



State of Montana
SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

Montana SAF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 23, 2010 from 7:30 to 9 AM

Location: Doubletree Hotel, Montana State SAF Meeting, Missoula, MT

Attendance

- About 40 participants representing the general membership attending the SAF meeting.

Call to Order – Dennis Davaz

- Dennis reviewed the agenda. Due to time, the chapter reports will be posted in the break room next to the posters.

Membership – Steve Hayes

- As of March 2010 Montana SAF has 309 current members with the previous count being 309. Membership is holding steady.

Secretary / Treasurer's Report – Bob Logar

**Society of American Foresters
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2009**

	Total Net Assets
Montana State Chapter	\$11,770.94
Flathead Chapter	\$16,350.43
Eastside Chapter	\$5,244.95
Missoula Chapter	\$3,616.52
Libby Chapter	<u>\$5,173.25</u>
	Total = \$42,156.09

A portion of the Flathead Chapter (~\$13,000) is an Educational Fund and can only be used for such.

Student Chapter Update – Megan VanCleave

- The student chapter shared their views on the Mentoring Program. They would like to use it as a way to gain work experience by shadowing a professional. They would also like to see presentations at their meetings about the activities professionals are involved in.

Policy Update – Gordy Sanders

- Informed the group that there was a Mountain Pine Beetle conference in 2009 for the state legislators.
- Role of the policy committee is to make sure there is a consistent message with the national office.
- The national view on Tester's Bill is neutral.

- There is an effort to get a joint position or definition on “Forest Restoration”.

Communications Update – Dennis Davaz

- The state and chapter positions are vacant and needed.
- Encourage younger people for these roles
- MT SAF web-site is being updated
 - Will add sections on accomplishments, activities and policy
- “Writers in the Woods” campaign
 - Write editorials in newspapers and on our web-site to provide clarity on forestry issues
 - Would need to be reviewed by peers (executive committee)
 - Individuals can continue to write editorials on their own just not represent SAF

Next Meeting Date

- To be decided.

Adjourn – 9 AM

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by: _____
Robert Logar, Secretary/Treasurer