

MT SAF Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes September 8, 2006
State Foresters Office, Missoula

Attendance:

Peter Kolb, Scott Keuhn, John Casselli, Bruce Schlaebitz, Tim Love, Bev Yelczyn, Cherri Hartless, Gordy Sanders (by phone), Bill Chandler, Cindy Bertek

Call to Order – Tim Love

Tim noted that a quorum did not exist; all matters would be tabled

Approval of Minutes 6/21/06 – Tabled

Treasurer's Report – Mark Teply

As of 8/10/06, checking account balance of \$13,230.01 - Tabled

Libby Chapter Report – No Report

Flathead Chapter Report – No Report

Eastside Chapter Report – Mark Teply

Mount Helena Monitoring Project was scheduled for late September
But, due to fire activity, it was rescheduled for spring

Missoula Chapter Report – Bev Yelczyn

September 19th schedule to be the first meeting of the season

Chairman's Report – Tim Love

Tim encouraged everyone to vote for the national offices
Contributions needed for Foresters Fund raffle at National Meeting – Tabled
John Casselli presented article from Judith Basin regarding logging mishaps
There was much discussion about how to respond to this
Peter Kolb will followup with Craig regarding a positive response

Policy Committee Report – Gordy Sanders

Nationally...

Continued work/support of the FERRA bill
SAF is engaged in the Farm Bill
Roundtable will occur in December re: Partners in Forestry

New legislation being evaluated re: Cooperative Conservation
SAF is providing continued support for FIA activities
New Position Statement considered re: Plantation Forestry
Sustainability Task Force will be advanced nationally
Several position statements are close to being finalized

At the State Level...

Preparing for the legislative session – breakfast, meet with Governor
John Casselli asked that Gordy generate a list of upcoming Bills
Gordy will compile some bullet points for the October newsletter
Upcoming conference on Challenges Facing the USFS – 11/28&29

Communications Report – Bev Yelczyn

An updated email list was sent to Sherry
KUFM commentary to air 9/13 by Matt Arno re: Litigation and Appeals
Rick Franke looking for sites for the Chamber Tour

Newsletter Report – Cherri Hartless

Taking over for Roy Anderson
Email – c.hartless@fs.fed.us
Will be working with Roy on a transition

Membership Report – John Casselli

346 members
National SAF will have conference call on 9/14, 9/21, 9/27
Regarding trends, what works, challenges
He will set up a call-in for 9/14 in Missoula

Mentor Report – Bruce Schlaebitz

Traditionally has met with students in the fall to introduce
But he has not had any participation and is open to ideas to make it work
Suggestion to work thru Ron W. to get on their meeting schedule
Also suggestion to offer to take a student out for the day in the field
Students could hook-up with mentors/opportunities at monthly meetings
Perhaps coordination could occur through the SAF website

Foresters Fund – Gordy Sanders

Next deadline is 9/15; but no proposals on the horizon
Current projects have not used all the money, yet
If National Council agrees to continue, next deadline would be 3/15/07
Ideas should focus on promoting SAF; have consistency and longevity

Historian –Scott Kuehn

Working on Teepee burner; 9/30-10/1 will be the assembly date
Also rebuilding an old grader
Bruce offered information on an old CAT – Serial #1

Science and Technology Report – Peter Kolb

Suggested a role for SAF to address global warming concerns
Active management can prepare forests for global warming
He will work with policy committee to pursue
Small acreage landowner workshop will be held in the spring
Extension will be putting together a Master Forest Landowner curriculum

CFE – Dale Kerkvliet not available

Website – Sherri Williams not available

Education – No Report

Old Business

2007 State Meeting – Planning

Nothing new to report, but April not available to report

New Business

White Paper – Mark Teply

Addressing Uncertainty and Reliability in NEPA Decision-Making
Provided overview of paper (outline attached)
Trying to get cooperation with IESAF – have not heard decision
Otherwise, lining up a team in Montana to pursue
But would welcome additional suggestions

Forestry Forum Ideas

Peter Kolb suggested as a means to balance the Northern Rockies forum
He will take a lead role in putting something together

Nominations for State Office

A Tellers Committee will be formed (Awards Committee)
Bill Chandler will be calling for nominations by end of September

Next Meeting

November 3rd at Seeley Lake at 1000; Conference call will be made available

Adjourn