

**MT SAF Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes January 31, 2009
Lubrecht Forest, Greenough, Montana**

Attendance:

Cindy Bertek, Holly McKenzie, Bill Pursell, Jason Brandt, Dave Marsh, Dennis Davaz, John Manz, Louis Bowne, Dave Atkins, Bob Bosworth

Call to Order – Holly McKenzie, 12:37 pm

Approval of Minutes – 12/10/08 minutes reviewed and approved and on file.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Pursell

As of 1/13/09 the financial position of the SAF state account is \$11,851.94. YTD there has been \$5072.30 in revenue and \$5340.15 in expenses for a \$267.85 decrease in cash. Motion made and adopted to provide scholarships to various recipients (on file) for a total of \$455 for the Leadership Retreat. Motion was made and passed to reimburse Jason Brandt for refreshments. Motion was made and passed to buy 6 copies @ \$20 each of Arno's books as gifts to the Leadership speakers.

East Side Report – Dennis Davaz – Last meeting Dave Atkins was the speaker talking about "The Role of Forestry in Energy Independence and Climate Change". There is currently no chair as Bob Oldenburg resigned. Davaz is the acting chair. The next meeting Bob Logar is talking about the Farm bill.

Flathead Chapter Report – Louis Bowne – At the Christmas meeting Peter Kolb gave a presentation about his sabbatical to Germany. The scholarship fund auction brought in \$1225. The next meeting will feature Pat Heffernan and Tom Ray giving a presentation about the "Legacy Project". There is currently \$14000 in the scholarship fund. Flathead chapter also has no Chair-elect. Louis is acting Chair.

Libby Chapter Report – Dave Marsh – The meeting last week featured Paul Bradford with the Kootenai NF, Jerry Wolcott with Plum Creek and Sean Thomas with DNRC as speakers. The chapter plans on providing a woods tour again this spring for Libby 5th graders. The chapter has \$3556.85 in checking and \$154.00 in savings. The Libby Chapter also does not have a chair elect.

Missoula Chapter Report – Dave Atkins - January's meeting featured Chris Brick with the Clark Fork Colation talking about Low Flow effects on Trout. For February's meeting Tom Mafie and Merideth Webster will be speaking on FS soil sampling protocol

Student Chapter Report – Chris Keyes – There is a meeting next Monday. Steve Mohr is the new chair. There are currently only four members. Discussion followed about a dis-connect between the Forestry Club and SAF and a need to get these two entities together.

Past Chair Report – Peter Kolb – No report

Awards Committee Report – Tim Love – Need nominations for state awards.

Policy Committee Report – Gordy Sanders – No Report.

Communications Report – Jason Brandt – Jason has a press release ready announcing the state meeting. He will send out a notice to chapters to forward award nominees.

Newsletter Report – Cheri Hartless(Jason) – Deadline held for inclusion of state meeting agenda.

Membership Report – Larry Wescot – No report. No one has a recent membership list.

Mentor Report – Vacant - No Report

Foresters Fund Report – Gordy Sanders – No Report.

Historian Report – Scott Kuehn – No Report.

Science and Technology Report – John Goodburn – No Report

CFE Report – Pat Heffernan – No Report.

Website Report – Sherri McWilliams(Jason) – Jason updates the Calendar on the website.

Education Report– Cindy Bertek – No Report.

Old Business – This time was spent on the state SAF meeting planning. CF credits have been determined from National.

New Business – There was discussion about student membership. It was offered that we should have an ECM in Missoula and meet with the UM Forestry professors about student membership and mentoring.

Dave Atkins is working on a workshop about Forestry and climate change for the end of September. There would be two classes, one in MT and the other in ID.

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