

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters  
Executive Committee Meeting  
November 16, 2012  
Conference Call**

Attending: Colton Burgess, Wil Mercier, Ken Laustsen, Ron Lemin, Laura Audibert, Bob Cousins, Bill Livingston, Kris Hoffmann, and Katie Cousins.

Ken called the meeting to order at 1:25 PM with a brief anti-trust statement.

Agenda Items: Fall Meeting Recap, Awards, NESAF Grants and May 2013 Meeting.

**Fall Meeting**

Ken declared the Fall Meeting to be successful based on the good evaluation responses. Bill reported that the meeting cost was \$3184.90 and the income was \$6480.00, giving the division a net income of \$3295. This is \$1700 over the budgeted amount. The net income from the 2011 Fall Meeting was \$1500. Ken and Katie thanked everyone for their efforts.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bill reported that he has had some expenses from the Forestry Awareness Committee. The Forestry Field Days expenses were \$170 in this current fiscal year. The division also paid \$200 in student membership dues in FY13. The Division Manager stipend invoice of \$500 was also paid recently.

Bill motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Wil 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.

**September 21, 2012 Minutes**

Laura had not had a chance to amend the September 21, 2012 minutes based on Ken's edits. The approval of these minutes was tabled until the next Executive Committee meeting.

**NESAF Awards**

The November 1 award submission deadline was extended. Ken sent in a package for Jessica Leahy, nominating her for the Young Forester Leadership Award. Ken thanked those who helped prepare the package.

Ken reported that NESAF grant funds are available. He suggested that NESAF could apply for a grant to underwrite a forest inventory workshop in our area. He would invite individuals from Oregon to present the workshop for NESAF. The workshop would have a high cost with a limited number of attendees (12). The workshop could possibly be offered in conjunction with our May 2013 meeting. **Ken** will prepare a NESAF grant proposal and a Forester's Fund grant proposal and also prepare an article for the News Quarterly. **He** will pass the drafts around to the group for review. **Wil** will try to get one of the presenters to give a talk to the larger group at the May meeting.

## May 2013 Meeting

The Planning Committee is composed of Wil, as the Chair, Amanda Mahaffey of the Forest Guild, Brian Roth of CFRU and Kevin Doran of the MFS.

### WEDNESDAY

The Wednesday will begin with a 1.5 hour general session with two keynote speakers: Bernd Heinrich (New England region speaker), and Steve Fairweather (global, nat'l speaker). Both speakers have been approached and fairly confirmed. **Ken** will confirm with Steve F. by November 26. The 2<sup>nd</sup> choice is Dave Kittredge.

After the break, there will be 1.5 hours of concurrent sessions:

Auditing—Katie. She will gear it toward the outdoor effects.

General Research Review—this will be advertised in the News Quarterly and through direct requests. It will include University professors, professionals and be a “lightning round” format.

Forest Finance—Jessica will work on this session.

Conservation—Kris will handle this session.

GIS/Inventory—Wil hasn't been able to find a moderator yet, he might do it himself. Ron suggested Steve Sader, Mary McDonald or Lance Case. **Wil** will check with these folks.

There will be a maximum of 4 speakers in the 1.5 hour session. The group discussed the credit forms.

Forest Health Section Updates—Bill can try to get a list of presenters and topics and possible credit assignments. Wednesday would be the best day for the inside session. It could also be extended to include a half day on Friday. Bill is the primary contact for this group.

The possibility of having the NE Fire Consortium was raised. A Friday indoor session may be best for this.

It was suggested to have a Wednesday dinner option available with a speaker and charge a fee; the idea was rejected after further discussion. Attendees could stay on site or go off site. We have already contracted for an ice breaker with a cash bar on Wednesday evening. Thursday evening will be the BBQ in the fire pit.

### THURSDAY

Thursday will be all full-day options.

1. NESAF Silvicultural Working Group tour.
2. Mill tours: Irving's Dixfield pine mill for a half day. It may include a half day of white pine silviculture and harvesting. **Ron** will contact Irving and get back to Wil.
3. Wind Power: **Bob** will get the name of a contact to Wil.
4. Conservation: Errol Community Forest, SPINHF—**Kris** will help.
5. Foresters for the Birds: Amanda Mahaffey will take the lead on this. This session may roll into Friday as well.
6. Forest Health (Invasives): Invasive plant track. Indoors in the morning, outside on site in the PM.
7. Recreation: White Mtn NF? **Wil** will talk with Janice Mulherin. May include BPL units too.

8. Inventory/GPS/GIS: May include geocaching activity. **Wil** will contact Aaron [Weiskittel](#) and GPS/GIS folks.
9. Forest Health: Bill will coordinate. White pine needle problems, siroccoccus blights, MFS, USFS, EAB and ash resource. Might go to Fryeburg.

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**Ron** and **Wil** will look at transportation limits on tours.

FRIDAY

Spoke and Hub tours.

1. Local Wood Doing Good—chairs, pellets, woodyard;
2. SAPPi Westbrook tour—specialty product end. Planning on 30-35 participants;
3. Continuation of Foresters for the Birds theme;
4. NE Fire Consortium—fairly local;
5. ???
6. Statistics—Steve Fairweather—20-40 participants;
7. Forest Health—indoors or continuing field tours.

General interest—Tom Wessel on “Reading the Forested Landscape”, maybe on Friday.

<Laura left the meeting at 3:00 PM>

General discussion ensued on programming, possible registration fees, and the new need to factor in both the costs of AV and transportation. Ron, Ken, Wil, and Kris will meet in the upcoming weeks to iron out some of these fine details.

Call ended at approximately 3:30 PM

Submitted by

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