

DRAFT Minutes Michigan Society of American Foresters
State Society Business Meeting
Treetops Resort. Gaylord, Michigan. 1 November 2012

Attendance: Approximately 35 people.

Call to order: 4:15

Meeting was brought to order by Joyce Angel.

Joyce reviewed the anti-trust statement and reminded the committee that there will be no discussion about timber prices.

2012 Executive Committee Update – Joyce Angel

No vice chair and we missed the opportunity to put it on the ballot. Chad Fate volunteered for the Education Fund position. Lee Mueller is looking to become the State Society Treasurer. Considering Lisa Parker to replace Jason Darling as Secretary.

Agenda – Joyce Angel

Joyce reviewed the agenda and Karen Potter-Witter motioned to approve the agenda.
Second: Don Howlett.
Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Secretary's Report – Jason Darling

Minutes were passed out and reviewed. Revisions were taken. Dean Reid made a motion to approve the minutes.
Second: Lee Mueller.
Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Treasurer's Report – Jack Pilon

Distributed the report. Jack discussed the money we brought in with dues and conferences; these are our two main sources of income so we need to continue to do well with them. Jack examined the Education Fund budget and how much money we commit to national, which is 2/3 of the raffle. Lee Mueller made a motion to pass the report.
Second: Don Howlett.
Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Council Report/Presentation – Joyce Angel

Joyce gave the report in place of Ernie Houghton. There is talk of a 2013 Leadership Academy for Districts V and IX. We need to consider who to send and how we will financially support the participants.

District V student brought forward the idea of a student District meeting. They may consider a forester fund grant to help offset the cost of the meeting. MSAF might consider a grant to cover the cost for the students from Michigan.

Fellow nominations must be submitted to the District Fellows Committee by 28 February. When submitting nominations be sure to use the correct forms and format. Nominations for The Presidential Field Forester are due to Ernie by 15May.

LP Chapter Report – Chad Fate

Putting together the meeting at Treetops went well. Appreciated all who participated and helped pull the meeting together.

UP Chapter Report – Chris Hohnholt

Planning for the spring conference is taking place. Throwing around the idea of having it on Mackinac Island with the topic of climate change. The location will not be on Mackinac. Summer field tour will most likely be on forest restoration and fire. We need a UP Vice Chair nomination.

Old Business

Greenbook

Jack presented a bare bone version of the Greenbook. As discussed at the last few meetings the current version of the Greenbook is not acceptable. Edits on Jack's version should be done and sent to Jack by 1 December. Discussion was made about the copyright date that will be on the final version we print; it was agreed that 2010 will be used as the copyright date. We need to make sure that the version on the web matches what we end up printing. A quote from the printer is needed. Tori is willing to help put the book together in a format that the printers will accept. Hopes are that we will have a print-ready draft by the Executive Team meeting in January. Jack and Tori will get details on a quote and Craig will send the cover drawing to use for the book.

Michigan Forester Timeline – Tori Irving

Deadline for contributing articles for the newsletter is 9 November. December issue will be the last paper copy. If you wish to receive a paper copy send Tori a note.

New Business

MSAF Website Host Search

Bill Cook is working with MTU to be our new webhost for free.

2013 Forestry Conclave Hosted By MSU

Is there a way we can support them through sponsorship? We are willing to hear about the options we have for supporting them. Lee will contact the students and gather more information. Conclave will be 5-7 April.

Policy Statements – Joyce Angel

Policy statements are out of date. Doug Heym is in charge of these items. Discussion was made if national policy statements are useful and if the state should continue to support them. A note on this topic will be put in the next forester so send feedback to Doug Heym by 9 November.

Outreach Opportunities

Chuck Olson made a statement about involving the Envirothon program in our outreach. They should be involved in every county.

Brenda Owen discussed our exhibit at the UP State Fair. We need to update it and have volunteers to work it.

Joyce Angel discussed that we need to try to keep pushing for forester representation at government and local organizations. We also need to keep in mind utilizing the Green Fire DVD which is sponsored by SAF.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lee Mueller.

Second: Don Howlett

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00