

1 New England Society of American Foresters
2 Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
3 Thursday, June 2, 2005 [as approved on September 15, 2005]
4 Offices of the New England Forestry Foundation, Littleton, MA
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6 Members present:

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8 Tom Degnan Connecticut State Rep
9 Paul Dolan Rhode Island State Rep
10 George Frame Vice Chair
11 J Peter Howland New Hampshire State Rep
12 Anne-Marie Kittredge Massachusetts State Rep
13 Kenneth M Laustsen Chair
14 Edward D O'Leary Vermont State Rep
15 Ronald C Lemin Maine State Rep
16 Larry Rousseau Treasurer
17 Raymond J Toolan Secretary
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19 Members not present

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21 Joakim S Hermalin Canada Rep
22 Laura Kennefic Forest Science Coordinator
23 Leo Laferriere Council Rep
24 Tom O'Shea Immediate Past Chair
25 Bradford Wyman NESAF News Quarterly Editor
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27 The meeting was called to order by Chair Ken L at 0951 hours.
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29 **1. Standard Items**

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31 **Sign in sheet** (Toolan): sign-in sheet is passed around, reviewed, corrected as needed and initialed by
32 members present.
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34 **Welcome and introductions:** Cynthia Henshaw, of the New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF),
35 welcomed us all to their new facility in Littleton.
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37 **Antitrust statement:** Chair Ken L reminds us, once again, of our responsibilities under this rule.
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39 **Add/adjust agenda:** none are offered.
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41 **Minutes from March 15, 2005 EC meeting** (Toolan): Minutes are reviewed and corrections are made as
42 needed. [A motion to accept the minutes as corrected is made by George F. A second is made by Paul D.](#)
43 [There is no discussion. The motion is called and passes unanimously.](#)
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45 **Treasurer's report** (Rousseau): Larry R passed around a Net Worth Report and Summary of Accounts
46 report. He mentions a few issues including the continuing lack of an invoice from SPACE for Lindsey S, we
47 are due to make up a new agreement with SPACE for Lindsey's services, he still has the RI grant money.
48 There have been no new invoices around cost of last election from Chris M. "The books are in good
49 shape". Ron L returns \$1000.00 seed money from Winter Meeting to Larry R. NESAF portion of profits

50 will be submitted a bit later. It appears to be about \$4000.00. A motion to accept the Treasurer's
51 report was made by Paul D and seconded by Ed O. There was no further discussion and the motion passed
52 unanimously.

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54 *At this point Ken L introduces some additional items:*

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- 56 1. He presented the Integrity Award to Edward Griffith in Rutland, VT.
- 57 2. Gave a presentation on VOS to the state society in NY. Craig Vollmer (NY Chair) is interested in doing
58 a NY/NE joint meeting. Do we want to do it? How do we make it happen? This has already been done in
59 '92 or '93 at Paul Smiths. There is some discussion around this issue. We might have a joint summer
60 meeting. Ken L suggests possibly plugging in a joint meeting as a 5th winter meeting in cycle with the
61 current four. There is more discussion. It is suggested we might invite some reps from NY to discuss the
62 idea.
- 63 3. A question was raised by the ME chapter about being able to accept credit cards for the Winter
64 Meeting. Louise M from National has indicated it is "already in the works". There will be a "small
65 transaction fee" which must be absorbed by the chapter and cannot be passed on to the payee. There is
66 some discussion on this item.

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68 *Return to agenda as printed*

69 70 **2. Standing committee report**

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72 **Awards** (Kittredge): Ken had purchased five (5) copies of the new Integrity Award print. He has the
73 invoice and will pay by check. Ken plans to store them at his house but has some concerns. There is a
74 little discusioion about maybe storing them at SPACE but it is decided that storing them at Ken's (or
75 current Chair) is fine. There was a bit more discussion about whether to get them all now or to get them
76 as needed. It is decided to get them all now. The budget will need to be adjusted to allow for the
77 purchase of the five prints in this budget year. There is a small bit of frustration over Tom O "sitting on
78 some awards". **Anne Marie offers that she will get the awards from Tom O (her boss at work) and get
79 them in the mail to Ken L on Monday (June 6, 2005).** These include two longevity certificates: James
80 Billings and John Hemingway, both of Vermont. There is some discussion around the subject of the annual
81 awards brochure. It appears that the same person has been making them up for more than two decades.
82 There was some discussion around the "new awards". One suggestion was to stagger these awards with
83 some in one year and the rest in the next year. Consensus was not to do this. Brad W's feeling is
84 apparently to simply make the awards brochure bigger. George F points out that one of the most
85 important things that NESAF can do it to recognize what people do. He agrees that we should simply
86 make the brochure bigger. Ken L leaves it up to the Awards Committee to determine how awards are
87 handled. There was then some discussion on the new rules for nominating/electing Fellows. Each state
88 society may nominate one new member per year but for this year NH is allowed to nominate two.

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90 **Policy** (Howland): Peter H does not have anything to report. "Don't have a whole lot". VOS was (and is) the
91 big item. No big convener calls. Ken L has found 2 of the 3 position papers from NESAF and will get them
92 on the website.

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94 **Nominations and Elections** (Dolan): "Never too early to start thinking". Paul D hands out copies of
95 "Nominations for 2005 NESAF Elections". It is a nice looking packet. Ken L asks if there have been any
96 nominations. Most, if not all, the incumbents have chosen to run again. There was a concern that the
97 ballots do not look like junk mail.

99 **Forest Science** (Kennefic): Laura K is unable to be in attendance today. Ken L goes over an e-mail ha had
100 received from her. There is some update information on the working groups. They wish to be involved in
101 the NH sponsored Winter Meeting. There is a planning group for the next Winter Meeting. There are
102 two themes: Membership in April and Heritage in June.

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104 1100hrs - Chair calls a break. Meeting reconvenes at 1120hrs.

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106 **Membership** (Lemin): Ron L went over the delinquent list from National. Reasons that people give for not
107 renewing include a lack of time to be involved and a lack of relevance. There were the usual payment
108 issues. It was pointed out that "time" payments will be accepted. There is some discussion around the
109 Code of Ethics. The primary issue is conflict of interest and how we should ask members to respond to
110 this issue. The Association of Consulting Foresters and the Foresters Guild have some very different
111 ideas than how it is currently handled by SAF. They both take the position that members should just
112 walk away from any conflict of interest. This differs from the SAF policy. Ken L goes over some of the
113 numbers from the monthly report from National. There is some general discussion around non-renewing
114 members and conflict of interest issues.

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116 **NESAF website** (O'Shea): Tom O is not present. Ken L indicates that the NESAF position statements will
117 be posted on the site. Maine would like to see links to all other chapters. There is the question of job
118 postings. There is a fair bit of discussion on this topic. The big issue is the actual web site and how
119 items are posted and how the site is maintained. **It is decided that George F will do the technical review**
120 **of all submitted material. He will then pass it along to Lindsey S who will format it for posting after**
121 **which she will pass it on to Jim Ahler.** On the issue of employment postings, it is decided that all relevant
122 postings will be accepted and will be put up at the beginning of a month and removed at the end of the
123 month. Postings will not be limited to members only as the purpose of this "service" is to benefit
124 members who may be seeking employment or seeking employees. **George F has offered to set it all up.** No
125 motion or vote is required. Tom O has been relieved of his web site duties with our thanks for the work
126 he has done on the getting the site set up.

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128 **Grants** (Degnan): There is nothing new to report. Tom D has "put out the word" in CT. Peter Condaxis will
129 send him what information he has. Only NESAF chapters can apply for grants. George F goes over
130 eligibility criteria for grants. There is some discussion around who may get grants. It must go to
131 chapters. There is more discussion on how the money may actually be used. It must be SAF driven and
132 benefit SAF and its members in some way. Tom D suggests that the state reps get this information out
133 to the members. It should also be on the web site. Ken L reports on the progress of the ME grant for a
134 forester survey. He reports that there has been a 50% response. The information is being analyzed.

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136 1218hrs - break fro lunch. Meeting resumes at 1300hrs

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138 *added item from Paul D*

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140 Should we send a thank you note to NEFF for allowing us to use their meeting space? Ken L points out that
141 we usually make a donation. **Paul D motions that we donate \$100 to NEFF. There is a second from Tom D. The**
142 **motion is called. It passes unanimously except for one abstention from Anne-Marie whose spouse is on the**
143 **NEFF board.** It is suggested that we may have more meetings at this location.

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145 *End of added item*

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147 **3. State reports** (NESAF State Reps):

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149 **Vermont** - Ed O'Leary: There has been no Green Mountain Division meeting since the last NESAF
150 meeting. It was held at the offices of the Associated Industries of Vermont (AIV) in Montpelier. The new
151 person from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) stopped in for some opening remarks. She is very new.
152 It has been decided to host the 2007 Winter Meeting at the Lake Morey Inn in Fairlee. Russell Reay is the
153 General Chair. Bill Moulton is the Program Chair, Ed O'Leary is the facilities Chair and Raymond J Toolan is
154 the Registration Chair. There was one "Walk in the Woods".

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156 **Rhode Island** - Paul Dolan: There is a RI army unit in Iraq and they wanted some RI stuff sent over.
157 Among other items were sent SAF T-shirts. Paul D passed around a picture of some of the personnel in their
158 T-shirts in Iraq. They continue to support the Envirothon. They continue with their "Walk in the Woods"
159 program. They are using their grant to identify and list champion trees in RI. The VOS has been discussed.

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161 **New Hampshire** - Peter Howland: Goes over the issue of nominating Fellows (see Awards section).
162 The National office has adopted the mentoring program developed by Granite State. They are involved in the
163 Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy Report. Plans for the 2006 Winter Meeting are well underway. There will
164 be a workshop on Oct 6-7 on even aged management.

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166 **Maine** - Ron Lemin: Not much has changed. The "What's Green and Growing" poster contest has been
167 renamed. They have a partnership with Project Learning Tree (PLT). The NESAF grant is being used for
168 survey with a 50% reply rate. They sent two people to the SAF Leadership Academy (Student Chapter Chair
169 and Student Chair Elect). The Spring meeting is next week and is around turkey management along with the
170 Wild Turkey Association.

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172 **Massachusetts** - Anne Marie Kittredge: No meetings or activities since the last NESAF meeting. The
173 Yankee Division did have a session/workshop on diameter limit cutting.

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175 **Connecticut** - Tom Dagnan: On June 14 is the spring/summer meeting with a topic of wetlands. Tom
176 D will take pictures. CT Forest Lands Committee will have their first meeting in June. There was some
177 question about when the next Yankee Division (MA,CT,RI) meeting would be.

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179 Ken L asks if anyone else has taken advantage of the Leadership Academy. The answer appears to be "no".

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181 **4. NESAF Operations Manual** (Frame): George F feels that the current document is "woeful" and
182 needs to contain more information. It needs a consolidated calendar. There needs to be information on
183 expense reimbursement and some specificity on the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. The Grants
184 calendar is confusing as is the awards calendar. Both need to be "firmed up". The Manual is simply rehashing
185 what is in the by-laws. He would like to see less repetition. There needs to be some description of the
186 responsibilities of the HSD representative. He would like some suggestions/recommendations from
187 former/present members of HSD. Any ideas or suggestions for the Operations manual should be sent to
188 George F. **George F will create a combined calendar.** It is pointed out that it is good to have new officers
189 attend the December meeting before they take office to help them get "up to speed" before the budget
190 meeting in January. **Ken L will send out an electronic copy of the existing Operation Manual to members of
191 the EC along with other supporting documents.**

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193 **5. HSD Update** (Laustsen) **and Action Items** (Frame): **George F has a task for Tom D. The task is to
194 provide information to HSD around the issue of the membership having a choice of which publication they will
195 get with their membership. There is a second issue around the idea of discounts for early payment of
196 membership dues. Tom D accepts the missions.** What this means is that Tom D will fill out two (2) "Issues

197 and Actions - 2005 House of Society Delegates" forms and have them signed by the NESAF Chair. They will
198 then be sent to HSD. Tom D is provided with two blank forms. **Ken L will send electronic copies to the EC.**
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200 The sole discussion at HSD is around the VOS. Ken L feels they need to coalesce on how they think we
201 should all go forward. Ken L remains in contact with the chair of HSD and it is felt that VOS will remain the
202 primary topic of discussion. Ken L asks again for any ideas or suggestions from the EC or membership in
203 general. He continues to take part in conference call meeting on this topic. At this time Region 15 is a "major
204 rub". The proposal for the new regions is not finalized. The whole idea behind the proposed redistricting was
205 to correct an imbalance, population-of-members-wise, between the regions.
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207 **6. 2005 Winter Meeting Summary** (Lemin): Ron L passes around copies of an information sheet.
208 They had almost 60 posters. There were 15 exhibitors and 13 sponsors. There was a net profit of \$9338.
209 The \$1000 seed money was returned to NESAF which left \$8338. There are a few losse items yet to clean
210 up after which NESAF will receive half the remaining profits. As it turned out all the profits were the
211 monies paid by exhibitors and sponsors. The members were all pretty much at cost.
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213 **7. NESAF Referendum Ballot on SAF VOS-TF Report Recommendations** (All): It was
214 agreed at the Annual Business Meeting in March that the VOS-TF issue would be submitted to the entire
215 membership on a referendum. The issue is do we send just 1 -7 which have not yet been decided on or do we
216 send all of the recommendations. The motion from the Business Meeting indicates that we need to send all of
217 them. There is some discussion about how we will get this set of issues to the entire membership as more
218 than a few are not on the web. There is also the issue that Ken L is being pressured to have the results in
219 time for a September 16 conference call. There was some discussion about whether we felt the results of
220 the referendum should be part of the September 16 call. We appear to be the only multi-state chapter doing
221 a referendum. It is decided that the mailing will occur on or by August 24, 2005 with a return date of
222 September 9, 2005. This will allow the EC to go over the results at the September 15, 2005 EC meeting in
223 Portsmouth prior to the September 16th conference call. *There was no assignment as to who would actually*
224 *do the mailing.*
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226 **8. NESAF News Quarterly** (Wyman): Brad W was unable to attend but he did leave an issue for
227 discussion. The question was do we allow the printing of obituaries of non-members. It is apparently the
228 feeling of Brad W that we should not. After some discussion it was decided that there are people who are
229 not members but are still known and respected within the forestry community. It was felt that their passing
230 would be of interest to the membership and so non-member obits should be allowed. **George F makes a motion**
231 **that the NESAF News Quarterly Editor be given latitude to print the obituaries of non-members as space**
232 **allows. A second is received from Ed O. The motion is called and passes unanimously.**

233 On another issue, Kim Lowell will be leaving for Australia and a new Canadian (Quebec) correspondent will
234 be needed.
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236 **9. SAF Council Report** (Laferriere): Leo L was unable to be here today. Ken L goes over notes from Leo
237 L. The Committee on Forest Policy would like the Policy Chairs of each chapter to fill out an information
238 sheet on their state, have it approved by their EC and then send it off to Council. The Green Mountain
239 Division has done this but no other chapter in NESAF has. Ken L would like to see this issue referred to the
240 National Association of State Foresters as he feels this is a more appropriate place for this to be done.
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242 **10. Adjourn:** George F makes a motion to adjourn. A second comes from Anne-Marie K. There is no
243 discussion. The motion is called and passes unanimously. It is 1438hrs.
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245 Minutes respectfully submitted by Raymond J Toolan, Secretary

