

Michigan Society of American Foresters
State Business Meeting 4/23/08
Marquette, MI
APPROVED Minutes

Attendees: Too many to name
Chair: Ernie Houghton
Called to order 10:00am

Presented Minutes from the 10/30/07 State Business Meeting

Request to approve minutes: Ernie Houghton
Motion to approve: Ken Ford
Second: Don Howlett
Passed with a chorus of ayes

Presented State 2008 budget

Mentioned that Education Fund has balance of about \$5400.

Request to approve budget: Ernie Houghton
Motion to approve: Don Howlett
Second: Doug Lee
Passed with a chorus of ayes, none opposed

Reviewed topics discussed at 4/22/08 Executive Committee Meeting

1. Revision of Forest Management Guidelines (“green book”) underway
2. Approved report on Forester Perceptions of Deer Depredation On the Forests of Michigan
3. Student Membership Sponsorship – very successful
 - 14 students at MTU sponsored by SAF members
 - 11 at MSU!
4. Student academic scholarships. Tom Seablom raised the topic of developing a MSAF academic scholarship to give to college students at the executive committee meeting. Ernie presented the idea and opened for discussion. Some discussion took place.
*Motion to have \$500 annual scholarship for MTU and MSU, each:
made by Tom Seablom*
Second: Don Howlett
Results: All ayes
Details will be worked on by executive team
5. We will be updating our bylaws this year.
6. Volunteer opportunities: Contact Ernie if you are interested.

Policy Team Chair
2009 officers (State, UP, LP)
Memorial Building at Hartwick Pines
Representatives on EUP and WUP
DNR advisory committees
Regional Conclave at MTU – contact Maria and the students

Michigan Forester

- Next issue of Michigan Forester will be included in the May issue of The Forestry Source
- Brenda Owens is the new editor. Michigan will be the first chapter to try this out. Contact Brenda if you have any concerns/comments about how it arrives in your mailbox.
- 6/27/08 is deadline for August issue. (Conclave info should be in this edition)

District V Council

- Representative Greg Russell was introduced to the group.
- Greg gave group update on Council meeting held in Bethesda, MD in March.

Report of SAF Vice-President Bernie Hubbard

- Thanked those who voted for him.
- He has noted that people in these positions try to have a “theme” to help focus their efforts. Bernie wants to key in on sustainability issues. Marvin Brown had begun a few years ago.

Motion to adjourn: Doug Lee

Second: Maria Janowiak

Results: Everybody agreed.

REMEMBER:

Make sure National has your correct email address so you can vote electronically!

Fall 2008 meeting in Lansing at Kellogg Center. Future of the Profession of Forestry