

MT SAF Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes June 21, 2006  
Seeley Lake Ranger District

Attendance:

Tim Love, Larry Westcott, Mark Teply, Lyle Laverty, Bev Yelczyn, April Rainey, Gordy Sanders, Chris Damrow, Bob Harrington, Dave Jones

Call to Order – Tim Love

Leadership Conference Overview – Lyle Laverty

Attendance about 50 – some Montana attendees  
Fellows review board is going forward  
District IV Field Forester is John Ottman  
SAF and State Foresters are preparing a position paper  
National Policy on Sustainable Forest Management  
P.S. will frame issue, communication strategy, legislative strategy

Approval of Minutes 3/30/06 – M/S/P

Treasurer's Report – Mark Teply

As of 6/12/06, checking account balance of \$12,928.25 - M/S/P

Libby Chapter Report – April Rainey

Held a field trip in May  
June meeting at Raven; topic will be State Meeting 2007  
Loggers Days is coming up  
Attempts at recruiting for MNRYC  
With local teachers; sees need to actively promote with schools  
However, no followup and therefore no recruits  
Breakfast meeting in mid-summer  
Chapter is also sponsoring Provider Pals

Flathead Chapter Report – Chris Damrow

Forestry Expo in May; had about 1000+ 5<sup>th</sup> graders & 800 weekend visitors  
Attended Provider Pals presentation with the Libby Chapter  
Planted an Arbor Day tree; needs replanting after cattle damage  
Next meeting will be in August

Eastside Chapter Report – Mark Teply

Mount Helena Monitoring Project in May; about 120 7<sup>th</sup> graders participated

Missoula Chapter Report – Bob Harrington

KUFM commentary would be aired 6/21 in evening  
Calling those who owe dues  
Forestry Days activity was a tree planting  
MNRYC is upcoming; Extension will be taking on promotion  
Otherwise, off for the summer

Awards Committee Report – Tim Love

50 year members who could not attend State Meeting were personally awarded  
John Ottman rec'd District Field Forester award; will be put in pool for National

Policy Committee Report – Gordy Sanders

Distributed National Policy Committees 2006 Top Five Threats to Sustainability  
Forestland conversion  
Forest health  
Global competitiveness  
Domestic capacity  
Connecting land and people

This will frame work on forest policy by setting priorities for the committee  
These are also potential KUFM commentary topics to consider

Distributed CRESA bill National SAF response  
Also working on National definition of Old Growth  
Position being that it has no place in legislation  
Other position statements that have come to the fore...  
Suburban sprawl  
Herbicides  
Forest biotech  
FIA position statement has been approved

Communications Report – Bev Yelczyn

Actively getting award members recognized  
Local papers and in Forestry Source  
Ernie's obituary was sent to national  
Noted this evenings KUFM commentary  
Made a presentation at Sentinel HS  
Noted that Sawmill Gulch CD is available

Newsletter Report – Roy Anderson not available

Membership Report – Tim Love for John Casselli

Steady membership at about 280  
38 are on the purge list  
Heads up that there will be 4 50-yr members next year

Mentor Report – Bruce Schlaebitz not available

Foresters Fund – Gordy Sanders

Noted two successful projects so far this year  
Recognized in Forestry Source  
No new proposals during 6/15 cycle; next deadline is 9/15  
National is looking for auction donations

Historian – Tim Love for Scott Kuehn

Sawmill is operating on 7/14; looking for help

Science and Technology Report – Peter Kolb

Nothing to report

CFE – Dale Kerkvliet not available

Website – Tim Love for Sherri Williams

Web page needs review  
Need someone to oversee

Education – Time Love for Cindy Bertek

Will coordinate education information with Sherri

Old Business

2006 State Meeting - Thoughts

Much discussion and best summarized by Bob Harrington that SAF is positioned to make a coordinated effort addressing many of the issues and concerns brought forward; but there is no strategy and he suggested that ECM consider these issues and concerns as themes for upcoming state meetings with idea that they result in strategies that SAF can implement.

On this, there was much agreement and led to discussion of 2007 meeting.

## 2007 State Meeting – Planning

### General concept:

Presentations that provide background on a theme (issue)  
Then use meeting as opportunity to build strategy for addressing

### General topics:

Sustainability; stewardship, long-term planning

### Practically:

Almost unanimous support for a combined meeting  
Spokane is affordable; IE finding out more  
Flathead/Libby was ok with this  
With no opposition, we should proceed

Peter will work with others to refine topic  
Generally...strategies for sustainability

HSD issues are being forwarded

No New Business

Next Meeting

September 8th at Seeley Lake at 1000; Conference call will be made available  
Possibly scheduled for Missoula to include IE leadership for meeting planning

Adjourn