

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
August 2, 2010
Buchanan Alumni House, UMaine Campus, Orono**

Attending: Dave Maass, Jessica Leahy, Bill Livingston, Laura Audibert, Don MacKay and Sue Aygarn.

Dave opened the meeting at 9:10 AM with a brief anti-trust statement. There were no changes to the day's agenda.

Jessica motioned to approve the April 26, 2010 meeting minutes, Don 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report

Bill passed out the latest report as of August 2, 2010. Activity since the April meeting includes additional membership dues, the total is now 2, 481.63, an increase over recent years. Field meetings brought in \$2000 and netted ~\$400. The Northern Forest Forum is behind by \$34, but this is not a big deal. From the FAC account, four high schools requested and received \$100 - \$274 each to cover travel expenses to regional or state Envirothon events. Jay High School is the state winner and will be receiving the balance of our allotted funds (~\$680) to attend the national competition. The Penobscot County SWCD office still needs to submit their \$500 expense invoice to Bill to be paid.

A total of 64 high schools participated in the Maine Envirothon statewide this year. Sue will request photos and info from Tish Carr so she can get it to the News Quarterly. Sue will also send photos to Laura, who will make a poster to display at the Fall Meeting, highlighting the activities MESAF has spent its meeting revenue on.

<Katie Cousins arrived at 9:22 AM>

MESAF donated \$2000 to the Maine Tree Foundation toward their annual Teacher Tours. Bill and Sue commented that the tours were very successful and extremely worthwhile to support. Sue will contact Sherry Huber and get Laura some info and photos on the Teacher Tour for the display poster.

The totals in our accounts are: Checking--\$8,000, Savings--\$5000, FAC-- ~\$2000, totaling \$15,225.

Laura commented that since we donate so much money to Envirothon, SAF should have its logo on the T-shirts that are given out to students and volunteers. Sue had asked Tish this before and was under the impression it was happening. Sue will talk to Tish on this.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved as presented.

Bill passed out the copy of our 2009 calendar year Statement of Revenues and Expenses that Ken Laustsen audited and Bill sent to NESAF for inclusion in a report to the IRS. The audit checks that the line items are correctly allocated, not that the figures are actually correct.

Bill addressed the concern of us “keeping too much money” in our accounts. He feels that it is okay to keep a year’s worth of expenses on hand, (~\$15,000), which is what we are doing. We assume that NESAF has looked over our figures and are okay with our account balances. It is important to spend the funds we have on worthwhile programs.

<Jake Metzler arrived at 9:36 AM>

Committee Reports

★ Forestry Awareness Committee

Since our last meeting the Teacher Tours have occurred. Bill and Sue spent one day with them. Bill replaced Pat Maloney while she recovers from an accident. Sue noted that there were some “repeat” teachers on the tour, who now were actively taking notes and very enthusiastic about the program. Sue feels that this program has the potential to reach the most people via the teachers. Enrollment on the tours was up slightly from last year. The cost to teachers is \$65 for four days, including lodging and meals. This program is heavily subsidized. Sue noted that Pat M. does not draw on MESAF too much for forester participation, she gets foresters from her PLT facilitator group.

The Forestry Education Network received ~50 responses to the green cards, yielding 15 new folks. Sue is still lacking ~20 email addresses for past network foresters, but does not know how to reach them.

★ Communications Committee

Tony was absent and no report was presented.

★ Student Chapter

Jacob Hicks was absent and no report was presented.

Field Meeting Updates

Vernal Pool—went great.

KI Technology—Don said the evaluations were very good and all went well except for a bit of rain... There was a slight problem with the insurance, but Don was able to straighten it out to the landowner’s satisfaction.

Don suggested that we make a list of “things to do” to prepare for field meetings. This way new members-at-large will have an easier time covering all the bases. **Don** will draft up a document and circulate it to the group for additions soon. Don found that using remote facilities was more difficult to plan, but the attendees liked being on industrial land. Katie was concerned that non-members were not formally notified of the meeting. Spencer sent the announcement to his CFRU list, which was helpful. In the future, **Laura** will send the info to Greg Lord’s MFS list for a wider distribution.

The group feels that having three field meetings instead of one is very worthwhile and a good value for the membership.

Baldwin—Jessica voiced her concern that one of the working groups was hosting a one-day session for service providers on small woodlots in November. The group felt that the original plan was still good and worth doing.

The date will be **Thursday, September 23, 2010** at a corporate retreat in Baldwin. The plan is to have one bus start in Old Town and meet other folks at the Baldwin site. Topics to be addressed will include invasive species, non-timber forest products, micro-business support and the corporate retreat. **Jessica** will email Laura the final details by August 13, 2010. **Laura** will email the announcement to SAF members and to Greg Lord at the MFS during the week of August 17, 2010. A paper mailing will be done to the members without email addresses. A box lunch will be provided. The student rate will be \$10. **Jessica** will determine the registration price after talking with the bus company and the retreat.

Fall Meeting

The date is Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at the Wells Conference Center on campus. The theme of the meeting is Collaboration. The idea of inviting the gubernatorial candidates for the afternoon session was discussed. The group decided that there were too many risks involved. After much ideas and discussion, the group decided on the following plan:

8:00 – 9:15 AM	MESAF Business Meeting
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Break
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Speaker 1
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Speaker 2
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Speaker 3
11:30 - 12:00 PM	Speaker 4
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Box Lunch
1:00 – 2:15 PM	Analysis 1
2:15 – 2:30 PM	Break
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Analysis 2
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Analysis 3
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Wrap-up

<Don left at 11:47 AM>

The morning session will have speakers from Keep Maine's Forests, CFRU, the White Mtn National Forest, Forest Certification and/or the Board of Pesticide Control. They will be asked to specifically address the Challenge, Parties Involved, Process, Solution and Lessons Learned from their own recent experiences.

The room will be set up with ~25 round tables. Each table will have a small card with one of three topics written on it. Attendees may sit where they wish. Following lunch, each table will be asked to spend ~30 minutes defining the Challenge, Parties Involved, Process, Potential Solution and Lessons Learned for their particular topic. After this, three afternoon speakers will each present their own list for one of the topics. Attendees will be asked to compare and comment on the various outcomes.

The list of potential topics includes:

- ★ Clearcutting
- ★ Managing for late successional species
- ★ Herbicide use
- ★ Labor
- ★ Markets
- ★ Invasives

- ★ Pests
- ★ Timber access.

The Members-at-large (**Katie, Don, Jessica**) will choose the three topics to be addressed and inform the rest of the exec. comm. shortly. **Dave** will follow-up with the MALs by August 9, 2010.

Jake will contact Jerry Blye and/or Holly Dominy (sp?) to be one of morning speakers. **Dave** will contact Tom Wagner at the WMNF and Pat Sirois from SFI will be contacted as well (by whom?). **Katie** will keep track of all the speakers who have been invited. **Laura** needs the detailed agenda for the meeting mailing by September 10, 2010.

2011 Elections

Spencer reported that he has stepped down as the Maine Rep. to NESAF and that Wil Mercier will take his place and will run for the position again this fall. The position of NESAF Chair-Elect is open and needs candidates for this 6-year commitment.

The MESAF ballot info was due to Spencer on August 1. Dan emailed Dave indicating he missed the deadline and has made no progress on a slate of candidates. *Spencer needs this info ASAP!* **Dave** will contact Dan immediately to get things rolling. Currently the ballot has the following candidates:

Chair-Elect: _____
Sec./Treas.: Bill Livingston
Member-at-Large: Katie Cousins
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Some names suggested for positions are Frank Cuff, Bob Chandler, Dave DeGruttola, Dan McConville, and Bart Plourde. Spencer indicated that he had already sent Dan the bio sketch form. **Laura** will send the brief job descriptions and bio form to Dan again.

NESAF Update

The District 6 Council seat is now vacant since Carol Redelsheimer accepted a full-time job at the national office. Ron Lemin is working on finding someone to fill her unexpired term which ends in 2011.

The deadline for NESAF awards and grants is December 1, 2010. The dollar amounts available for the grants are listed on the NESAF website.

Licensing Board Update

Ken was not in attendance, but emailed that there has not been a Board meeting since our last ExecComm meeting, but he will be attending the upcoming meeting in late August.

Adjourn

Spencer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 PM, Jake 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Submitted by

Laura Audibert

