

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
August 28, 2015
James W. Sewall Company Office, Old Town**

Attending: Brian Roth, Kirby Ellis, Bob Cousins, Jessica Leahy, Wil Mercier, Anna Schwarz, Kris Hoffmann. Laura Audibert on phone. Ken Laustsen arrived at 8:50 AM.

Absent: Bill Livingston, Tony Filauro, and Brian Renfro (Student Chapter).

Agenda Changes

Jessica added the joint CIF meeting to the agenda after Elections.

Minutes of July 17, 2015 Meeting

Kirby motioned to accept the July 17, 2015 minutes as amended by Ken via email, Bob 2nd. Wil and Kris abstained. Motion carried.

Business Items

Treasurer's Report

Bill will send out the Treasurer's Report next week and it will be reviewed and approved via email.

Committee Reports

Forestry Awareness—Anna reported that the two Maine TREE Teacher Tours have been done and she attended the second one at Grand Lake Stream. They saw different landowners' lands and some teachers were very good at tree identification. Many high school teachers expressed the desire to have foresters and Professional Logging Contractors to visit their classrooms. Anna will be writing an article for Pat Maloney's PLT newsletter about connecting foresters with teachers. Four foresters helped Bill Livingston with his freshmen summer camp this week. Anna reported that there will be PLT workshops in New Gloucester on September 15 and 17 from 3:30 to 6:30 PM.

Communications—Tony sent Jessica an email for the Members at Large asking for write-ups on their field tours and photos if possible. **Brian** will send Tony photos from the Rehab tour and **Kirby** will send him photos from the Restoration tour. No photos are available for the Hemlock tour.

Student Chapter—Bill is the interim Student Advisor for the group. Colton Burgess is working for LandVest in Clayton Lake and he invited the student chapter up for an overnight and tour. He received the needed approvals to do this.

NESAF Update

Ken was not present, but it was noted that the 2016 Winter Meeting will be held in Sturbridge, MA on March 9-11, 2016. Planning is going well. The planning team wants input from Maine folks on what they would like to have, since most of the presentations and tours will be urban forestry related.

No names were put forward for the NESAF open positions. Si Balch is running for District VI Council Rep.

Board of Licensure of Foresters Update

Jessica indicated that the last two meetings were cancelled, so there is nothing to report.

Field Tour Reports

Brian is planning next year's joint tour already. A pre-planning will take place in October in Newburgh.

Bob doesn't have any photos from his hemlock tour, but he will do a write-up for Tony.

Kirby's tour took place on Wednesday and **Laura** will compile the evaluation results shortly. **She** will also send Kirby some photos from the tour. **Kirby** will send Laura the link to the IF&W Chop and Drop guidelines for the website. The tour generated \$1120 in income and Kirby's expenses were \$850.09. <Ken arrived at 8:50 AM> The field tour spreadsheet that Kirby developed should be fixed to include the gas cost for any rental vans. Rent-a-Wreck proved good to do business with. Kirby had rented two 15-person vans and one 12-person van.

Jessica noted that her clarification email to Laura Kenefic regarding the MESAF responsibilities for the upcoming Cedar Tour was very helpful.

Elections

Bob Cousins is the only candidate for Chair-elect for 2016. Brian Roth and Kirby Ellis are the only two running for Member-at-Large. Jessica tried to find other candidates, but struck out. She checked the bylaws and the EC can appoint someone to fill the vacant slot in January. **Jessica** plans to ask the attendees at the Fall Business Meeting to see if anyone is interested. **She** will also mention it in her upcoming Chair Letter.

2016 Joint CIF Meeting

Ken, Kris and **Jessica** will participate in a conference call on September 10 with CIF representatives to discuss having a joint meeting in New Brunswick in 2016. The resulting meeting will be advertised in the News Quarterly.

Fall Meeting Planning

All the speaker slots have been filled. Bob is fairly confident that the Woodland Pulp guy will commit.

Pat Strauch with MFPC will lead off in the morning, followed by Mindy Crandall, the new UMaine Forest Economist. She may bring her students to the session. **Jessica** will follow up with Bill Livingston on the best way to encourage students to attend the meeting. Bob Dorsey of the Northern Maine Development Commission present following Mindy. Following lunch, Dana Doran of the Professional Logging Contractors will speak about overcoming barriers. Charles Tardiff of Maibec will talk about his recent challenges in a positive light. Derrick Charles or Steve Ouellette of Woodland Pulp will follow Charlie and talk about the improvements they have made and their

outlook on doing business in Maine. **Bob** will get more info next week and a final commitment. If no one can come from Woodland, the group will ask Joel Swanton or Tony Lyons.

Jessica assisted Bill in ordering the food. **Laura** will put the flyer together and email it around to the group to finalize.

The final afternoon schedule is as follows:

Lunch

1:00—2:30 PM	Three 30-minute case studies
2:30—2:45 PM	Questions
2:45—3:00 PM	Break
3:00—4:00 PM	Two 30-minute case studies
4:00—4:15 PM	Questions
4:15—4:30 PM	Wrap-up— Kris
4:30 PM	Adjourn

Speakers do need to submit registration info, but they will not be charged a fee even if they stay all day. **Bill** and/or **Jessica** will get the meeting price to Laura for the flyer.

Laura will find a copy of the 2014 Business Meeting agenda and send it to Jessica. Jessica will mention Mike Dann's awards and **Ken** will email Jessica his list of forester obits to announce. **Jessica** will talk with Bill about reserving a room at Pat's Pizza for the Member Social following the meeting.

The deadline for the fall meeting mailing is Friday, September 18, 2015.

Allagash Bridge Memorial

Jessica confirmed with Al Cowperthwaite that the memorial stone can be placed in a grassy area near the 6-Mile checkpoint in Ashland. **Jessica** needs to find out the actual landowner to confirm with them. **Laura** will connect with one of the Catholic priests in Caribou about a blessing/prayer at the event. **Kirby** will check with a stone place in Dover. **Laura** will check with places in the County. We need to check how much we have in the budget. Jessica suggested having our July 2016 EC meeting in Ashland after the ceremony. It will be scheduled for a Friday during July. Evergreen Forestry was the thinning contractor. Jessica has invited Al Cowperthwaite and will invite John McNulty from Seven Islands. **Jessica** will contact Ron Lemin about the names of those who died.

Other

It was decided that **Ken** will contact the Bangor Chamber of Commerce regarding the 2017 NESAF Winter Meeting to get an idea of the space available and what their concerns might be. Carol Redelsheimer can help us as we plan our 2020 National Convention bid.

Adjourn

Kris motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 AM, Wil 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Submitted by

Laura Audibert