

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters  
Executive Committee Meeting  
July 20, 2012  
Ken's Camp, North Twin Lake, T4 Indian Purchase**

Attending: Ken Laustsen, Ron Lemin, Katie Cousins, Kris Hoffmann, Wil Mercier, Jessica Leahy, Bob Cousins, and Sasha Miller.

Katie opened the meeting at 8:08 AM.

**Agenda Review**

Elections were added to the agenda, as nominations need to be submitted by August 1.

**Minutes of April 20, 2012**

Jessica motioned to accept the minutes as distributed, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Bill** will electronically send the Treasurer's Report to committee members in August.

**NESAF Update**

The position of Maine representative to NESAF will need to be filled this fall. Also, the positions of NESAF chair-elect, secretary, and several other state representatives.

The contract for the joint New England / New York annual meeting has been signed, and program planning has begun. The meeting's theme is: "Common Ground Found". New York will be taking care of the facilities and logistics.

Massachusetts recently released their biomass standards. National SAF has weighed in with a statement. An effort was made at the NESAF level to make a statement, but the deadline came and passed without a response to the request from the NESAF policy chair. The NESAF executive committee will be checking in with the current policy chair to determine if he still has the time and is willing to participate in this role.

NESAF is bringing a bylaw change forward to the membership to vote on this year. The proposed change would allow the website administrator to be a voting member of the executive committee. There was discussion as whether MESAF should also change its bylaws in order to allow standing committee chairs to be voting members of the executive committee. It was noted that NESAF bylaws specify that only "standing" committee chairs may vote, not chairs of ad hoc committees. It was felt this would also be a good fit for MESAF, whose standing committees are currently: Forestry Awareness, Policy, and Communications. It would be difficult to get this ready for vote by August 1, so this conversation will be extended into the coming year.

The deadline for award nominations for the NESAF annual meeting is December 1.

The deadline for election nominations is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Maine grant for Envirothon, submitted by Bill Livingston, is good into 2013.

The NESAF executive committee had discussions on ways to increase NESAF revenue. A thought that was presented was to have additional raffles. However, they do not plan to do anything additional this coming year because of the joint annual meeting. We were reminded by Ken that NESAF dues are increasing by \$4, due to a vote at the annual meeting in Massachusetts this spring. It was suggested that NESAF look into offering field tours in order to make a profit.

In national news: A task force report was released in favor of accrediting school programs in *Terrestrial Ecosystem Management Systems*. A conversation will be going forward on how SAF will transition from a community of foresters to a community of natural resource managers.

Also, the new membership tier structure seems to be working well, however, it is not helping to retain more members.

The next NESAF executive committee meeting will be held on September 12. Portsmouth, NH is a tentative location for this meeting.

### **Board of Licensure of Foresters Update**

Ken reported that the Board met on June 19, in which the Maine Forest Service pitched some concrete changes to the licensing law. Some consulting foresters also weighed in against the proposed law. We will have more updates after the Board meets again in late August.

On a related note, Michigan has eliminated their forester licensing program.

### **May 2013 NESAF Meeting**

Ron has signed the contract with Sunday River, and Bill will be sending them a \$500 deposit check. Bill has received \$1000 from NESAF. Sunday River said they will not need a credit application from NESAF.

The general agenda for the meeting is to start Wednesday afternoon with a hour and a half keynote speech and then break out into approximately 5 concurrent indoor sessions from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. Wil has proposed one to two focused research review sessions for professionals and students at this time.

Thursday, breakfast will be served at 7:00 A.M., and buses will depart for field tours between 8:30 and 9:00 with boxed lunches. There will also be focused indoor lecture sessions offered with a break at noon. Wil will try to schedule a mix of half-day and full-day, indoor and outdoor session options. There should be 2-4 full day field tours. Participants would be able to skip a morning or afternoon session in order to recreate at Sunday River. Thursday night there will be a barbeque for dinner and a dirt forester quiz bowl.

Friday, breakfast will again be served at 7:00 A.M., and field sessions will depart around 8:30 with box lunches. There may be some indoor workshops, and the field tours will be scattered in many directions. Transportation will not be provided.

Wil has a list of potential programming ideas. Other ideas that were discussed were: a tour planned by the silviculture working group, led by Pete Hannah, a forest pest and disease update on Wednesday, and an SFI audit and paperwork guidance session, with auditors as guest speakers. Bill

Livingston will update us later as to whether the Northern Forest Health Workshop will be held at this meeting. **Wil** will place a pitch in the NESAF email for help on the programming committee in order to get input from members outside of Maine.

There was some discussion on building AV use into the budget with Sunday River in order to save headaches and problems with non-compatible equipment. It was also noted that the MESAF Student Chapter should be in charge of coordinating the AV equipment. Colton Burgess (MESAF student chair) and Bob Cousins were nominated as co-chairs of AV and volunteers for the meeting.

There was some discussion of the keynote session. It was suggested that the keynote speakers be Austin Cary recipients that have had field experience as well as management. John McNulty and Jensen Bissell were recognized as good candidates, as well as Dave Field for his Maine Appalachian Trail Club experiences/knowledge.

We will not have a call for posters at this meeting, but will cover these topics in the research review on Wednesday afternoon. The presenters' abstracts, along with their contact information will be placed in a packet for dissemination. We will display posters if they are brought to the meeting.

NESAF will not be handling the recreation options at Sunday River, but participants can register with the resort itself if they would like to participate in activities not associated with the annual meeting, such as zip-lining, golfing, rafting, etc. MESAF will send a flier with options to registrants to inform them of some of their options.

A question was brought up as to whether we would need an insurance chair for travel and recreational activities. **Ken** and **Ron** will look into it.

### **2012 Field Meeting Planning**

Bob reported that his field tour, "**Fishing for Answers; Downeast Solutions for Fish Passage**" went well. It had 22 attendees and received good feedback.

Jessica reported that her field tour "**Piscataquis County Field Tour 2012: Exemplary Forestry & Wood Processing**" also went well. It had 35 attendees (including speakers and ex.com. members). It also received good reviews. Because this tour was popular and filled quickly, Jessica will be trying to put together a woods only tour with Gordon Moore and Kirby Ellis in September. Of the comments received, Jessica noted that there were many recommendations for various mill tours next year.

Kris reported that things are on track for the tour "**Rehabilitation Silviculture 2012: Forests Through Time – Problems with Stands in Early Development**". This tour is scheduled for August 24, and a second one has been planned for August 31.

### **2012 Fall Meeting**

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at the Wells Conference Center. Kris reported that she received 5 submissions for presenters: the Kennebec Woodlands Partnership, Max McCormick, Ron Lemin/Bob Wagner, Bill Jarvis, and Katie Cousins. The committee then

brainstormed for other potential presenters. Those mentioned were: Jeff Benjamin with Ian Stone about their innovation study, Doug Hall of the Center for Innovation. It was also decided that a panel of three speakers would be good to wrap up the meeting. The committee decided to ask Jeff Benjamin, David Edson, and Peter Triandifillou to form our panelists. Rory Eckhart, Keith Kanoti, Bob Seymour, and Al Beeson were also mentioned and may be contacted if others can not participate. **Katie** will contact Jeff Benjamin, **Ken** will contact Peter T., and **Wil** will speak with David E.

The rough agenda looks like this:

7:30-8:00	Registration and continental breakfast
8:00-9:30	Business meeting
9:50	Katie's opening remarks/introductions
10:00-10:45	Keynote speaker (hopefully Doug Hall)
10:45-11:30	Max McCormick with Ron Lemin— <i>Efficiently dealing with overstocked regeneration (dog hair) in forest stands.</i>
11:30-12:15	Katie Cousins and John Starrett – <i>EZ waterbar YouTube video</i>
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:45	Bob Wagner and Ron Lemin – <i>Sugar maple release</i>
1:45-2:30	Kennebec Woodland Partnership – <i>Kennebec Woodland Partnership</i>
2:30-3:00	Break
3:00-3:45	Bill Jarvis – <i>Timber harvesting on Deer Island in Moosehead Lake &gt; How to remove the harvested timber.</i>
3:45-4:45	Panel presentation/discussion.

**Kris** will send emails to those who submitted proposals with information on the meeting and their designated time slots.

### Committee Reports

Forestry Awareness—Sasha reported there was a PLT conservation professionals training program at Good Will Hinckley. She mentioned that Pat Maloney (executive director of PLT) had noted that attendance for all PLT trainings have been steadily decreasing.

MESAF members participated in Children's Days at Leonard's Mills. There was not a great turn-out for this event, and it seemed that the children were not very engaged in the forestry offerings. It seemed that we were out-competed by tug-of-war and hay rides. There was some discussion as to whether participating in this event was a good match for MESAF and the member's time. Perhaps we should focus our efforts elsewhere. Some ideas that surfaced were the Knox-Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation District's Conservation Fair at the Union Fairgrounds, PLT's teacher tours, and working with Boy and Girl Scouts to earn specific badges.

### MESAF Elections

Wil noted that the deadline for election info is August 1, 2012. Kris is running for Maine rep. to NESAF, Wil is running for MESAF chair-elect, Bob Cousins and Ron Lemin are running for MESAF member at large. **Ron** said he will ask previous participants of the Leadership Academy if they may be interested in running for an elected position. **Ron** will also ask Spencer Meyer if he is interested in running for NESAF chair-elect. **Ron** will also approach Emma Schultz about her

interest in running for NESAF secretary. Ron would like to have bios of the nominees ASAP. The executive committee nominated Bill Livingston as treasurer / secretary for the 2013 elections.

Ron moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 P.M. Jessica seconded, with unanimous approval.

Submitted by

*Kris Hoffman with help from Wil Mercier*