

MT SAF Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes January 27, 2006
Lubrecht Experimental Forest

Attendance:

Mark Teply, Gordy Sanders, Sharon Scott, Bob Harrington, Beverly Yelczyn,
Dave Jones, Dave Marsh, Sarah Pierce, April Rainey, Peter Kolb, Larry Westcott,
Cindy Bertek, Roy Anderson, Patrick Hefernan, Chris Damrow, Louis Bowne,
Dave Groelsh

Call to Order – Tim Love

Treasurer's Report – Mark Teply

As of 12/31/05, checking account balance of \$9,810.94
As of 1/26/06, checking account balance of \$11,588.44
Treasurer's Report approved

State Chair Report – Tim Love

Re-confirmed that 2005 committee chairs would continue to serve in 2006
Heads-up given that 2006 strategic plan would be forthcoming
Request for HSD agenda items; due by May; please forward to Tim
Tim will forward (thru Secretary) an operations handbook for the officers

Eastside Chapter Report – Sharon Scott

Chapter meeting on 12/15/05 addressed Wolf Status in Montana (Carolyn Siem)
They've also been brainstorming ideas to increase participation
One idea they are considering is to provide seed money for local programs
Sharon offered any help needed for the upcoming State Meeting

Flathead Chapter Report – Dave Jones

Their 2005 Xmas party was at the Central School Museum
Auction raised about \$1,500 for their scholarship fund
January 2006 meeting addressed RC&D information (Sue White)
February 2006 meeting will present *For the Greatest Good*

Libby Chapter Report – April Rainey

They have designated a policy chair – Ken Stevens
They have designated a membership chair – Mark Romey
They have continued their breakfast meetings to address business
Upcoming, they will be addressing chapter goals

They are considering Habitat for Humanity participation in Libby area
Their last meeting featured Bob Blanford
Their next meeting will feature the Yaak Valley Forest Council

Missoula Chapter Report – Bob Harrington

Their 2006 Xmas meeting featured Bob Brown from Fort Missoula
They have had good meeting attendance (45-50)
They will be continuing regular KUFM spots
They are currently busy planning for the State Meeting
Bob will be looking at different meeting formats for the future

Policy Committee Report – Gordy Sanders

Sam Gilbert is participating in FWP Cutthroat Trout Steering Committee
Discussed possible Timber Industry Infrastructure PS with the Inland Empire
Discussed possible Salvage Logging PS with the Inland Empire
Gordy provided updates on other on-going PS developments

Communications Committee Report – Bev Yelczyn

Deferred report

Membership Committee Report – John Casselli (through Tim Love)

There will be an emphasis on recruiting new members at the State Meeting
Currently, 367 members which is no change from this time last year

Newsletter Report – Roy Anderson

Next issue will be after the State Meeting
Past 2 issues have been distributed via email, where possible

Historian – Scott Kuehn (through Tim Love)

He is needing help for Forestry Days on April 22nd

CFE – Nothing to Report

Web – Sherri Williams (through Tim Love)

Requested that Mark Teply forward latest officers for the web page

Science and Technology Committee Report – Peter Kolb

Discussed issues related to a *Science* paper regarding peer review problems

Requested SAF promote a PS regarding Peer Review and Experiential Knowledge

Foresters Fund Report – Gordy Sanders

About \$40K is available nationally; details are on the SAF website
Deadlines are 2/15, 6/15, and 9/15; details are on the SAF website

Mentoring Committee Report – Bruce S. (through Tim Love)

Presented that mentoring solutions are on-line at the SAF website

2006 State Meeting Update – Tim Love

Agenda and registration were presented in the latest newsletter
Most speakers have confirmed; possibly adding a field trip to Pattee Blue FS
Next planning meeting will be Feb 21 at 1500 at Bob H.'s office

KUFM Spots – Tim Love

One is upcoming, but a new topic is needed for the 3/29 spot
Tim will talk with Dale K about this

Education Committee – Tim Love

Presented idea to add an education committee to promote continuing education
Cindy Bertek will lead this effort

DNRC State Forest Summaries – Bob Harrington

DNRC has not forgotten SAF request for recal of state forest summaries
Reports will be forthcoming

Next Meetings – Tim Love

March 10 at 1000 at Seeley Lake RS (conference call-in will be setup)
March 30 at 1730 at Missoula Holiday Inn (in conj. w/State Meeting)

Adjourn