

MSAF BUSINESS MEETING Minutes, 30 October 2007

6:30 – 7:00 pm

RAM Center

Minutes Approved 23 April 2008

Attendees: Too many to name

Chair: Doug Heym

Highlights:

Introduce 2007 Vice-chair:

Ernie Houghton is set to be Chair in 2008.

Introduce 2008 Vice-chair candidates: Larry Leefers and Joyce Angel-Ling

Ballots going out next week. Candidates made brief statements.

Jack Pilon, State Treasurer made a presentation:

- We agreed to contribute 2/3 of all Michigan Education Fund receipts to the National Forester's Fund.
- Presented Year 2007 budget/expenses (handout)
- Made \$2000 at Spring meeting
- Jack reviewed the report

MSAF Foresters Fund raffle at the National Convention, Doug took the following:

- 16" x 20" matted photo, fall colors near Kingsley, \$35
- Cherry wine with wooden Michigan stopper, \$12
- Hand made journal with wooden binding, \$23
- 10" American beech wooden bowl, \$40

They all sold and tons of money was made for the Foresters Fund. They raised \$8,000-10,000!

Growing Forests for Our Future Video (14 minutes)

- **We've mailed some out and there has been interest.**
- Contact Doug Heym if you want a copy

MiBCI-Michigan Bird Conservation Initiative

- Rich Stevenson would like to resign from representation.
- Doug Heym is looking for an SAF volunteer

Conservation Summit. SAF has agreed to participate

- Objective is to provide enough State resources for conservation and environmental management. Referendum would cost \$9 million. Thought about maybe tagging on to non-carbonated bottle bill.
- Mike Moore will continue to represent us

Wildlife Action Plan Partner's Meeting.

- The DNR Wildlife division staff will assemble the list of compiled issues and share with the larger group.
- A few emails have gone back and forth but Doug Lee hasn't heard anything for 4-5 months.

Update Green Book? Voluntary Forest Management Guidelines for Michigan.

- People still ask for this. But it's about 10 years old and we need to pursue an update. Bill C. and Doug H. volunteered to assemble ad-hoc committee to pursue revision.
- Volunteers should contact Doug Heym

General chair comments:

- Electronic voting at National level. People who don't have email addresses should get them in the mail. VOTE!

CFE/CF: SAF Continuing Education Program Changes

- CFE program (120 hours over three year=certificate) still exists
- CF program (60 hours every three years required)
- State CFE coordinator needs to approve them in advance (Can submit to national)
- For third party auditors, each person will have to maintain their records Attendance will be taken

Project Learning Tree effort in Michigan.

- Ada Takacs (DNR) and Kathy Fischer (Binder Park Zoo) Co-administrators
- www.mplt.org
- National EE program to support K-12 learning about Forestry.
- Program teaches about forestry and trees and teaches kids how to think, doesn't tell them what to think about environmental issues. Trains teachers or people who are resource professionals.
- Started back up in 2004 in Michigan with MDNR and Binder Zoo
- If you are interested, contact Ada or Doug Heym

Michigan Forester Editor's update:

- Brenda Owen has volunteered to assume editor duties. Georgia will help her.

Council Report: Bernie Hubbard.

- Fellows are usually discussed but they had to go in to executive session over some issues with the SAF real estate. Questions about selling the property within the Beltway and whether or not the National staff needs to be in DC.
- Leadership academy planned for 2008.
- VOTE!

Doug Heym also mentioned from House of Society Delegates (HSD) meeting:

- Our meetings are covered on the National SAF insurance. Field trips are not covered. HSD voted to ask Council to ask national to include field trips. Not covered if we provide alcoholic beverages. Doug Heym thinks that for each chapter meeting we should contact our insurance company to ask if we are covered.

Spring meeting:

- General ideas to share with UP Chapter as suggestions:
- Probably Houghton, probably March or April
 - Tech transfer (MTU/MSU)
 - Fuels for Schools/Wood Links
 - Bioenergy
 - Changing markets
 - NH (Dukes)
 - Organize with Forest Guild

Most support from group for tech transfer and changing markets
Could coordinate with CIF

Awards given:

- Forester of the Year: Georgia Peterson
- Young Forester of the Year: Todd K. Miller

Pins Recognizing Number of Year of SAF Membership:

• 10 year –

Anne Collins
Greg Corace
Gary Inhelder
Richard Kobe
Kristopher Kovar
Richard Louys
David MacArthur
Mark Majewsky
Linda Nagel
William Parker
Steven Snell
Jacob Stephens*

• 20 year –

Charlie Becker
Mike Castle
Amy Douglass
Gerry Grossman
Les Holman*

Neil MacDonald
Robert MacGregor
Thomas Schmidt
Martha Sjogren*

• **30 year –**

Joseph Cissell
James Ferris
Dayle Garlock
Joseph Gates
Michael Graham
Brad Homeier
David Linari
Dennis Werblow

• **40 year –**

David Holli
Norman Kasmaukis
Martin Nelson
Terry Reed
Gerald Thiede

• **50 year –**

C David Ridgeway
Jonas Snyder (pin and certificate)

• **60 year -**

James Halbach
McClain Smith

• **70 year –**

John Arend

* Denotes members present to receive their pins.

• **Certificates:**

Spring Conference: Bill Cook, Ray Miller, Jack Penegor
UP 2007 Chair Jack Penegor
2006 Chair Don Howlett
2007 Chair Doug Heym

Ron Scott, Les Homan, and Doug Lee seemed to win all the raffle prizes.