

Michigan Society of American Foresters
State Business Meeting 10/21/08
Lansing, MI
APPROVED Minutes

Attendees: Too many to name
Chair: Ernie Houghton
Called to order 9:00 am

Presented Minutes from the 4/23/08 State Business Meeting

Request to approve minutes: Ernie Houghton

Motion to approve: Doug Heym

Second: Brian Crouch

Passed with a chorus of ayes

Highlights of Executive Committee Meeting - Ernie

- Student scholarships – two \$500 scholarships, want to award two yet this year, information will be on website in the near future.
- Spring 2010, hope to have joint meeting with Wisconsin and Minnesota SAF groups, tentative topic Recreation and Forest Management.
- Revision of the Forest Management Guidelines for Michigan – Doug Heym has spearheaded revision, will begin editing soon and plans to publish in 2009. Needs to secure funds to publish but has about nine potential donors.
- Student sponsorship – don't want price of dues to inhibit students from joining. MSAF is facilitating "members sponsoring students campaign"

Michigan Forester

Deadline for submitting information and articles for next edition: 10/31/08

Note that the Michigan Forester is now included as a supplement in the monthly Forestry Source and will be included 3 or 4 times a year.

Treasurer's Report

Derek Cross made Treasurer Jack Pilon's report available.

Derek noted the following items:

Thanks for the contributions to sponsor student members

Gratitude for the contributions made by individuals and corporations:

- Weyerhaeuser
- Rick Lucas
- AJD Forest Products
- Besse Forest Products
- Renken Consulting - Lanasa memorial
- Renken Consulting – Griewe memorial

Approximately \$10,000 in coffers

LP Chapter Report – Jason Hartman

The chapter is working on updating their bylaws. They are waiting for the State Society to finalize it's to tier to. They are looking in to longer terms for vice-chairs/chairs and doing away with the second vice chair position.

Chapter is also looking for topics for Fall 2009

UP Chapter Report – presented by Maria Janowiak

Also working on bylaws (waiting for State Society bylaws and considering lengthening vice chair/chair terms to two years.

Report of Vice-President - Bernie Hubbard, vice Chair of SAF

- Sale of Wild Acres fell through.
- SAF will need to work on maintenance of the facility.
- Committee formed to work with National Association of State Foresters on sustainability policy (differences they had NASF works faster and had developed information for legislation quickly, SAF tends to move a little slower; the two groups have moved back toward each other).
- Leadership academy will be held again in April 2009.

Volunteer Positions

Ernie let the group know MSAF is looking for volunteers for the following tasks:

- Joint meeting WI/MN – Contact person/planning committee member
- Archivist
- Sponsor student memberships

Motion to adjourn: Amy Douglas

Second: Georgia Peterson

Results: Everybody agreed.

Meeting adjourned about 9:20am

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Spring 2009 meeting in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan. Topic: Today's Forests/Tomorrow's Uses