

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**June 14, 2019**  
**Zoom Conference Call**

On Call: Bill Livingston, Kyle Burdick, Kirby Ellis, Laura Audibert, Bob Cousins, Tony Filauro.

Absent: Karl Honkonen, Ron Lemin, Nicole Rogers, Carol Redelsheimer, Katie Manende Hall.

Kirby called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM with a brief anti-trust statement.

**Approve Minutes**

Bob motioned to approve the minutes from April 1, 2019 and May 17, 2019, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>. No discussion, motion carried.

**Communications Committee**

Tony reported that he needs to get info to JP Barsky by June 22 for the July issue of News Quarterly. He plans to put in a "save the date" for our Fall Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report/Audit**

Bill reported that Ken Laustsen reviewed the IRS report Bill prepared and sent to the NESAF Treasurer. Ken did not make any revisions.

Transactions since our May phone call included the spring mailing, parking for the 2018 Fall Meeting and four new student members. The year's ending balance is projected to be \$5600, \$1600 above budget. Kyle motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Forestry Awareness Committee**

Kyle reported that he is working with Maine TREE to allow SAF to have more of a presence with PLT and with FIG plots. Laura reported that Teacher Tour 1 in Ashland in July is well-planned. She offered to speak to the teacher group the first evening (July 9) about SAF and forestry careers for students. Kyle is preparing a brochure for teachers and guidance counselors on forestry professions.

**Student Chapter**

Kyle sent Mindy Crandall info on an annual SAF award given to student chapters. The application is available late in the spring semester and it is a busy time for students.

Bill reported that four students have been approved to attend the National Convention in Louisville, KY this fall. The students must be SAF chapter members.

Kirby noted that we received a thank-you letter from Luke Greenwood for the \$600 SAF award he received this spring.

## 2019 Field Tours

Laura reported that Bob's Fish Passage/Mill Tour currently has 3 registrants. **Laura** will prepare a reminder email for Bill to send out to the membership. Bob needs a headcount 3-4 days ahead for lunches. The Big Reed tour has 12 registrants and the EAB tour has 8 registrants.

## Fall Meeting

Kirby had emailed out a draft agenda. Pat Sirois cannot attend. We need to find someone to do the 9:30 AM History/Future session. **Kyle** suggested Charlie Levesque and will ask him. Kyle will also check with Chris Irwin from American Forest Foundation from Wash. DC. He will have the info by our July 12 meeting.

10:30 Land Mgr/Landowner Perspectives—**Bob** will contact Gorden Gamble from Wagner (SFI, FSC), Kyle could do Baskahegan (FSC).

12:30 Mill Perspectives—Kyle noted that mills do not like certification and may be reluctant to talk about it. He also cautioned about anti-trust issues in this session. **Kirby** will contact Jason Brochu from Pleasant River Lumber. Kyle suggested that a SAPPI person would be good.

1:45 Certifying Agency Perspectives-- **Kirby** will contact people from FSC and SFI.

2:30 Retailer/Customer Perspectives—**Kyle** will ask Chris Irwin if AFF has customers who could speak. **Kirby** will contact Stillwater Lumber and Hammond Lumber. Bob will check with a construction firm in Portland.

The group will communicate confirmed speakers via email.

## MESAF July Officer Nominations

Kirby noted that Carol spoke with Tom Coleman, but doesn't know the result. **Kirby** will contact Carol.

## Leadership Academy

Ron was planning to contact John McNulty of Seven Islands and then Carol would contact Rich Carbonetti of LandVest. **Kirby** will email Carol and Ron in a week or so to get the results. Laura noted that Ken needs the names by June 30. We can only send one person unless the other NESAF divisions don't have a candidate. Bill motioned to send Nicole Rogers to the Academy if Seven Islands and LandVest don't have anyone. Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Bill will put \$1200 in our budget for the Academy (\$600 per person).

## Website Move

Laura reported that she, Carol, Bill and Tony had a phone conversation earlier in the week. She drafted up the proposed structure with a list of the pages and content on each. We will continue to pay for our domain name (mesaf.org). When members type that in, they will be brought to our new home page on the NESAF website. Our site will be within the NESAF structure. We will have a home page and separate pages for: Meetings, Leadership Team, MESAF Documents, Forestry Awareness Committee, Meeting Archive and Other Upcoming Events. **Laura** asked for

comments on the proposed structure by **Friday, June 21**. She will forward the proposal to Kimball Rexford, who is the web consultant doing the site transfer for us.

We will work on the Fall Meeting speakers and Leadership Academy candidates via email.

**Next Meeting**

**Friday, July 12, 2019** phone conference.

**Adjourn**

Bill motioned to adjourn at 10:32 AM, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Submitted by

*Laura Audibert*