



**Society of American Foresters
Montana Chapter, Established in 1971**

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 14, 2013

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

In Attendance: Scott Kuehn, Bob Logar, Amy Helena, Tim Spoelma, Dale Kerkvliet, Mike Vetter, Bev Yelczyn and via telephone: Jason Parke, Ben Valentine and John Goodburn.

Call to Order – Bob Logar

Approval of Past Minutes – Bob Logar

- December minutes were approved as written. Minutes from the December meeting are available on the MT SAF website. Paula went home ill and Bev took the notes.

Secretary / Treasurer's Report – Bob Logar/Paula Short

- Found \$400 for Forester's Fund.
- SAF owes Cindy Bertek ~\$46.00

District 4 SAF Council Rep – Johnny Hodges

- Not present; No report

Flathead Chapter Report – Jason Parke

- The Chapter Christmas party raised ~\$1200 for two scholarships. CKST and FVCC @ \$500 each.
- Last meeting surveyed members for chapter needs. Good feedback and discussion.
- Talked about how to get USFS participation. Suggestion to invite USFS employees to come and do a presentation/program.
- Family Forestry Expo is the first week in May.
- Involved in Blacktail Trail, 120 acre parcel, Herron Park Work Days.

Libby Chapter Report – Ben Valentine

- Chapter activities – meetings and presenters
- River Front Park project – Foresters Fund request

Missoula Chapter Report – Mike Vetter & Tim Spoelma

- Christmas Party and Silent Auction, ~30 people attended.
- Need to get meeting announcements out sooner.
 - January meeting had John Shannon, Regional Office, USFS, State and Private. He has previous experience as Arkansas State Forester.
 - Talked about doing something nice for Robin at Westside Lanes who takes good care of the Missoula Chapter

- Other ideas – Firewood cutting for a Service Project. Habitat for Humanity.

Eastside Chapter Report – Bob Logar

- December meeting in Billings. 12 attended. BIA presentation.
- Next meeting in March. Tim Egan in Dillon.
- Bob should follow up with Rick Franke as now Rick's working for Sun Mtn.

Student Chapter – Jon Kinion

- Not present; No report.

Student Mentor Program - Jason Parke

- February 26th is the Student Chapter meeting. Jason is developing a list of SAF members who are available to mentor. Send Jason an email with your name, organization, and area of expertise. He is also going to tie into the Forestry Scholarship Association.

2013 State Meeting Report – Bob Logar

- See Handout.
- Scott send information to MLA, Julia Altemus.

Membership Report – Steve Hayes

- Not present, gallivanting in Egypt but he sent Amy Helena a message that we have maintained membership numbers from last report.
- Have Steve send a link to Chapter Chairs for membership lists.

Awards Committee Report – Scott Kuehn

- Would like to get service time pins. Members can exchange their pins (e.g. bring your 20 Year pin and get a 30 Year). Will handout at State Meeting. Cost is approx.. \$350.
- He received nominations for awards. FHD = 2; Missoula = 3; Libby = 1 and Eastside = 0.
- 50 year plaques are done. Can someone pick up in Columbia Falls?
- Special Award for Ed Levert, Libby Chapter.

Policy Committee Report – no report

- Have Gordy send out Talking Points and bring to Executive Committee for review/approval for position statements that the Committee is working on for the Governor's Office.

Communications Report – Bev Yelczyn

- Will be working on media coverage of State Meeting.
- Is Paula available to take over Communications? Talk to Paula and Bob Harrington.

Foresters Fund Report –

- Libby Chapter submitted the River Front Park, sent to National, request for \$1500.
- October – Walk in the Woods -
- May - Trout Creek or Thompson Falls?
- Forestry Day – if don't do FF, submit to PCTC Foundation. Mike Vetter will send Scott the info.

Continuing Education Report – Dale Kerkvliet

- Dale hasn't been getting requests from the Libby Chapter for CFE credits for their meetings/events.
- There is a Clean Water Act on Trial – PCTC Seminar Series for CFE credit.
- Made inroads with National Forest Foundation Webinars available for CFE credit.

Past Chair Report – Scott Kuehn

- The Joint 2013 IESAF/MTSAF Leadership Conference is cancelled.
- Bev scheduled Lubrecht for 2014 Leadership Conference for February 7th & 8th, noon on Friday to noon on Saturday.
- Need to invite someone from National Office.

Next Meeting Date

- Thursday, April 18, 6pm at Red Lion Inn in Helena.

Adjourn – Travel Home Safely!

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Yelczyn, Chair-Elect
April 3, 2013