

**MT SAF State Business Meeting
Minutes August 20, 2007
Missoula, MT**

Attendance: Peter Kolb, Bill Pursell, Chris Damrow, Carl Sobczak, Jason Brandt, Jeff Halbrook

Chairs Report – Peter Kolb

Nominations for Carl Fiedler and Steve Arno were received by National for SAF Science Award and Barrington Award respectively. Neither individual was selected this year. Peter will try again next year.

Julie Altemus has applied to become an associate SAF member.

Mark Rey is coming to Montana this week to make an announcement concerning the Farm bill.

Peter is trying to get SAF to be part of the Montana Forest Coalition.

Treasurer's Report –Bill Pursell

As of 8/20/07 the financial position of the SAF state account is \$13,757.35. YTD there has been \$13,336.70 in revenue and \$12,357.49 in expenses for a \$979.21 increase in cash. Also sent out for review to the executive committee is a YTD transaction summary and YTD ledger. Treasurer's report approved.

It was noted that SAF owes Peter \$165.26 for a disbursement to All American Trophy and \$44.85 for SAF mailings. Peter will submit an invoice.

East Side Report – Sam Gilbert – No Report

Flathead Chapter Report – Chris Damrow

Chris reported that on April 20, SAF sponsored Dr. Steve Running on a presentation about climate change. This presentation was open to the public. Forestry Expo was a success again this year. Flathead is currently planning for fall and winter meetings.

Libby Chapter Report – Dave Marsh

On May 5th SAF sponsored 5th grade tours in Troy and Libby. The chapter is also working on fall and winter meetings

Missoula Chapter Report – Larry Wescott – No report

Student Chapter Report – No report.

Awards – Tim Love – No report

Policy – Gordy Sanders – No report

Communications – Jason Brandt will be new chair. Peter that another installment to the KUFM commentary is due soon. Ideas? Fire was considered a good topic. Peter related a study he did on the mile Marker 124 fire about fire in managed stands. It located on the Tree Farm website.

Newsletter – Cheri Hartless – No report

Membership – John Caselli – No report

Mentor – Bruce Schlaebitz has transferred to Oregon.

Foresters Fund – Three requests have been made this year and all were granted.

Science & Technology – John Goodburn – No report

CFE – Dale Kerkvliet – No report

Website – No report

Education – No report

New Business –

It was voted on and passed that Craig Thomas would be the new state chair elect. It was voted on and passed to support the Natural Resources Youth Camp with a \$500 donation.

It was noted that Loren Hurst has passed away. Peter will send a condolence card.

Chris noted that the Flathead chapter is planning for the next state meeting. It is planned for Polson in conjunction with Tribal Forestry.

Meeting Adjourned.