

APPROVED
Michigan Society of American Foresters
State Society Meeting
20 October 2009 - Grayling, MI

36 members in attendance.

Chair Larry Leefers opened the meeting at 5:20 pm

1. Reading and approval of past minutes

21 October 2008 meeting minutes

Don Dickmann motioned to approve

Warren Suchovsky seconded.

Motion carried

31 March 2009 meeting minutes

Don Howlett motioned to approve

Jack Penegor seconded.

Motion carried

2. Chair Leefers' report of Executive Team meeting and upcoming elections

- SAF National Convention was an excellent meeting
- Maria Janowiak and Les Homan put together a success story for the HSD on the joint MSAF- Canadian Institute of Forestry meeting that was held in the spring.
- Doug Heym updated the meeting that the Green Book is in progress; hope is to finish this year
- Mike Elenz is still looking for replacement as the Education Fund Chair
- By-law revisions are proposed on the SAF online ballot. Proposed changes would include electronic ballots and change to a two-year chair position (effective with the people to be elected this year). Voting ends Nov. 5th
- Joyce Angel-Ling and Georgia Peterson gave their "stump speeches" for SAF vice-chair

3. Treasurer's Report (John Pilon)

- Revenue—a certain portion of dues are returned – expect about \$3,000, which is less than expected; The Society made over \$2,200 at spring meeting and it looks like fall meeting will also generate revenue
- Routine expenses – HSD dues, Michigan Forester bill was larger than expected because a bill from 2008 was held over into this year.
- \$5,751 in the General Fund; \$4,960 in the Education Fund
- If anyone is interested in looking at the books, they can contact John and he will make them available
- Martha and Glenn conducted an audit, which came out favorably
- *Ned Caveney moved to accept the budget.*
- *Jason Stephens seconded.*
- There was some discussion about whether the Michigan Forester budget will remain high. The publication comes with the Forestry Source.

Motion carried

4. Lower Peninsula Chapter Report (Jason Stephens)

- The LP Chapter held two events this summer
- The Chapter is preparing up update bylaws this year to be consistent with the proposed changes to the State bylaws. This would include removal of the second vice-chair position.
- There is no election for the LP Chapter this year. The Chapter currently has a second-vice chair. No interested candidates for second vice-chair came forward this year, and it was decided that it was okay since the position may be eliminated in the future.

5. Upper Peninsula Chapter Report (Maria Janowiak)

- A summer silvicultural tour was held. Many thanks to John Hamel and Linda Nagel for planning.
- The Chapter is preparing up update bylaws this year to be consistent with the proposed changes to the State bylaws. This would include removal of the second vice-chair position. A discussion of moving to a two-year chair position is also occurring and will may be included in the revision.
- The UP Chapter has two outstanding candidates for chair elect: John Hamel and Terry Manty.
- The spring meeting is currently being planned. It will be a joint meeting with Wisconsin SAF on Forest Management and Recreation. The meeting will be held 10-11 March 2010 in Marinette, WI. Looking for some topics that would be of interest to the membership—contact Maria or Bill Hasse with ideas.

6. Closing the meeting

- Larry closed out the meeting by giving additional thanks to John Hamel and Ernie Houghton for their work on the by-laws, and he committed to helping to reevaluate charters for some of the MSAF committees if the bylaws pass.

Ernie Houghton motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Second my Tom Seablom.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 with a chorus of ayes.