

**MT SAF Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes December 10, 2008
Seeley Lake, Montana**

Attendance:

Holly McKenzie, Craig Thomas, Bill Pursell, Dennis Davaz, Larry Wescot, Gordy Sanders, Cheri Hartless, Carl Sobczak, Tim Love, Jason Brandt, Peter Kolb, April Rainey

Call to Order – Craig Thomas

Approval of Minutes – 9/08/08 minutes reviewed and edited for name spellings, approved and on file.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Pursell

As of 11/13/08 the financial position of the SAF state account is \$11,556.62. YTD there has been \$3040.53 in revenue and \$3603.70 in expenses for a \$563.17 decrease in cash.

Changes made in dates on the treasurers report. Flathead Chapter requested to make final reconciliation with state for last state meeting

East Side Report – Dennis Davaz – Friday, 9/26 meeting which was a field trip on the Boulder Fuels reduction project. Next meeting is January 15 in Billings. Chapter continues to struggle with attendance. Bob Oldenberg has resigned as chapter chair. Chair and Chair-elect are needed.

Flathead Chapter Report – Carl Sobczak – Next meeting is 12/11 and is the Christmas party. Flathead is also having problems finding a Chair and Chair-elect. No students available this year for scholarship at FVCC. Tim Love suggested a scholarship to the S&K forestry college.

Libby Chapter Report – April Rainey – The chapter is meeting every month. For September there was a field trip to the Troy mine. For October there was a visit with the Port Authority looking at the P&P and pulp log operations. November Sarah Keepa(sp?) with Vital Ground talked about Grizzley Bear Habitat. Next month Ed Levert will be talking about the county Firewise program and the stake holder group. Libby Chapter is also having problems finding a chair – elect.

Missoula Chapter Report – Larry Wescot – Christmas meeting is December 16. Peter Kolb is the speaker. New officers are Dave Akins – Chair, Chris Keyes – Chair elect, and Amy Helena – Secretary/Treasurer.

Student Chapter Report – No Report

Past Chair Report – Peter Kolb – No report

Awards Committee Report – Tim Love – John Manz's Fellow application was being worked on.

Policy Committee Report – Gordy Sanders – Comments were made on the Lynx Partnership agreement. A Montana Legislative breakfast meeting is being planned with the combined groups :MLA, Montana Wood, Montana Forest Owners, Tree Farm.

Communications Report – Jason Brandt – Recently sent out ballots for state officers.

Newsletter Report – Cheri Hartless – There was just one submission of articles for the 11/15 deadline. Still need articles for a “winter edition”

Membership Report – John Casselli moved to the Eastside – No report

Mentor Report – Vacant - No Report

Foresters Fund Report – Gordy Sanders – No applications received by 9/15 deadline.

Historian Report – Jason Brandt for Scott Kuehn – Forestry Days are scheduled for April 24 & 25. Several old logging machinery donations have been made to the Fort Missoula display. Missoula County Historical Preservation Society made a \$5000 grant to restore the machinery.

Science and Technology Report – John Goodburn – No Report

CFE Report – Pat Heffernan – No Report.

Website Report – Sherri McWilliams - No Report

Education Report– Cindy Bertek – No Report.

Old Business – Working on Draft #4 of the agenda for the next State meeting. Lots of planning discussion ensued. The speakers have been selected and mostly confirmed. Holly was going to get the Sponsors list from Jim Kranz.

Holly McKenzie asked the State for a donation to Project Learning Tree. \$250 was decided upon and the motion passed.

Craig Thomas will submit an invoice for his SAF National Meeting expenses. The expenses came to \$1484.45.

New Business – 2009 Leadership Retreat is scheduled for 1/30-1/31 at Lubrecht Forest. Motion was made and passed to provide 1-3 scholarships for this event.

Craig Thomas gave a brief report about the National convention.

Larry Wescot announced that the SAF National Leadership for 2009 will be in Coeur d Alene on April 3 – April 7.

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