

**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

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- 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

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- 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)

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- NESAF Annual Winter Meeting netted ~\$11,000 for GSD – higher than budgeted
  - Student sponsorship
    - Sponsorship covered all students at GSD Winter Meeting
    - 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
    - \$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
    - 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
    - Budgeted income to be \$1,000 less than expenses
    - Partly due to NESAF and Forester’s Fund accounting
  - Ending Balance \$29,842.66
  - 2019 Budget Proposal
    - \$1,500 from Winter Meeting expected
      - May have to raise Winter Meeting fees for 2020
    - Forester’s Fund money budgeted
    - Forestry internships line increased to \$5,000
      - Reflects standard \$3,000 plus unused \$2,000 rolled over from 2018
    - PLT line item is back to \$1,000 following 2018 temporary increase to \$2,000
    - Added \$500 line item for NH Envirothon
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- 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
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- 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
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- 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.

55 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
  - 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
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70 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
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F) Bylaw Changes (M. Machinist)

- M. Machinist read through an overview of the changes
  - Question from the floor (C. Niebling): Was there any dissent 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.
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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
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- 100 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:
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- 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
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- MOTION by B. Wyman to approve full slate as presented; seconded. VOTE – unanimously APPROVED.
- 120 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.

125 Meeting closed at 12:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sam Taylor, GSD Secretary