

Approved
Michigan Society of American Foresters
Upper Peninsula Chapter Minutes
4 November 2010, Grayling Michigan

About 20 members in attendance.

Chair Bill Hess opened the meeting at 5:09 PM.

Motion made to approve the minutes from 3/10/2010 Upper Peninsula Chapter Minutes in Marinette WI by Martha Sjogren.

Second: Dean Reed

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Old Business

Treasures Report – John Hamel

There was good participation at the meeting in Marinette, MI and were able to raise a good deal of money. The proceeds from the meeting where \$2,077.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made my Joe Darben (Durbin?)

Second: Bernie Hubbard.

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Auto Tour – Jack Penegor

The association needs help placing the auto tour signs. Approximately 70% of the sign decals are assembled and ready to be placed at their correct location. Most of the east end of the UP is complete; however help is needed in a number of the counties in the west end. There is a need to find the original sign list from the west end to figure out where signs can/need to go. It was proposed to look to forestry clubs from local colleges to assist in placing the signs. A crew of 2 or 3 people is recommended.

Fundraising

Review of the topic about making SAF hats for the UP chapter. The hats would be embroidered with the SAF shield along with MIUP chapter. The need for an order sheet to acquire the number of hats wanted is necessary. The price of the hats would be approximately \$25. The base cost of the hats is quite expensive. There is a \$60 start up fee, and the embroidery is \$14-20. The group decided that the hats were too expensive and there wasn't enough interest.

No motions to approve the making of the MISAF hats.

New Business

Fundraising – Les Homan

Les mentioned an idea about setting up a timber sale for fundraising activity. The idea would be to create a sale in association with a few sponsors and donate the money to an organization. Warren identified continuous participation as a problem and a long list of complicated logistics as potential problems.

Les offered to think about the idea more and get back to us.

Spring Meeting Topic – Terry Manty & Bill Hasse

There is a need for a topic for the 2011 spring meeting. Recommendations are welcome and should be directed to Terry Manty. A proposed date for the meeting is March 30 or 31. A few topic ideas are about new forestry technology, management for biomass and social networking.

State Elections

We will bring in the new officers in the executive meeting. The need to keep the UP elections aligned with the rest of the state was identified and is very important to do so. Elected official terms were identified to be 2 years, a change from the past. The UP chapter is in need of paper ballots to make a quick election possible. There will be a mail ballot before the first of the year. The need to update the bi-laws was identified by Tom and Bill Hasse.

Motion to approve the Spring Meeting Topics and State Elections was made by Martha Sjogren.

Second: Jack Penegor.

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

National Office Bricks – Ernie Houghton

The chapter has the option of purchasing a brick for \$150 to be placed at the national office which is being remodeled. The funds to purchase the brick will come from the general funds.

Motion to approve the purchasing a brick for the MI UP SAF chapter was made by Barbra.

Second: Les Homan

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Seablom

Second: Les Homan

Passed with a chorus of ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.