

APPROVED Michigan Society of American Foresters  
State Business Meeting  
Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan. 29 April 2013

Attendance: Approximately 23 people.

Call to order: 4:30 PM.

Bernie Hubbard brought the meeting to order.

Bernie reviewed the antitrust statement and reminded the committee that there will be no discussion about prices.

**Secretary's Report – Jason Darling**

Jason distributed the minutes from the last meeting at Treetops Resort in Gaylord Michigan. Edits were taken. Motion to approve the minutes as edited was made by Shawn Hagan.

Second: Bernie Hubbard

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

**Treasures Report – Chad Fate**

Lee Mueller was not able to make the meeting so Chad Fate reviewed Lee's report. Lee would like someone to audit his records to ensure he is starting off his duties correctly. A motion to accept the report was made by Shawn Hagan.

Second: Andy Van Dyke

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

AMEND: Lee Mueller would like to add the Treasurer's figures to the report.

**Education Fund Report – Chad Fate**

Chad distributed and reviewed the report. \$640 allocated to MFA will stay in the account. There is not much money in the Education Fund. Motion to approve the report was made by Jack Penegor.

Second: Shawn Hagan

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

**Council Report/Presentation – Ernie Houghton – District V Rep.**

**Lower Peninsula Chapter Report – Jason Darling**

The LP needs a vice chair. Any ideas for a summer meeting should be sent to Jason Darling.

**Upper Peninsula Chapter Report – Andy Van Dyke**

The UP is also seeking a vice chair. Andy is planning a summer tour. Possibly a tour dealing with effects of fire in the western UP. Seeking other ideas. The UP needs to get Auto Tour signs up. Vice chair nominees: Les Homan & Chris Hohnholt.

### **Membership – Amy Douglass**

There are lots of delinquent members. Amy needs help to track them down.

### **Science and Technology Vacancy**

This position has been vacant for some time. Please contact Bernie if you have nominations.

### **Old Business**

#### **Website Update– Bill Cook**

The transfer of the Michigan SAF website to an MTU server was successful.

#### **MSAF Greenbook – Bernie Hubbard**

2000 copies are available for distribution.

### **New Business**

#### **Policy/Position Statement Discussion – Doug Heym**

Doug dispersed the policy on white-tailed deer. Discussion was made and edits were taken. A fire management policy statement is also up for review; this will be done shortly. National policy documents will be expiring this year. Let Doug know if you would like to assist in editing/reviewing the documents. A motion to approve the statement was made by Jack Penegor.

Second: Terry Manty

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

#### **Fall Conference – Bernie Hubbard**

Talk about joining MTU in a Biomaterials conference. We will continue to build the details about the conference. We are looking at Traverse City as a location.

#### **Leadership Academy – Bernie Hubbard**

Indiana might be an option for 2014. Developing a module for diversity training to present at the meeting.

#### **Auto Tour & App Update – Glenn Moll**

The app is still under development. Shipped Auto Tour brochures to MDOT. West UP still needs to get signs up. Supplies will be located at Alberta and Gladstone. Contact Jack Penegor if you can help.

#### **Forester Registration**

The state is planning to eliminate the registration. Discussions were made by the committee. Bill Rockwell suggested replacing the Registered Forester with Certified SAF/ACF in law. There is a national statement about forester registration. A committee composed of Bill Rockwell, Jason Darling, Jack Penegor, and Doug Heym.

**Biodiversity Issue**

Senate restricted the use of the term Biodiversity. This shouldn't have a negative effect on our industry.

**Leadership Succession – Lee Mueller**

Lee should have a draft of the succession document by the fall meeting.

**National SAF Strategic Planning – Bill Rockwell**

In brief summary, make the Council smaller, more representation at lower levels to help make decisions.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Shawn Hagan.**

Second: Jack Penegor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm