



State of Montana
SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

Montana SAF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: December 8, 2010 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

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

In Attendance: Jim Benedict, Scott Kuehn, Bob Harrington, Brain Hobday, Bob Logar, Steve Hayes, Dennis Davaz, Chris Keyes, Gordy Sanders, Dale Kerkvliet & on-line Holly McKenzie and Bev Yelczyn.

Call to Order – Dennis Davaz

- Stressed the importance of communication with-in MT SAF
- Emphasized the need to continue the out-reach to the student chapter
- Our state chapter web-site is updated & we need to decide where we want to go with any future changes

Aside – Bob Harrington

- Need to develop a work plan with action items & go beyond meetings
- Steve Hayes presented the SAF 2009 – 2015 Strategic Plan & updated the group on the HSD meeting at the Nat'l SAF Convention
- There is an MT SAF Strategic Plan & Bob Logar will look for it & report on it at the next meeting
- MT SAF will host a Leadership Retreat @ Lubrecht March 4 & 5, 2011

Approval of Past Minutes – Bob Logar

- August 27, 2010 Montana State Chapter SAF meeting in Missoula.
- Minutes were approved

Secretary / Treasurer's Report – Bob Logar

- Handout was provided for the 2010 MT State Chapter SAF transactions
- Balance - \$13,598.64

Eastside Report – Dennis Davaz

- Continue to have meetings throughout the eastside to attract as many members as we can
- Duane Harp is the 2010 Eastside Chapter Forester of the Year
- Next meeting date is December 16, 2010 in Billings
- There will be a landowner conference sponsored by NW Management in Helena on April 18, 2011

Flathead Chapter Report – Brain Hobday

- Financial - \$2,301.54 checking & \$12, 658.87 savings
- Provided two \$500 scholarships – Flathead Valley & Kootenai – Salish Community Colleges
- December 7, 2010 meeting (Christmas party & auction) 34 people attended
- New officers – Chair = Brain Hobday, Chair-elect = Katline Park, Secretary/Treasurer = Rick Trembath

- Awards – 2010 Citizen Forester = Jim Kranz, 2010 Field Forester = Louis Bowne
- State SAF Meeting April 14 & 15, 2011 in Kalispell “Future of Forestry in a Changing World”
 - Topics – Global Forest Ownership, Forest Certification, Changing Forest Health & Its Impacts on Markets

Libby Chapter Report – Jim Benedict

- Libby Chapter willing to help with Flathead Chapter with State Meeting
- September field meeting – Flower Creek Timber Sale
- October meeting – Meet the Candidates
- November meeting – Army Corps of Engineers
- Keep existing officers

Missoula Chapter Report – Chris Keyes

- New Officers – Chair = Amy Helena, Chair-elect = Mike Vetter, Secretary/Treasurer = Tim Spoelma
- September meeting – BMP results
- December meeting – X-mas party
- Forestry Days April 11 & 18, 2011 “Iron Show in the Woods”

Student Chapter Report – Megen Van Cleave

Neither Kate or myself are able to come to the meeting this week, as it is on a Wednesday and we have class from 8am till at least 2pm and with finals next week we can not afford to miss anything. Are you going to be around for the Missoula Chapters Meeting next week? If not we could get together some time before I leave for the holiday on the 16th. Or if nothing pans out this month, I will have lots of time next semester to work on the club!!

The meeting went really well last month, it was a great opportunity for the student chapter to fill the city and other attendees in on how things are going in our world. I presented on the Key Note Speaker and water scarcity in the Western U.S., Luke Fehlig presented on a dry water product, John Steelman presented on the importance of educating the public on forestry issues and then Kate Sullivan talked about Quiz Bowl and hosted a 10 question challenge with the attendees.

This semester we have had 3 speakers, 4 were scheduled but due to an unexpected family emergency one of them had to cancel last min. They have been a treat, and we are working on getting next semesters lined up as far in advance as possible. Sadly I do not know what Megan McElderly has been up to aside from seeing her around the forestry building, and I do not know if she has scheduled anyone for speaking to the students in the FIG.

Other updates: Some of the students designed a t-shirt and we hope to have it ready soon! We came in 2nd in the Can-the-Cats food drive hosted by the Center for Civic Engagement and are currently working on getting gifts together for our Adopt-A-Family and Adopt-A-Veteran programs. We are also helping with the Animeals charity by setting up collection bins for them in the Forestry building, Journalism and Science Complex.

I will indeed be back next semester (even though I technically graduate in 2 weeks) and hope to move the meetings back to Tuesday nights, but will keep you posted as we go along.

Again, I want to thank you for all your involvement, interest, and time, with out people like you to support us I think the UM SAF would not be were it is heading today!!

Thank you!!

Megen Van Cleave
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Awards Committee Report – Holly McKenzie

We have initiated the process of finding a Field Forester and Citizen Forester of the Year in Montana. Each Chapter is responsible for submitting one and then we will choose the top candidate for the State Meeting in spring. If anyone needs the criteria for these two awards, please contact me or check our Montana Website under Award Criteria. Other award fields are “Communicator of the Year” and now our new award category, “Excellence in Forestry” award which is targeted at a landowner or land Manager with exemplary and sustainable management practices.

We have also begun the process of nominating Steve Hayes and Patrick Heffernan for “Fellow” status with SAF National. The process involves some extensive paperwork and recommendation letters for the two candidates and then the information is sent on to our Council 4 Representative to consider with a panel of reviewers. The information would be submitted in March and awarded in June. Our most recent Fellow is Russ Gautreux from Libby who will receive his award at this upcoming State SAF meeting in spring of 2011.

We may move forward with one other award to be announced later.

Policy Committee Report – Gordy Sanders (State),

- Todd Morgan is working on National Policy Statements

Dennis & Gordy,

Unfortunately, I have several other obligations during that time frame. One of which is an SAF CFP conference call.

At the national policy level, the usual is ongoing—working on renewing/updating position statements, working with FS&TB to identify emerging issues with a policy component, and preparing for upcoming events in DC. With the lame-duck congress, there is not much action until the new legislators take office.

The items the CFP has under review include legislation and rules related to woody biomass definition and regulation, a position statement on silviculture, celebration and information session on the 100th anniversary of the Weeks Act (established national forests in the eastern US), and the recent (Octoberish) 9th Circuit ruling on the Clean Water Act and forest roads in Oregon.

The CFP is also recruiting members; three are needed, particularly from the east & mid-west, forest industry, and a federal agency.

That's all the info I have until after the CFP call Wednesday.

Thanks

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- Setting up meeting with governor on forest policy
- Reviewed handout – “A Vision for Montana’s Forested Landscapes”
- No new bills

Communications Report – Vacant

Newsletter Report – Vacant

Membership Report – Steve Hayes

- About 311 members
- Losing 35 members with about one-third of them students
- Dues will stay the same for the next couple of years

Foresters Fund Report – Gordy Sanders

- Funding rounds are February, June and September
- Need projects - past projects are the Forestry Museum and Forestry Expo
- Needs to demonstrate how the project benefits SAF

Historian Report – Scott Kuehn

- Forestry Days – April 29 & 30, 2011
- Have a web-site

Science and Technology Report – John Goodburn

- No report

Website Report – Dennis Davaz for Sherri McWilliams

- MT SAF web-site has been updated
- Need to look into how and who will manage content
 - National and NW SAF will do it for a fee
 - Dennis Davaz will look into fees and report to committee next meeting

Education Report – Cindy Bertek

- No report

CFE Coordinator – Dale Kerkvliet

- Dale provided a Application Form on CFE
- Send completed forms to Dale first

Old Business

None

New Business

75 votes each for MT SAF state chapter Chair = Bob Harrington, Chair-elect = Scott Kuehn, & Secretary/Treasurer = Bob Logar

Next Meeting Date

- Friday March 4 @ Lubrecht

Adjourn – Travel Home Safely!

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