

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**July 9, 2018**  
**Conference Call**

On call: Bill Livingston, Katie Manende-Hall, Alex Ingraham, Ron Lemin, Brian Roth, Laura Audibert, Bob Cousins. Kirby Ellis joined at 8:30 AM.

Katie called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bill emailed out the latest report on July 6, 2018. He reported that the dues we had received were previously mislabeled as field meeting registration income. After fixing this and recalculating, we received the expected \$2000 in 2017 dues. Our current dues budget for 2018 has been adjusted down to \$2100 and the field meeting income has been adjusted down to \$3300. We had overestimated our income by \$2100. To fix this, Bill recommends reducing our contribution to the Forestry Awareness Committee's Maine TREE Foundation from \$2000 to \$1000. He also recommends postponing the \$1300 webpage upgrade.

Bill motioned to reduce the webpage upgrade from \$1600 to \$300 and reduce the Maine TREE donation from \$2000 to \$1000. Alex 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. The decision on allocating the remaining \$1000 Maine TREE donation will be tabled until our August 3, 2018 meeting when we have a better idea of our field meeting income. Bill suggested increasing the registration for our Fall Meeting if we need more funds.

Bill also noted that we have spent \$800 on Student SAF first-year memberships vs the \$600 budget. We currently have ~\$6000 in our accounts.

### **Fall Meeting**

Alex reported that he has a phone call into Pat Strauch, but has not contacted a banker yet. Pat is planned as the keynote to speak on the future of the forest industry and the ForMaine work. **Katie** will talk with Alex on ~July 20 for an update.

Bob reported that SAPPI and ND Paper (Nine Dragons) are interested in speaking on the Mill panel. He has not heard back from Woodland or the wood buyer from Verso. **Bob** will get more info by Friday, July 13. We decided that ending up with only two mill speakers would be okay, but three would be better.

Katie has secured the Consulting Forester panel: Jesse Duplin, Brett Gerrish and Barrie Brusila. **Katie** will get the three connected so they can plan their discussions. Katie did not contact Yellowlight Green and she asked if someone else could do it. **Alex** reluctantly agreed to do it. If Yellowlight cannot do it, **Alex** will try Sarah Curran to speak on general workforce and community development.

The meeting title is tentatively, "Future of Forestry in Maine: I've Got 99 Problems and the Trees Ain't One." <Kirby joined the meeting at 8:30 AM> **We** need the final title by our August 3 meeting.

Kirby has secured Derek Madden to speak on the Loggers Entering the Workforce panel. **He** will contact Ron Braslett as a trucker for the panel and if he cannot, **Kirby** will contact Brian Souers. This panel will consist of a logger, trucker and banker.

### Leadership Academy

The MESAF-funded candidates are Mallory Bussell and Maren Grantham (as M.S. student). Katie sent the names to Ken and they will receive info packets shortly. The Academy registration numbers are lower than the expectations. Maine may have other opportunities to send people if other divisions don't have anyone. Katie contacted Caleb Winslow, who declined, but he may entertain the opportunity in the future.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Friday, August 3, 2018** in **204 Nutting Hall** from **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. **Bill** will get out the parking permits.

### Nautilus Tour

Ron reported that there were 17 registered but 3 didn't show. We will not be refunding any registration money. The expenses were \$147 and the boat trip was donated by the island owners. Ron expected a higher turnout. It was a good tour.

### Pine Tour

**Laura** will prepare an email blast for the Pine tour shortly. A blast for the Beech tour will be done in late August. Alex noted that the cost for a bus went up drastically and he has switched to vans for the Beech tour. Brian offered to try doubling up on the bus that CFRU will use for the tour the next day. Max McCormack will be on the Beech tour, but not as an official speaker.

Bob has the 50-year pin and certificate for John Bozak, who will be on the Pine tour. **Bob** and **Brian** will connect and **Brian** will make the presentation to John.

### Adjourn

Katie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 AM, Kirby 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. We will chat via email if need be.

Submitted by  
*Laura Audibert*