT. West UP still needs to get signs up.

Forester Registration

The state is planning to eliminate the registration. Discussions were made by the committee. Bill Rockwell suggested to replace the registered forester with certified SAF/ACF in law. There is a national statement about forester registration. A committee composed of Bill Rockwell, Jason Darling, Jack Penegor, and Doug Heym.

Biodiversity Issue

Senate restricted the use of the term Biodiversity. This shouldn't have a negative effect on our industry.

Leadership Succession – Lee Mueller

Lee should have a draft of the succession document by the fall meeting.

National SAF Strategic Planning – Bill Rockwell

In brief summary, make the Council smaller, more representation at lower levels to help make decisions.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chad Fate.

Second: Andy Van Dyke

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm