

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters  
Executive Committee Meeting  
November 7, 2014  
Conference Call**

Attending: Ken Laustsen, Laura Audibert, Wil Mercier, Sasha Miller, Ron Lemin, Katie Manende, Tony Filauro (joined at 10:15 AM), Kris Hoffmann (joined at 10:27 AM), Jessica Leahy (joined at 10:29 AM).

Absent: Michael Pouch, Eli Shank, Bill Livingston.

Wil called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM with a brief antitrust statement.

**Agenda Changes**

Wil added the Augusta Watershed field tour report and the webpage items to the agenda.

**Minutes of September 5, 2014 Meeting**

Ken motioned to approve the minutes as revised on September 8, 2014, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Unanimous approval.

**Treasurer's Report**

Tabled. Bill will send the report around via email next week.

**NESAF Update**

Tabled until Kris arrives.

**Board of Licensure for Foresters Update**

Ken did not attend the October 30, 2014 Board meeting and there is nothing new to report. Ken received a copy of the approved minutes from the previous board meeting.

**2014 Field Tour Updates**

August Watershed Tour

Ron reported that it rained on tour day but Jake Maier did a good job spurring discussion. Ron noted that it was a struggle to get the planning going. If we ask others to put together tours for us, we should be more involved to make sure all the details are covered and planning is on time.

<Tony joined the meeting at 10:15 AM>

Laura suggested raising the tour/meeting registration fees in the future to give us enough funds to continue the donations to Maine TREE and Envirothon. Many in the general membership feel these donations are important. We provide quality tours and put in a lot of work and a small increase is easily justified.

**Fall Meeting Theme ("What to do with\_\_\_\_\_")**

Wil thanked everyone for all their hard work putting the meeting together. Wil questioned if there were supposed to be snacks at the afternoon break. Tony noted that the range of topics was well-received. The panel format was good. We will check with Bill on the financials of the meeting.

The Local Wood Works meeting is coming up and Ken encouraged all to attend if possible. There is lots of diverse interest. NESAF has one free registration from our sponsorship, but no one has taken it yet. The free registration will be offered to a student and Ken needs their name and address.

### **Web Page**

**Laura** noted that she will work with local Fort Kent folks to find and become familiar with a new website program and she will check again with NESAF. **Laura** will check with Bill and Jessica if she has questions.

<Kris joined at 10:27 AM>

### **NESAF Update**

Kris had nothing to report. The votes for our election candidates were to be counted today and the results will be available soon.

<Jessica arrived at 10:29 AM>

### **Succession Planning Workshop**

Jessica reported that they had ~25 participants and speakers and there were lots of goodies available like CDs and publications, including the new SWOAM guidebook. The presenters did a good job and there were good discussions and content. **Jessica** will make a report and get all the invoices to Bill.

### **Election Nominations Process**

Jessica reported that she did not get all the nomination profiles on time. We should plan our deadline earlier so there is no last-minute scrambling. Do we want to submit all the names that are turned in? We typically do. Katie doesn't think that we should be worried about having only one "loser" for a position. The Member-at-Large nominees on our ballot this year were Kirby Ellis, Bob Cousins and Brian Roth.

Both **Katie** and **Eli** indicated that they would be interested in running for MAL next year.

### **Student Chapter Report**

Jessica reported that they are hosting an evening potluck for the Penobscot County SWOAM members. The students will share their information with the landowners. Students will be attending the NESAF meeting in the spring.

### **NESAF Award Nominations**

The following award nominations are being prepared:

Practicing Professional—**Wil** needs to contact Rick Morrill to nominate Barrie Brusila;

Distinguished Service—**Jessica** has Mike Dann's info and needs letter-writers, **Ron** will do one.

Integrity in Conservation—Ken is resubmitting the nomination for Steve Swatling and this is on track.

Dave Smith—Jessica is nominating Bob Seymour, the materials are in Ken's hands.

Mollie Beattie—**Wil** is resubmitting Katie's nomination and will do it soon. **Katie** will get her biosketch to Wil soon.

Tech Transfer Award—**Bill** is nominating tish carr. **Wil** will follow up with Bill.

### **Allagash Bridge Memorial**

**Ron** and **Eli** will get a report to us within a month which will include the budget and the memorial location. Ron is having trouble getting the names of the victims.

### **Committee Reports**

Forestry Awareness—Sasha has nothing to report.

Communications—Tony reported that the News Quarterly just came out. There has been nothing beyond the usual activities. Tony will continue to invite media reps to our field meetings, then the media will see what foresters really do.

Ron suggested that Sasha contact Kirby Ellis for help with the FAC.

### **End of Year Wrap-Up**

Wil thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the year and Laura thanked Wil for his leadership. The official transition from Wil to Jessica will be in January.

We need to approve the Treasurer's Report next week and we need to push to make the Award Nomination deadline of December 1.

The 2015 meeting dates will be set soon via email, led by **Jessica**. **Jessica** will contact the new Members-at-Large.

**Katie** and **Ron** asked to be contacted if we need any help next year.

### **Adjourn**

Ron motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 AM PM, Katie2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.

Submitted by  
*Laura Audibert*