Granite State Division - Society of American Foresters  
Winter Meeting Minutes  
Indian Head Resort, Lincoln, NH  
Friday February 8, 2019

Committee Members: Chair – Maggie Machinist (present), Vice Chair – Steve Roberge (present), Treasurer – Gabe Roxby (present), Secretary – Sam Taylor (present), Past Chair – Mike Powers (present), NESAF Rep – Jon Nute (present), Education Chair – Tim Fleury (present), NHTF Rep – Tom Hahn (present), Policy Director – Hunter Carbee (present), Science and Technology Chair – Andrew Howard (present), Awards Chair – Janice Mulherin (present)

Meeting called to order at 11:19 am.

A) Memorials
   • Moment of silence observed for those foresters who have passed away since our last meeting: Dave Pilla, Harvey Woodward, Bill Eva, Jack Sargent, Ted Natti, Sid Pilgrim, Tom Henderson, and Bob Mengel

B) Review Minutes
   • 2018 Winter Meeting minutes were reviewed; MOTION by B. Berti to approve; seconded. VOTE – Unanimously APPROVED.

C) Treasurer’s Report and 2019 Budget (G. Roxby)
   • NESAF Annual Winter Meeting netted ~$11,000 for GSD – higher than budgeted
   • Student sponsorship
      o Sponsorship covered all students at GSD Winter Meeting
      o UNH covered NESAF attendance, so our expense line was lower than budgeted for registrations
   • Workshops did not generate a profit this year
   • Secured a Forester’s Fund grant
      o $6,000 project cost covered through various funding sources
   • Dues income line item does not reflect a loss in membership; rather some of the dues money arrived in January 2019
   • Received no applications for summer internship grants in 2018
      o Used $1,000 to fund two SAF members attendance at SAF Leadership Academy
   • Other $2,000 will be rolled forward into 2019
   • Net positive income ~$8,000
      o Budgeted income to be $1,000 less than expenses
      o Partly due to NESAF and Forester’s Fund accounting
   • Ending Balance $29,842.66
   • 2019 Budget Proposal
      o $1,500 from Winter Meeting expected
         ▪ May have to raise Winter Meeting fees for 2020
      o Forester’s Fund money budgeted
      o Forestry internships line increased to $5,000
         ▪ Reflects standard $3,000 plus unused $2,000 rolled over from 2018
      o PLT line item is back to $1,000 following 2018 temporary increase to $2,000
      o Added $500 line item for NH Envirothon
Budgeting for $10,000 deficit spending, but that is not the plan beyond this year until at least the next NH-hosted NESAF Annual Winter Meeting

Question from the floor (B. Berti): Could you provide clarification on the length requirements for internships?
  ▪ Answer: Don't have that information on hand, but the mailing with that information will be going out soon.
  ▪ Discussion
    a. B. Berti – Suggestion that applicants should have NH residency or NH student status as a requirement
    b. M. Machinist – Still provides benefits to NH business – goal is to provide experience and the business must be a GSD member
    c. W. Weisiger – Okay to give preference to potential local interns, but the idea is to both provide experience and to get interns. It can be hard to find people who can stay in the area for the summer.

MOTION by J. Difley to approve treasurer’s report & budget; seconded. VOTE – Unanimously APPROVED.

D) NESAF Report (J. Evans)
  - Strong executive committee – 15 members; 6 from NH
  - 2018 SAF Leadership Academy at Grey Towers
    ▪ Thanks to Ken Lausten
    ▪ 11 member attendees; 2 from NH
    ▪ Will be a second Leadership Academy at the end of 2019
  - NESAF Annual Winter meeting
    ▪ Very successful – 370 attendees
    ▪ Good profit for both GSD and NESAF
    ▪ Next will be in Burlington, VT
      ▪ March 27-29
  - National Meeting in Oregon was attended this year
    ▪ 2019 will be in Louisville

E) SAF Council Report (J. Evans on behalf of M. Johnston)
  - New CEO of SAF (Terry Baker) will be at NESAF this year
  - Stable finances
    ▪ Sold the building; now need to find leased office space in the DC/Bethesda area
    ▪ ForestEd website up and running – continuing Ed credit option
    ▪ Green Mountain College is closing
      ▪ Student rep for District 6 attended there; now going to Arizona, so need a new student rep

F) Bylaw Changes (M. Machinist)
  - M. Machinist read through an overview of the changes
  - Question from the floor (C. Niebling): Was there any dissention among the executive committee regarding the proposed changes?
    ▪ Answer (T. Hahn): EC is fully behind the changes
  - MOTION by C. Niebling to adopt changes to bylaws as proposed; seconded. VOTE – Unanimously APPROVED.

G) GSD-SAF Report (M. Machinist)
  - SB365 – Biomass bill
GSD involved and engaged; H. Carbee represented on behalf of GSD

- Wetlands Rules
  - Provided comments for both draft editions
- Bylaws update
- Strategic plan update is on the docket for 2019
- GSD represented at Farm & Forest Expo
- Timber tax subcommittee formed to examine/study the merits of NH’s timber tax
- NH licensing – seeking to add SAF Certified Forester as an option for meeting the requirements for a forestry license in NH
- Thanks to EC
- Special thanks to Fleury for his work on preparing the Winter Meeting

H) Meeting opened to resolutions from the floor:
- No resolutions

I) M. Machinist presented executive committee recommendations for 2019 officers and appointed members of the executive committee:

- Officers
  - Chair – Steve Roberge
  - Chair Elect – Matt Chagnon
  - Treasurer – Gabe Roxby
  - Secretary – Sam Taylor

- Appointees
  - Education Chair – Tim Fleury
  - Policy Chair – Hunter Carbee
  - NESAF Representative – Jon Nute
  - Tree Farm Representative – Adam Lunsford
  - Science and Technology Chair – Andrew Howard
  - CFE Contact – Andy Fast

- MOTION by B. Wyman to approve full slate as presented; seconded. VOTE – unanimously APPROVED.

J) Gavel passed from M. Machinist to S. Roberge
- Roberge recognized departing members of executive committee – M. Machinist as outgoing chair (staying on as past chair); T. Hahn as Tree Farm representative

MOTION by S. Legueux to close business meeting; seconded. VOTE – unanimously APPROVED.

Meeting closed at 12:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sam Taylor, GSD Secretary