

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
November 12, 2019 (Approved January 10, 2020)
Conference/Zoom Call**

On Call: Bill Livingston, Kirby Ellis, Ron Lemin, Carol Redelsheimer, Kyle Burdick, Bob Cousins. Tony Filauro, Nicole Rogers, Karl Honkonen, Laura Audibert, Jake Metzler (on at 9:10 AM)

Kirby called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM with a brief anti-trust statement. He thanked everyone for the book the EC “signed” and sent to him as a thanks for his service as Chair. Kirby also thanked the group for their work on the Fall Meeting, especially Carol, who worked hard on the program.

Approve Business Meeting Minutes

Laura noted that the annual Business Meeting minutes can only be approved by the membership at the next Business Meeting (2020).
(We should have voted on the minutes of the August 9, 2019 meeting, but we forgot, we'll have to do it in January).

Communications Committee

Tony reported that the info for the next News Quarterly is due to him by December 22, 2019.

Treasurer's Report

Bill emailed the report out earlier. The Fall Meeting generated \$10,740 in revenue and \$8833.54 in expenses, for a net earnings of ~\$1900, which is greater than what we budgeted. There was a good number of last-minute registrants and walk-ins, which we didn't anticipate when preparing the budget. **Bill** will refund some students their registration fee using the Adopt-a-Student funds and he will transfer some to our meeting account. We currently have \$9186 in our accounts and we have outstanding expenses of \$1200 for the 2019 Leadership Academy, \$1000 for student memberships and ~\$200 from the fall Envirothon sponsorship. Bill estimates our 2020 year-end balance to be ~\$5200.

Ron motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Carol 2nd. Motion carried.
<Jake M. joined the call at 9:10 AM>

Officer Election Update

Bill and Laura are looking for replacements this coming year. Laura will work this year and train a new person.

Jake Metzler is interested in the Treasurer position when his terms at NESAF are complete. Kirby suggested Dan Mahns, the Tree Farm Treasurer, but he is not currently a MESAF member. Laura noted that Frank Cuff had run for the position ~10+ years ago. **Ron** will find out if he is still interested. The MESAF Treasurer is a 2-year term.

Laura will prepare an advertisement for the Treasurer and Division Manager positions to put on the website, in a membership email, social media and the News Quarterly. **Laura** will look over the job descriptions for these two positions.

Bill recommended that the Student Chapter Advisor be on the MESAF EC as an ex-officio member. We will vote to add this position at our January 2020 meeting.

The 2020 MESAF elections close on November 15, 2019. **Carol** will follow-up and get the results.

Leadership Academy

The Academy is next week in PA. We are sending Tom Coleman, Nicole Rogers and Shawn Bugbee. **Nicole** will report back to the EC on the program. **Nicole** will submit receipts to Bill for reimbursement and tell Tom and Shawn to do the same.

Fall Conference Discussion

Tony complimented everyone on a great job. Collaboration with other organizations or groups helps to bring more content. The group discussed having a one-day vs. two day meeting. The consensus is to base the decision on the meeting topic. Field tours and/or workshops could also be added.

We will have our own 2020 Fall Meeting even though the 2020 National Convention is in RI. It is important to have CEU opportunities for our members. Our 2020 Fall Meeting will be one-day only. We will need to start planning for the 2021 NESAF meeting in January 2020.

NESAF Awards

Nominations are due on December 1, 2019. <Karl left the call at 10:06 AM>.

Twoumey Award--**Ron** will resubmit Kris Hoffmann's nomination.

Austin Cary award-- **Ron** will ask Amanda M. or Mort M. to be the nominator for Barrie Brusila. Maren Grantham could be a supporter.

David M. Smith—Ron reported that Brian Roth will likely be leaving Maine for a while. **Bill** will work with Aaron Weiskittel and others at UM to nominate Laura Kenefic.

Integrity in Conservation—**Carol** will resubmit Steve Pelletier's nomination.

Distinguished Service—**Kirby** will talk with Jessica Leahy to be sure the nomination is on track.

Ken Laustsen is now the NESAF Awards Chair and cannot be used as a supporter for any nominations.

Ernest Gould—**Nicole** will continue with the Dave Hobbins nomination.

Mollie Beattie—Carol checked with Katie and she is on track with this nomination.

All nominators will submit their nomination packages to Ken separately. Ron asked that he be copied on the email so he knows it has been done.

2020 Meeting Dates

Our first meeting will be on **Friday, January 10, 2020**, it will be a conference/Zoom call at 9:00 AM. We will set the dates for the remaining 2020 meetings then. We will start planning for the 2020 Fall meeting and the 2021 NESAF meeting in January. **Ron** and **Carol** will visit hotels in Portland soon.

Other Business

None.

Adjourn

Carol motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 AM, Bob 2nd. Motion carried.

Submitted by
Laura Audibert