

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**June 17, 2020 (Approved 8/19/20)**  
**Zoom Call**

On Call: Carol Redelsheimer, Bill Livingston, Nicole Rogers, Tony Filauro, Laura Audibert, Kyle Burdick, Tony Guay, Kirby Ellis (on at 8:10 AM), Bob Cousins (on at 8:13 AM).

Absent: Tom Coleman, Ron Lemin, Karl Honkonen, Trevor Jones/Austin Harmon

Carol welcomed and thanked everyone at 8:01 AM. Tony G. needed to leave the call early, so the Student Chapter discussions were addressed first.

**Student Chapter**

Tony G. asked the group to think about opportunities to engage the students with possible virtual talks and Saturday field trips with professionals this fall. He is looking to host 3-4 events. Students would need to sign up and have their own transportation. The University is planning to have students on campus this fall, but that may change. Nicole suggested having UMFK and UM students host a field tour and invite students from other area schools (ex. Unity) to join and find out about SAF.

**Student Scholarships to National Convention**

Three students, Emily Roth, Michael Redante and Ashley Martone were given \$225 each in scholarships to attend the NESAF Winter meeting this year. When it was canceled, they were supposed to use it to attend the National Convention in RI this fall. After some discussion, it was decided that **Bill** will ask Michael Redante to use his funds to register for the virtual National Convention. Registration is \$260 (before July 1) for a transitional member. If Michael has an issue with the remaining \$35, he can contact us.

**Tony G.** will ask Emily and Ashley to use their funds to attend the virtual Convention (\$100 student registration) and invite/register another student, maybe an incoming student.

Following the Convention, students will be asked to submit a one page summary of the sessions they attended.

Tony G. suggested waiting until our August meeting to decide on how to spend the remaining \$600 of Adopt-a-Student funds. <Tony G. left the meeting at 8:26 AM>

**Antitrust Statement/Meeting Minutes**

Carol officially opened the meeting with a brief antitrust statement at 8:28 AM and welcomed Kirby and Bob to the discussion.

Kirby motioned to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2020 Zoom meeting, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

**Agenda Additions**

None.

Next regular EC meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 19 at 8:00 AM** via Bill's Zoom account. *(See note below on newly scheduled July 15 meeting.)*

### **2020 Fall Meeting – October 13 – Climate and Carbon**

Bill confirmed with Wells Conference Center that they still have our reservation and they have also given us Room 2 for more space. The current state guidelines limit gatherings to 50 people and maintaining a 6' social distance. UM is planning on 40 students per classroom on campus.

We discussed our goals of providing credits and networking opportunities and for earning revenue. Wells does not charge a room fee and includes one mic. Our costs include the food, flyer mailing and PayPal fees. Our goal is to have an in-person meeting and to have it live-streamed. Virtual presentations are an option and they can be live or pre-recorded with a live Q&A. With a hybrid meeting, there will likely be additional AV costs for camera capability to make any in-person speakers available via zoom to those participating from home. Bill believes we should be able to use the University zoom account.

Carol emailed out a draft agenda. For the morning Carbon discussion, Charlie Levesque has agreed to speak and Ivan Fernandez agreed to do the keynote. Dylan Jenkins from Finite Carbon will send a speaker as well. **Kyle** will prepare an explanation/description of voluntary markets.

Bill reported that the Maine Climate Council's report is almost done and is very broad. Ivan has the "chemical science" knowledge, while Adam Daigneault has the policy/human dimension side.

Nicole received comments from our Fall 2019 meeting that we need more speaker diversity. Kyle suggested Ernie Neptune, a Passamaquoddy member who is speaking with other tribes about carbon project opportunities. **Kyle** will contact him. Kirby would like someone to address how landowners can get carbon credits.

For the meeting agenda, the morning topics will include UM Climate Change Institute and Carbon Markets. First after lunch will be the tribal projects, followed by the Climate Council and possibly information on resources available through the USDA Forest Service Northern Institute on Applied Climate Science (NIACS).

Tom Coleman would like to see a discussion on northern hardwood decline. **Nicole** will contact a UVM person about current research. The hardwood issue may be more appropriately dealt with in a separate meeting in 2021.

### **2020 Field Tours**

Deer Wintering Area Mgt – All set for September 4. Weyerhaeuser currently has a tour limit of 10 people. They are optimistic this will increase by September. Bob will meeting with Weyerhaeuser in July. Fred Huntress had sent Laura a letter asking it to be included in the DWA meeting packet. He commented on whole tree harvesting in southern Maine relative to wintering areas. **Bob** will check with the speakers to see if they can address Fred's comments.

Laura reported there were currently 4 registrants both Bob's and Ron's tours.

We scheduled another EC meeting for **Wednesday, July 15, 2020** on Zoom to discuss meeting issues if necessary. **Carol** will send an invitation to this meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bill emailed out the current report on June 16. The only account activity has been the Student Chapter award, Laura's quarterly stipend and income from PayPal meeting registrations. No surprises or changes.

### **Bylaws Revision**

Nicole reported that she and Laura had met and proposed some revisions. She emailed the revised bylaws on June 16. Nicole asked that everyone read them and provide comments on the comments and send them to her and Laura by **June 30**. Our goal is to get them on the ballot this fall. **Nicole** will get clarification from NESAF on the deadline for submission of election materials. It is currently understood to be August 1.

### **News Quarterly Correspondent and communications management replacement strategy**

Tony F. is stepping down as our News Quarterly Correspondent and Communications Committee Chair following the submission of News Q. content later in June. Carol thanked Tony for his service. Tony wonders if the News Q is a good mode of communication. He would like someone more active in the profession to take his place. Carol suggested it's an opportunity for a younger member to get us more active on social media. The group concurred with Tony that local forestry news is the best content for the Maine section of the News Q. Tony will relay this to his replacement. Following the June submission, the next deadline is September 22, 2020 to JP Barsky.

The following agenda items were tabled to the next EC meeting:

- ★ **Division Manager and Treasurer Replacement Strategies**
- ★ **NOT too early—Candidates for Office 2021**
  - MAL – Sean Bugbee / Jason McClellan / Tom Coleman others ?
  - Treasurer – Jake Metzler / others?
  - Forestry Awareness Coordinator?
  - Chair-elect – Kyle Burdick? / others?
  - Secretary?

WHO WILL MAKE CONTACT AS NEEDED? WHO IS CONFIRMED?

### **Adjourn**

Carol thanked everyone for their time and the meeting concluded at 10:00 AM

Submitted by

*Laura*

Division Manager