

**MSAF Business Meeting
St. Ignace, Michigan
June 9, 2005**

Chair: Donald Dickmann called the meeting to order at 1720.
31 people present

Agenda: Dickmann

Motion to approve agenda as presented carried.

Treasures Report: Pilon

Not much activity lately. Total \$6123.72. \$500 for MI Forester. There are considerable balances in accounts. We should start thinking of ways to spend some of it. Possibly add \$1000 from Foresters Fund for Auto Tour. Maybe expand our website with more educational material.

Treasures report was approved and seconded.

UP Chapter Report: Ferris

Glenn needs help with the Auto Tour sign upkeep.
Summer Meeting – Maybe coordinate with Tree Farm? Field oriented. Nominations are being accepted for 2nd Vice Chair.

LP Chapter Report: McNichols

Summer Meeting – Maybe during the Hartwick Pines Festival?
Fall meeting topic – Changes in MI Forests - Nov 2-4 at Garland.
No action has been taken on a Legislative Event – next year sometime.

Executive Team Report: Dickmann

DNR Forest Advisory Committee – SAF asked to be part of it. Don Dickmann will sit for the time being. Ex Team is looking into how to handle DNR and USFS employee issues when they are chairing SAF.

Leadership Academy – Need to think about who to send next year. Incoming LP and UP Chairs? \$1,000 Budgeted.

Need nominees for Field Forester Award – deadline is May 31.

Nominations for State Vice Chair: Dickmann

Larry and Jerry are going to look into forming a committee to look for nominations.

Michigan Forester: Georgia

Things have been going well – Deadline is at the end of the month.

UP Auto Tour: Dickmann

Volunteers are needed to help Glenn – Contact Ferris or Glenn to help repair and update signs.

VOS: Hubbard

Report is on the web if you want to read it. Could impact SAF as a whole. Recommendations for structural change should be directed to Dickmann or Hubbard. House of Delegates will cover at National Meeting and report to the Council Management.

Website: Cook

It is down and has not been changed. There is a technical problem. If it gets fixed it will be up in a month – if not it will end up moving to a different server location.

Membership: Dickman

Michigan and National numbers have been dropping while other societies are increasing. Need to think as a while how to help retain membership. Maybe need to get Technicians ect... as members? Finical options through National are available to help with dues. Maybe one year State Chapter could help with severe financial problems eg subsidize members.

Another problem could be that when students graduate they move on to small originations that cannot finically support them to come to Meetings etc. We need to keep up with students after they graduate. Maybe we could advertise in Alumni Newsletters for upcoming meetings? Mittlestat to talk to MTU and someone from MSU needs to contact the proper people there. Would it be possible to have a professional advisor present at student chapter / forestry club meetings?

Adjourn

1800 hrs. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded – Motion passed.