

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters  
Executive Committee Meeting  
January 4, 2019  
Conference Call**

On call: Kirby Ellis, Bill Livingston, Nicole Rogers, Bob Cousins, Carol Redelsheimer, Ron Lemin, Tony Filauro, Laura Audibert.

Kirby called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM with an anti-trust statement.

### **Approve Minutes**

Carol motioned to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2018 conference call as presented. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved. Bill asked that the group look over the 2018 Annual Business Meeting minutes and send revisions to him. The full membership needs to approve them at our 2019 Business Meeting.

### **Communications Committee Report**

Tony reported that the next News Quarterly will be published in April. He would like to get the basics of our 2019 field tours in that issue. In the July NQ edition, Tony will ask for MESAF EC nominations for 2020.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bill sent out the report yesterday. We had \$8190 in receipts in 2018. Bill estimates expenses from the Fall Meeting of \$2500—he is still waiting for the parking expenses to come in. Our net earnings are ~\$5000, \$1500 over budget. The Fall Meeting income made up for the lower incomes from the field tours.

Bill explained to Nicole that income surpluses are used to support activities such as PLT, Maine Envirothon and student SAF memberships. For the first-year student memberships, Bill passes out the applications at a student meeting and sends a MESAF check with the completed applications to SAF national. It is usually around \$500 each year. Laura suggested that Nicole do the same thing with UMFK students, since Nicole mentioned that they are planning to start a student chapter there too.

Bob motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

### **Student Chapter Update**

Bill noted that the current Chair is Michaela Kuhn. **Bill** will get the Vice Chair name and contact info to Laura so she can add it to the email list for the next meeting.

### **2019 Meeting Dates**

- Friday, February 8 9:00-12:00 Nutting Hall, Orono
- Friday, April 1 9:00-12:00 Nutting Hall, Orono
- Friday, June 14 9:00-12:00 Conference Call—Carol will work on 2020 EC nominations
- Friday, July 12 9:00-12:00 Conference Call
- Friday, August 9 9:00-12:00 Nutting Hall, Orono

## Field Tours

**Ron** will plan a tour on Invasive Species ID and Control in Southern Maine for mid-September.

**Bob** will plan a tour Downeast in June, not sure of the topic yet.

**Nicole** will plan a tour in August in southern Aroostook. She will look into Big Reed Pond or Katahdin Woods & Waters National Monument and get back to the group to discuss at the Feb. 8 meeting.

## 2019 Fall Meeting

**Bill** will check into the availability of the following dates: Friday, October 18, Tuesday, October 22 or Wednesday, October 23. Possible topics include management of ash in the face of Emerald Ash Borer, or value of SFI certification for Tree Farmers. We will discuss topics at the Feb. 8 meeting.

## Include Tree Farm representative in EC-MAL?

Bob mentioned that Kyle Burdick is interested in being involved with the MESAF EC. Kyle is currently involved in Tree Farm, but rather than add another position on the EC, which would require a bylaws change, Ron motioned to add Kyle as the Forestry Awareness Chair for 2019, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Kyle will run for MAL on the 2019 ballot. **Laura** will add Kyle to the EC email list and will email him the MAL job description and the Forestry Awareness info. **Bob** will email Kyle's contact info to Laura.

## Other

Laura mentioned that a MESAF member requested the Professional Ethics Survey results from our 2018 Fall Meeting and suggested we post the results on the MESAF website. Lloyd Irland had developed the survey and compiled the results. Carol recommended asking Lloyd's permission to post the results, since the MESAF survey is part of a larger project Lloyd is working on. **Laura** will contact Lloyd.

Laura also suggested we include an ethics discussion at a field tour or our Fall Meeting. **Kirby** will put this on the February 8 meeting agenda.

Kirby mentioned that Tree Farm is wondering if SFI certification is really needed for Tree Farmers since the mills do not pay landowners more for certified wood and there is added cost to Tree Farm for the SFI certification process. Nicole wondered if consumers pay attention to the certification label? Maybe the Tree Farm members should decide if it is worth the extra cost for the certification. **Kirby** will share our feedback at the next Tree Farm meeting. Carol thinks this would make a good Fall Meeting topic. Kirby may have more info for us at the February EC meeting.

## Adjourn

Carol motioned to adjourn the call at 10:15 AM, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Submitted by  
*Laura Audibert*