

**MT SAF Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes February 28, 2007  
Missoula – DNRC Fire & Aviation Building**

**Attendance:**

Peter Kolb, Larry Wescott, Cheri Hartless, Beth Dodson, John Casselli  
By Phone: Bill Pursell, Carl Sobczak, April Rainy, Gordy Sanders

**Call to Order** – Peter Kolb

Noted that a quorum did exist.

**Approval of Minutes** – 1/16/07 minutes reviewed and approved and on file. (Note that a 1/27/07 ECM meeting at the leadership conference was not held.)

**Treasurer's Report** – Bill Pursell

As of 2/12/07 the financial position of the SAF state account is \$12,476.88. YTD there has been \$7905.83 in revenue and \$8207.09 in expenses for a \$301.23 decrease in cash. Also sent out for review to the executive committee is a YTD transaction summary and YTD ledger. Treasurer's report approved. Cheri asked to wait on paying a printing bill pending resolution of the bill.

**Chairs Report** – Peter Kolb

Planning and organizing for the joint state SAF meeting is ongoing. There is a need and the call goes out for silent auction and raffle items. Proceeds will be split between the Foresters Fund and the state societies. Speakers are in place. Gail Kimbell may yet speak. Congressional legislators have been invited and may speak Saturday morning. From Montana Rehberg, Tester, Bacus and Schwietzer have been or will be invited. Peter testified before the House Natural Resources Committee about HB 293 and HB 452 on behalf of the SAF and the MFOA. Both Bills have passed a third reading with amendments and are ready to be transmitted to the house.

**East Side Report** – No Report

**Flathead Chapter Report** – Carl Sobczak

Kate Kendall will be speaker at next chapter meeting talking about her Grizzly bear study. Later in the spring Steve Running will be making a presentation about climate change. This presentation will be held at the college and be open to the public. The chapter is planning on participating in a Habitat for Humanity project. Bill Pursell will check past financial statements to determine how much of the State account is allocated to Habitat for Humanity projects.

### **Libby Chapter Report** – April Rainy

At the last chapter meeting, Ed Levert and Paul Remmelhart, Kootenai Economic Development talked about trying to attract small log processing capabilities in Libby utilizing WUI timber.

Libby Chapter is also looking at a Habitat for Humanity project.

The chapter is currently looking for sponsors for the upcoming State SAF meeting. They are still working on getting dinner and lunch speakers for the state meeting.

### **Missoula Chapter Report** – Larry Wescott

Craig Rawlings spoke at the last chapter meeting about small log opportunities.

The chapter still has Craig Thomas raffle tickets to distribute.

Next meeting Peter Kolb will present “Alaska & Climate Change”.

### **Student Chapter Report** – No Report. Beth Dodson has been approached about being the Faculty Representative

### **Awards Committee Report** – Peter for Tim Love

Peter has submitted the nomination of Carl Fiedler for the national SAF Science Award and Bev have submitted the nomination of Steve Arno for the Barrington Award. SAF State Forester and Field Forester of the year nominations are due to the Executive Committee by 3/16.

### **Policy Committee Report** – Gordy Sanders

Committee involved in Peter’s testimony of HB 293 and HB 452 to the state Natural Resources committee. There will be more activity when the bills make their way to the house.

### **Communications Report** – John Casselli for Bev Yelczyn

John passed on Bev’s concern about getting a price for the state meeting nailed down and communicated soon.

### **Newsletter Report** – Cherri Hartless

Electronic copy of state newsletter went out. Cheri reported difficulties in doing the bulk mailing and was wondering if we need to hard copy everyone. There was some discussion about taking a poll to see who would want a hard copy and who would not. That poll may go out in the next newsletter.

### **Membership Report** – John Casselli

There are currently 361 members. John received 13 comments on Montana's position to the HSD proposal for Membership changes. After discussion it was voted to advance Montana's current position on membership changes to HSD.

**Mentor Report** – Bruce Schlaebitz - No Report

**Foresters Fund Report** – Gordy Sanders

Missoula Chapter and Flathead Chapter FF requests were approved by the executive committee and forwarded to National.

**Historian Report** – Peter for Scott Kuehn

Scott is looking for more students to attend the Intermountain Logging Conference. He is also looking for volunteers to run the sawmill at Fort Missoula for Forestry Days.

**Science and Technology Report** – Peter Kolb

Peter reports that John Goodburn has accepted to Chair position for S & T.

**CFE Report** – No Report

**Website Report** – No Report

**Education Report**– Peter for Cindy

The schedule is out for the various Forest Stewardship offerings.

**Old Business**

There was some discussion about wording in the KUFM commentary. Nothing was resolved.

**New Business**

The next meeting will be 4/12 at 1 pm at the DNRC in Missoula.

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