

MESAF Executive Committee Meeting
January 5, 2005

Huber Resources Office, Old Town

Attendance: Bill Livingston, Bob Wagner, Bob Seymour, Rory Eckardt, Mandy Farrar, Kenny Fergusson, Steve Coleman, Dick Scott, Ken Laustsen, Marc Johnson, Sue Aygarn, Laura Audibert.

Bob W. opened the meeting at 10:00 AM with introductions. He also made an anti-trust statement.

Job Descriptions

Kenny passed out the Executive Committee Officer job description sheet and reviewed the positions. **Kenny** suggested that he and **Bob S.** update the job descriptions and the MESAF bylaws. Ken reminded that any bylaw changes must be sent to Louise Murgia at National SAF.

NESAF is developing an Operating Manual. **Kenny** and **Bob S.** will develop one for MESAF.

Membership List

Laura passed out the most current MESAF membership list (December 4, 2004). **Laura** will email the January 2005 updated list to the Exec Comm once she receives it. Rory had questions on some of the membership categories, no one had any solid answers.

Laura suggested that the Exec Comm send a letter to major forestry employers in the state, encouraging them to support their foresters' membership in SAF, both financially and with time and vehicle use. **Bob W.** will mention the subject with CFRU members at a meeting next week.

Membership Survey

Ken passed out and explained Bob Chandler's NESAF grant proposal a SAF membership survey. Bob will send out a written survey to Maine LPFs and have a focus group session. Ken is the "oversight person" for the grant. The grant is complete and has been accepted. It will be reviewed and decided on at the NESAF Exec Comm meeting on January 21, 2005. Ken is confident that we can find the funds to support Bob's work. **Ken** will notify our Exec Comm of NESAF's decision. We will look over the proposal at our next meeting to see if we need to appropriate more MESAF funds to do the work. Bill says we do have enough money, if needed.

2005 Executive Committee Meeting Dates

- **Tuesday, February 15, 2005; 8:30 AM** at the Huber Office or somewhere on campus.
- **Tuesday, April 12, 2005; 8:30 AM** at the Huber Office or somewhere on campus.
- **Monday, September 12, 2005; 8:30 AM** at the Huber Office or somewhere on campus.

September 14, 2004 Exec. Comm. Meeting Minutes

Laura passed out the minutes. They were reviewed. Mandy motioned to accept, Bob S. 2nd, approved as presented.

2005 Activity Calendar

Laura passed out the tentative calendar for review. Dates would be confirmed later in the meeting (*this was not done...*)

Treasurer's Report

Bill passed out the current report. We made \$4922.65 at the Fall Meeting.

The poster contest awards for the 2004 contest have been paid out. **Laura** will send out new donation letters this spring.

Bob S. motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Mandy 2nd, approved as presented.

NESAF Report

Ken reported that the Leadership Academy is scheduled for June 11-14, 2005 in Lied, Nebraska. NESAF is again subsidizing tuition for one Maine member to attend the Academy. Much discussion took place on who to send to the Academy. Bob S. motioned to increase our budget line for the Academy from \$1000 to \$1700 to support at least one student member to the academy and to select attendee(s) based on applications received from students by February 14, 2005. The Exec. Comm. will decide on the attendees at its meeting on Feb. 15, 2005. Bill 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously. **Rory** will get the word out to interested students.

Ken relayed the recent NESAF election results: George Frame from NH is Vice Chair, Anne Marie Kittredge is the MA rep, Ed Leary is the VT rep and Ron Lemin is the ME rep.

Ken has been a member of National's Volunteer Organization Structure Task Force. The TF looked at how SAF should be structured to better serve its members. The report has been accepted by the Council, but no action has been taken yet. The report is posted on the national website (www.safnet.org/who/VOS1204.pdf) Ken summarized it as follows:

- Instead of 9 council members, there will be 7 regions. Our region includes New England, NY and the Appalachian region;
- The central House of Society Delegates will be abandoned in favor of a regional HSD;
- National conventions will be held every other year, with regional conventions held on the off year.
- Working Groups will be replaced by Interest Groups, who will propose projects. If the projects are not completed the IG will be "sunsetting."
- Maine will not have a rep at the regional level. To have representation, Maine would need to break from NESAF and form its own State Society.

Ken estimates that if the report is accepted, it will be at least two years before it is fully implemented. He will be making a presentation on the proposal at the NESAF meeting in March.

Policy Committee

Bob W. spoke with Dave Field. The Policy Committee is not currently a standing committee and Dave is wondering if we want it to be active or passive. This decision was deferred to a later date.

Rory updated on the policy initiative being undertaken by the Student Chapter. Dave's 81 important policy documents will be scanned at the library by Friday, January 7, 2005. The cost is \$0.08 per page. The scanned documents can be put on a CD for a cost of \$1.50. The students will take time to review the scanned pages (7 hours @ \$8.00) and they will invoice Bill for the expenses. When done, the students will run the project by Ken and they will look at the next steps and evaluate the costs vs. the grant amount of \$1800.

Communications Committee

Tony submitted an article to the Houlton Pioneer Times on the Forestry Awareness Program PowerPoint 1st place award presentation. **He** will send a copy to Sue once it is published.

The committee met with Misty Edgecomb of the Bangor Daily News in early November and just talked about forestry issues. Members attending were Tony, Dan McConville, Ron Lemin, Kenny Fergusson and Marc Johnson.

Forestry Awareness Program Committee

Sue mentioned that the PowerPoint option for the contest increased interest among students and teachers. The 3rd Place PP award for the 2004 contest was not awarded because the presentation could not be opened and viewed.

Kenny asked what the future of the Program would be. Much discussion ensued. Tony expressed the desire to work more closely with Pat Maloney of PLT and that we should work within the Learning Results and curriculum guidelines. Kenny feels that the student/professional forester contact is very important. Rory asked what the initial goals of the program were. Laura indicated that the two goals were to increase SAF's visibility and to educate students about forestry.

Bob W. asked that **Sue and the committee** formulate a vision statement and plan for the future of the FAP in the near future.

Awards

Ken said that the nominations for the 2004 NESAF awards closed on December 31, 2004. Maine nominated 3 people for awards out of a possible 6 awards available.

Ken mentioned that National has now limited the Fellow nominations to one member per state per year. We had no Fellow nominations this year.

Student Chapter

Rory listed the activities they participated so far this school year:

- They worked with the Boy Scouts on the Town Forest in Veazie with Carol Redelsheimer;
- Destroyed cabin for ATC with Dave Field;
- Trip to Bartlett Experimental Forest with Bill Leak and Mariko Yamasaki;
- Volunteered at MESAF Fall Meeting.
This spring they are planning to:
- Work on Maine Day project;
- Help Bob Chandler stuff envelopes for his LPF survey;
- Peer involvement—upper classmen helping underclassmen;
- Professional forester mentor program, working on design, currently 6 foresters willing to help;
- Ice fishing trip to northern Maine with Al Kimball;
- Calendar fundraiser for 2006, they will be contacting companies for pictures;
- John's Bridge memorial project;
- PLT workshop for students and professional SAF members;
- Plan trip to Maine legislature.

The committee mentioned that three foresters are currently serving in the Maine legislature: Tom Saviello, Pat Flood and Nancy Smith.

Fall Meeting Evaluation Results

Laura passed out the results and they were reviewed briefly.

Spring 2005 Meeting Date and Topic

Our meeting will be held jointly with the Maine Wild Turkey Federation and maybe SWOAM. Kenny has been in touch with Robb Cotiaux and **Mandy** will follow up with Robb and get more

details. The group expressed the desire that the meeting be done jointly, rather than SAF "attending" a WTF program. It will be a one-day meeting, but the location hasn't been decided yet. Marc suggested that the WTF have different speakers than those they had at a recent fall meeting, since many of the same people may be in attendance.

We will need to coordinate buses and lunches.

The tentative date is Thursday, June 9, 2005. Mandy will have a firm date by our Feb. 15 meeting. Once the date and topic are decided, Laura will post the info on our website.

Fall Meeting 2005

Tabled until a later meeting.

NESAF 2005 Meeting

Mandy passed out the current version of the program, it is nearly complete. The speakers are all set. Mandy has done a great job.

Executive Committee Goals for 2005

Bob W. asked what we wanted to do this year. We came up with:

1. We must decide if we want the Policy Committee to be proactive or reactive;
2. Vision for Forestry Awareness Program;
3. **Laura** suggested a trial revival of the Northern Forest Forum. **She** will shoot for one meeting this spring and if successful, one in the fall. **She** does not want to do this alone, and will solicit help from northern Maine members.
4. Study and evaluate upcoming LURC comprehensive plan;
5. Bob S. suggested setting up a watch dog committee on the Licensing Board's credentialing process.

Website Update

Laura mentioned that the Forestry Awareness Program 2004 winners were currently posted as well as the 2004 chair letters and 2004 exec.comm. minutes of Feb., April and June. September will now be posted since the minutes have been approved.

She will add the NESAF grant application forms and NESAF Awards criteria. The bylaws will be added once they have been updated. Kenny suggested listing the current Foresters Fund and NESAF grant applications so members know what we're doing. **Ken** will send copies of the grant applications to Laura for posting.

Bob W. asked that everyone check the website and prepare comments for the Feb. 15 meeting.

MESAF Audit.

Ken offered to complete the 2004 audit by the Feb. 15 meeting.

Ken motioned to adjourn at 2:46 PM, Mandy 2nd., approved.

(A NESAF 2005 meeting was held following the MESAF ExecComm meeting.)

Submitted by

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