



State of Montana
SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

Montana SAF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 13, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Moon Conference Room, DNRC Forestry Division, Missoula MT

In Attendance: Scott Kuehn, Bob Logar, Amy Helena, Brain Hobday, Paula Short, Gordy Sanders, Beth Dobson & on-line Jim Benedict and Dennis Davaz.

Call to Order – Scott Kuehn

- Bob Harrington was absent due to a death in the family & Scott, as chair elect, will chair the meeting
- Agenda was handed out (attached)

Approval of Past Minutes – Bob Logar

- December 8, 2010 Montana State Chapter SAF meeting in Missoula.
- Minutes were approved
- Minutes will be posted on MT SAF web-site

Secretary / Treasurer's Report – Bob Logar

- Handout = January 1 to April 30, 2011 MT State Chapter SAF transactions (attached)
- Balance - \$13,003.95
- Financial report was approved

State SAF Meeting Wrap-Up – Brian Hobday

- About 68 registered
- Handout = 2011 State SAF Meeting – Financial Summary (attached)
- Estimated profit about \$1,515
- Discussion focused on distribution of 2011 state meeting proceeds
- Approved the proceeds be split (50/50) between Flathead & Libby chapters

Student Chapter Involvement – Brian Hobday / Scott Kuehn

- None attended state meeting
- Continue out-reach to students
- State Chapter will sponsor a social with students
 - BBQ – September 20, 2011 6 PM @ the Fort
 - Missoula Chapter will host meeting

National Conventions 2011 & 2012 – Scott Kuehn

- 2011 National Convention in Hawaii November 2 - 6, 2011
- State Chapter will sponsor Bob Harrington to attend (\$1,000)
- Will consider sponsoring students at a later meeting

- 2012 National Convention in Spokane, WA
- Inland Empire SAF will host & MT SAF will assist
- Help with registration and pre/post tours
- Approved no MT SAF state meeting in 2012 -- effort will be to attend National Convention in Spokane
- MT SAF State meeting for 2013 will be hosted by the Eastside Chapter in Helena

Succession Planning – Scott Kuehn

- There is a need for reference materials for incoming officers
 - There is a Leadership Manual developed by the National Office
 - Needs to be refined for MT SAF
 - Need to bring more members into leadership roles
- Need to bring more members into SAF
 - Work with chapter chairs
 - Get inactive members back

Eastside Chapter Report – Dennis Davaz

- Continue to have meetings throughout the eastside to attract as many members as we can
- Have 4 – 5 representatives that host meetings
- Haven't set a schedule for this year meetings yet
- Looking into getting CFE credits for meetings
- Financial - \$975 checking & \$3,500 savings

Flathead Chapter Report – Brain Hobday

- Financial - \$3,798 checking & \$12,873 savings
- Next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Libby chapter
- Hosted the Forestry Expo
 - Great turn out about 600 – 750 attended
 - Encouraged by attendance & message
 - Logging demonstration went well
- Lost vice chair for about 8 months & will seek replacement

Libby Chapter Report – Jim Benedict

- May meeting with NW Management
- 5th grade tours in May & June
- Slow down for the summer with meetings starting up this fall
- Will provide firewood during the summer
- Financial – about \$3,200 checking & \$1,500 savings

Missoula Chapter Report – Amy Helena

- Forestry Days in April went well
- Next meeting Tuesday May 17th on Biomass
- Summer will be off followed up by a BBQ – September 20, 2011 6 PM @ the Fort with Students

Student Chapter Report – Kate Sullivan

- No report

Awards Committee Report – Dennis Davaz

- No report

Policy Committee Report – Gordy Sanders

- Met with the Governor about “A Vision for Montana’s Forested Landscapes” -- not going any where
- Todd Morgan still serving on National Committee but only has about 1.5 years remaining

Communications Report – Paula Short

- Will develop post card / notice about September 20th BBQ mixer with students

Newsletter Report – Vacant

Membership Report – Steve Hayes

- No Report

Foresters Fund Report – Gordy Sanders

- Funding rounds are February, June and September and sponsored by SAF (national)
- Need projects - past projects are the Forestry Days and Forest Expo
- For educational purposes & needs to demonstrate how the project benefits SAF

Historian Report – Scott Kuehn

- Forestry Days – April 29 & 30, 2011
 - About 1,500 people attended
 - Several memorial trees planted
 - Handout with pictures passed around (not attached)
 - Have a web-site with highlights of this year event
- Forest Discovery Day – April 2011
 - Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce
 - Amy Helena was a tour guide
 - Went well

Science and Technology Report – John Goodburn

- No report

Website Report – Sherri McWilliams

- No report

Education Report – Cindy Bertek

- No report

CFE Coordinator – Dale Kerkvliet

- No report

Old Business

None

New Business

UM Dean Search – Beth Dodson

- Committee sent a report to UM Provost (Perry Brown)
- Decision to be made soon

MT Wood Products Association – Scott Kuehn

- New Executive VP Officer in Missoula (Julia Altimus)

MT SAF Bank Account & Investment Portfolio – Bob Logar

- Handout with investment options from US Bank (attached)
- Committee recommended we look into Flathead Chapter options with DA Davidson

Wood for Haiti – Scott Kuehn

- Still “bubbling”
- Looking into getting lumber donated from MT to build one home

Future Dates

- MLA 2011 Conference, Polson, May 20 – 21
- Pyramid Lumber contractors meeting May 25
- DNRC purchasers meeting May 26
- MT Forest Council June 8
- MT Wood Convention September 16
- SAF National Convention Hawaii November 2 – 6, 2011

Next Meeting Date

- Not set

Adjourn – Travel Home Safely!

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by: Bob Logar, Secretary/Treasurer