

Maine Division Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
April 15, 2020 Approved 6/17/20
Zoom Call

On Call: Carol Redelsheimer, Bill Livingston, Kirby Ellis, Bob Cousins, Ron Lemin, Karl Honkonen, Nicole Rogers, Tony Filauro, Laura Audibert, Kyle Burdick, Jake Metzler

Absent: Tom Coleman, Tony Guay, Trevor Jones/Austin Harmon

Carol welcomed and thanked everyone at 8:03 AM with a brief anti-trust statement.

Agenda Additions

Jake requested a discussion of D&O insurance later in the agenda.

Quick Updates

UM School of Forest Resources Awards Luncheon on April 22 is cancelled. We will ask Tony Guay if he is still interested in awarding the MESAF award. We will follow-up after the meeting.

The 2021 NESAF meeting will be held in MA, we will host the 2022 NESAF meeting.

Jake reminded the group that the 2020 NESAF Business Meeting will be held on April 30. The News Q will list the NESAF award recipients. Carol suggested putting them on the NESAF website as well. The recipients can receive their award at the meeting of their choice. Many of the awardees are MESAF members. We should save time at our Fall Meeting to present them there.

2020 Fall Meeting – October 13 – Climate and Carbon

It was decided that the morning session would be on Carbon and begin with an overview by Ivan Fernandez of the statewide taskforce (or Shawn Fraver or Aaron Weiskett!). Items to be addressed are: what does carbon storage mean scientifically and from a project perspective?

- How does age and density affect carbon storage?
- Optimization biologically?
- What might altruist landowners be able to do on their woodlot to help mitigate climate change by increasing carbon sequestration
- Some project managers are good about explaining the science

Nicole will contact Ivan.

Then we will discuss carbon projects. **Kyle** offered to speak on Baskahegan's project. Other possibilities include Finite Carbon, Blue Source and INRS. **Carol** will contact Dylan Jenkins at Finite Carbon, **Karl** will contact colleagues at the Research Station.

In the afternoon we will address Climate, first with an overview, then break into small groups and use the Adaptation Toolkit. We will try to have an expert at each table. **Carol** will contact Maria Janoviak.

We will plan on a campus meeting, but we may need to consider how to set up the meeting online, so credits will be available. We still need to have our annual Business Meeting.

2020 Field Tours

Invasive Species -- Ron's tour is July 23 in Bangor. He decided to hold it entirely outside. The morning will be a discussion in a field and the afternoon will be in the hogweed forest. We could do a virtual meeting with the morning material for credits. There is currently a 10-person limit on gatherings.

Ron will prepare an agenda for both outdoor and virtual meetings to be used for credit assignment. He will get the info to Laura by May 1. Ron needs Kirby's Powerpoint by July 1. Ron recommends setting the fees for in-person meetings and reducing them if we go virtual. We will decide at our June 17 meeting.

Ron will contact Naomi Marcus with questions regarding credits for virtual meetings. Carol prefers the honor system.

Northern Hardwood Decline—Tom not available to give report.

Deer Wintering Area Mgt – Bob doesn't have any updates.

<Karl left the meeting at ~9:00 AM>

Division Manager and Treasurer Replacement Strategies

Bylaws Revision

Nicole and Laura met in early March. Main focus is to separate Secretary/Treasurer position. Our bylaws state that MESAF must submit EC minutes to NESAF. We have not been doing it, do they care? There was a question on our official fiscal year dates. Bill reported that our FY is tied to our Annual Fall Meeting date. The new FY begins the day after the Annual Meeting. Jake reported that NESAF is reviewing their bylaws and recommended we wait until they are done to work on ours. Jake wouldn't worry about sending the MESAF minutes to them.

Directors & Officers (D&O) Insurance

Bill reported that we have never paid for this. Jake explained that non-profits should protect board members from being sued due to a mishap at an event. Jake will get a quote from a company. He is trying to have NESAF cover all divisions. Question—is there a difference between elected and appointed positions listed in the bylaws? If NESAF can't cover us, he will let us know. The consensus is that National SAF should cover all chapters and divisions.

Treasurer's Report

Bill emailed out the report and put it on the screen. The only activity since our last meeting was the Div. Mgr stipend and payment for student support to the NESAF meeting. Our current ending balance is \$5046.29. In our checking we have \$3441.67 and our PayPal has \$1679.62.

Bill paid out \$225 to three students for 2020 NESAF meeting expenses. He does not know if the students have been reimbursed for their registration and hotels.

We budgeted net income of \$1500 from 2020 Field Tours and \$2500 from the 2020 Fall Meeting. If we go virtual, we will still need to have this revenue.

Jake mentioned that the \$10,000 income from the 2020 National Convention would be divided equally among the four NESAF divisions (\$2500 each), but he asked that we not budget it yet.

We still have \$800 unspent from the 2019 Leadership Academy.

Ron motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Bob 2nd. Motion passed.

Student Funds for 2020 NESAF

Ashley Marten, Michael Redante and Emily Roth were each paid \$225 to cover their NESAF expenses before the meeting was cancelled. After some discussion, Ron motioned to allow the six NESAF (Adopt-a-Student) Scholarship awardees to use the funds to volunteer at the 2020 National Convention. If they do not plan to attend the convention, we will ask that they return to funds to MESAF. Kirby 2nd. Motion passed. We feel it is important to keep undergrads and graduates engaged with MESAF.

The national convention registration opens in mid-May and we will ask that the six students register by July 1, 2020. **Bill** will talk to Tony G. about these decisions. July 31 is the Early Bird registration for regular attendees. The student rate does not change until the on-site date.

Forestry Awareness Updates/Projects

Kyle presumes the China School event was cancelled—he hasn't heard anything. No other info to report.

Nominations for NESAF Awards—tabled to June 17 meeting

MESAF Officer Nominations

Jake is interested in the 2021 position.

Kyle will run for 2021 Chair-elect.

Ron will contact Shawn Bugbee about 2021 MAL

Kyle will check with Jason McLellan about 2021 MAL

Bill will see what the new grads are doing and to keep them involved.

Carol suggested Maggie Mansfield of Two Trees.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

NESAF awards, Candidates for Office, Bylaws, Field Meetings, Fall Meeting, Directors and Officers Insurance.

Ron will talk to Lori Rasor (SAF State Society Liaison) today regarding insurance for our field tours. Laura will submit the field tour agendas at the appropriate time.

Ron is chairing the Convention's Silent Auction. We approve of his idea of getting a set of Lincoln Logs to donate on behalf of MESAF. He already has maple syrup.

Approval of February 26, 2020 EC Minutes

Ron motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Nicole 2nd. Motion passed.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Submitted by

Laura

Division Manager