

**MT SAF Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes February 9, 2008
Lubrecht Experimental Forest, Greenough, Montana**

Attendance:

Peter Kolb, Holly McKenzie, Craig Thomas, Gordy Sanders, Jim Roessler, Bill Pursell, Dennis Davaz, Todd Morgan, Jason Brandt, Bob Oldenburg, Tim Love, Kyle Stetler, Dave Marsh, John Casselli

Call to Order – Craig Thomas

Approval of Minutes – 12/07/07 minutes reviewed and approved (as corrected) and on file.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Pursell

As of 12/31/07 the financial position of the SAF state account is \$12,119.79. YTD there has been \$14,416.75 in revenue and \$15,075.10 in expenses for a \$658.35 decrease in cash. Also sent out for review to the executive committee is a YTD ledger. All the chapters turned in year end non-profit filing statements and they are being forwarded to National.

East Side Report – Dennis Davaz – The chapter has meetings scheduled for 2/26. The topic will be the “Beaverhead-Deerlodge proposal”. On 4/15 Tom Mafai will give a presentation on USFS definition of “detrimental disturbance of soils”. On 5/15 the chapter will once again be working with the Helena 5th and 6th graders on the Mt. Helena inventory project. The project has been going on for five years and attracts 180 kids per year.

Flathead Chapter Report – Holly McKenzie/Bill Pursell

The chapter held their Christmas party in December. The chapter gave out two \$500 scholarships to FVCC forestry students. The chapter also rose about \$1,100 for the scholarship fund through another successful auction. Organizing for Expo 19 is in full swing with a majority of chapter folks involved.

Libby Chapter Report – Dave Marsh

The chapter's December meeting featured Bee Hall of The Nature Conservancy talking about the Blackfoot Challenge. Jan Christiansen talked to the group in January about the National Christmas tree program. The chapter will have a planning meeting in February to develop projects and goals including the 5th grade tour this spring.

Missoula Chapter Report – No report. Last meeting canceled.

Student Chapter Report – Kyle Stetler

Kyle thanked the state society for the \$600 support for the students to attend the national meeting in Portland. Mark Mathews spoke at one of their meetings this fall. Graduation is May 10. The students are looking for donated auction items

for the state meeting. The student chapter has 25 members on the roster and eight regular attendee's.

Past Chair Report – Peter Kolb

Peter indicated that there was confusion about the number, titles, definitions and timing of chapter and state awards. He is going to gather this information together and get it posted on the web site. There are four awards: Field Forester, Communicator, Forester of the Year, and Citizen of the year. He needs nominations from the chapters by 2/12 for the state awards.

Awards Committee Report – Tim Love – Holly McKenzie will be advancing Ted Giesey from the Flathead chapter and Jason Brandt will be advancing John Manz from the Missoula Chapter for SAF Fellow.

Policy Committee Report – Gordy Sanders – No specific current issues. Gordy indicated that Governor Schwitzer was looking at some sort of “Red Tree Conference”. No details yet.

Communications Report – Jason Brandt – No Report

Newsletter Report – Cherri Hartless – No Report.

Membership Report – John Casselli – 358 state members in state.

Mentor Report – Vacant - No Report

Foresters Fund Report – Gordy Sanders – Need applications if the chapter are looking for grants. Student chapter will be applying for a \$1340 grant for Forestry Days and AWS activities.

Historian Report – Scott Kuehn – No report

Science and Technology Report – John Goodburn – No Report

CFE Report – Pat Heffernan – Pat will be the new chair. CFE credits were requested for the state meeting.

Website Report – Sherri McWilliams - No Report

Education Report– Cindy Bertek – No report

Old Business

Most of the details of the state meeting have been worked out. Motion passed to present the S&K tribe with an appreciation plaque at the state meeting.

New Business

Peter requested and motion passed to give the Natural Resources Youth Camp \$500.

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