

Maine Division Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
September 2, 2016
212 Nutting Hall UMaine, Orono

Attendance: Bill Livingston, Ken Laustsen, Bob Cousins, Dave Parker, Brian Roth, Kirby Ellis, Jessica (9:09 AM), Anna Schwarcz (9:11 AM), Kris Hoffmann (9:53 AM) Brian Renfro (10:02). Laura Audibert on Skype.

Bob called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

Minutes

Ken motioned to approve the minutes of July 22, 2016 as amended by Ken earlier, Bill 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report

Bill passed out the report to the group. The budgeted amount for Meeting Incomes is \$3000 and we now have \$3300, so we are on target. Our overall available balance is ~\$6000 and we will be expending \$1000 for the Envirothon field days this fall, so we will have ~\$5000. Bill tries to have \$4000 available at the end of each fiscal year. Bill received the 7 Islands check of \$213.41 for the Allagash Memorial, so he will reimburse Jessica, since she paid with her own funds. Bill has not yet set up an account for the NESAF 2017 meeting. Bob motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Jessica 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Field Tour Updates

Hardwood Silviculture Tour

Brian Roth reported that the tour went very well. Not having buses saved money. Audubon joined in at the end. Roughly one-third of the participants were SWOAM members, the rest were MESAF and family members of the Newalls.

Fall Meeting Afternoon Tours

Brian Roth arranged for three on-campus tours on October 30. One tour will visit the Geo-Spatial Lab. There are 24 computers and attendees will work with imagery, LIDAR and do practical exercises. Brian suggests pairing a tech expert with a non-expert at each computer. There may be a charge for the lab use, but Brian is not sure yet.

The second tour is of the Advanced Wood Composites Lab for 1.5 hours, then the Bioproducts Lab for another 1.5 hours. These participants will be split into two group and switch tour times. This tour format will also be used at the NESAF March 10 workshops.

Brian will need the names and a headcount for these tours and will put together the agenda for the CEU application. The Fall Meeting flyer will have boxes for attendees to rank their tour choices in order of preference.

Bill Leak's Hardwood Silviculture Guide Tour—based on interested at the August 13 tour, Bill Leak has agreed to come back and offer a tour using his hardwood silviculture guide. This will be a MESAF event and no fees will be charged. It will be limited to 20 participants (others will be on a waiting list) and each will bring their own lunch. The tour will take place in Dexter and at Peaks-Kenney- State Park in Dover-Foxcroft on October 14. It will be from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM and folks will use their own vehicles.

Riding Through Forest History

Dave reported that he met with the speakers and walked the tour loop and is all ready to go. **Laura** will get Dave the registration number for the lunches by September 19.

Nominations

Bob reported that he was turned down by everyone on his list for Member-at-Large. He is waiting to hear back from on the Chair-elect position. Kirby and Brian Roth will run again for MAL and Brian asked Bill Mahan and he agreed as well. Dave Parker will run for NESAF Rep.

Laura will prepare an email to the membership asking for candidates for Chair-elect, MAL and NESAF rep. We are not sure when the actual deadline for ballot submissions to NESAF are needed. NESAF will do an online ballot with paper backup. We will wait until after the membership email is sent before deciding how to proceed.

Fall Meeting Planning

<Kris arrived at 9:53 AM> <Brian Roth left at 9:57 AM> <Brian Renfro arrived at 10:02 AM>

The agenda so far is:

8:00 AM	Registration
8:30 AM	MESAF Business Meeting
9:30 AM	Break
10:00 AM	Pat Strauch—economic report
10:40 AM	Peter T.—going forward (Jessica will contact him)
11:25 AM	Steve Shaler—University
12:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00—4:00 PM	Tours

Tours offered:

- Advanced Composites Lab + Bioproducts Lab—max = 40
- Geospatial Lab—max = 48
- University Forest White Pine—max = 40 <Brian Roth joined again via Skype at 10:16 /am>

Bill noted that last year we had ~\$2000 in food expenses. The registration fees were set at SAF members--\$50, Non-members--\$75 and students--\$20. If students come just for the morning and don't have lunch, there won't be a fee. If they participate all day it is \$20. Student volunteers will be asked to help with parking and registration. We will also have our Adopt-a-Student option on our registration form.

Bill also noted that for the first time since 2000, UMaine has 100 forestry students registered.

NESAF Update

Ken reported that the EC has not met since our July meeting, but will be meeting next week. They are still discussing the dissolution of the Yankee Division.

NESAF 2017

Carol Redelsheimer (Program Chair), Kris, Ron Lemin, Wil Mercier (IT Chair) [and Ken](#) toured the Cross Center recently. The contract is not yet signed, but soon. The hotels are at \$99 and \$129 per night, including shuttles.

The Wildlife Society is onboard full-time as well as the NE Forest Pest Council. The NEFPC is not sure about the registration process yet. The same fee will be charged for all groups. We need to set the registration rate soon.

Wed. AM will be Plenary Session and a Box Lunch /NESAF business meeting.

Wed. PM ~~—32~~ sessions, [Ice Breaker, and Quiz Bowl](#)—

Thurs. AM/PM—5-6 technical sessions- [and NESAF Awards Banquet](#)

Fri. AM—Workshops, field tours.

The Cross Center has up to 5 meeting spaces (including the banquet room)—4 rooms for technical sessions—one each for NEFPC, TWS, 2 for MESAF).

Quiz Bowl—TWS and NEFPC want to participate, but the pest council has all grad students. We need to get the QB organized for maximum participation.

Bob Seymour is chairing the Poster Flash Talks. **Bill** will request the advance from NESAF— noting that our rates are higher this year and we may need a larger advance (?). Ron is working on sponsorships, trying to get donations in each calendar year. **Bill** will open a separate meeting account.

Committee Reports

Student Chapter—Brian Renfro reported that they are just getting started for the school year. They are planning a raffle at our Fall Meeting and a School of Forest Resources Social at Homecoming. They have new officers—Brian is Chair, Savannah Haines is Past-Chair and Meryl Nelson is Vice-Chair. It was noted that there will be many student volunteer opportunities at the NESAF meeting in March for Registration and IT. The discounted daily rate for students will be \$15. In 2016 the full SAF member registration rate was \$150.

Forestry Awareness Committee—Anna reported that there was a good turnout of foresters at Bill's forestry camp in August. There was a PLT training on August 26—there was an OK turnout, but they are still looking for more people to train.

Board of Licensure of Foresters Update

Ken reported that the August 25 meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be near the end of October before our Fall Meeting.

Other

Ken reported that we will have the NESAF Leadership Academy on March 10 in the morning. Waterville now has an Escape House and this will be included in the Academy.

<Jessica left at 11:40 AM>

There is also a proposal at the national level on [biodiversity and inclusion policy](#) position. Si Balch is trying to get input for the upcoming HSD meeting.

Dave Parker brought up some concerns about the Tree Growth Tax Law and a SAF policy draft on inclusion.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM.

Submitted by
Laura Audibert