

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters  
Executive Committee Meeting  
September 5, 2014  
Revised 9/8/14  
204 Nutting Hall, UMaine, Orono**

Attending: Wil Mercier, Bill Livingston, Jessica Leahy, Ken Laustsen, Ron Lemin, Eli Shank, Laura Audibert on phone. Katie [Manende Cousins](#) (arrived at ~9:30 AM), Kris Hoffman (arrived at 9:30 AM), Sasha Miller (arrived at 10:14 AM)>

Absent: Michael Pouch, Tony Filauro.

Wil called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM with a brief antitrust statement.

**Agenda Changes**

Ken asked to include the sponsorship of Local Woods.

**Minutes of July 18, 2014 Meeting**

Jessica motioned to approve the July 18, 2014 minutes (as amended by Ken via email) as presented, Ken 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bill reported on the account activity since our last meeting. Our dues income is now \$2100, which is the expected amount.

The 2014 field tours have so far brought in \$3300 in revenue and had expenses of \$2878. The bus charges from the SFMA tour and the HWA tour are included. The lunch expense for the upcoming Augusta Watershed tour should be it for the year. The budget planned on net income from the field meetings of \$500, we will likely get this amount. Upcoming expenses include Laura's Division Manager stipend and the webpage bill.

Under Forestry Awareness, the Envirothon has a balance of \$947. The Fall Field Days are coming up and this money will likely be used for them after October 1, 2014. Bill reported that the Field Days have higher attendance than the Envirothon. The Forestry Awareness funds had been transferred to our General Account since we needed to keep a minimum balance in the FA account. Ron motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Jessica 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.

**2015 Proposed Budget**

**Bill** will look at the current budget and prepare one similar. **Laura** will check with Jim Harding at NESAF to see if we can connect to the NESAF webpage and upload and manage our own content. We may need to purchase our own web interface software. The website budget item was increased to \$750 to upgrade our site.

< [Katie Manende and](#) Kris Hoffmann arrived at 9:30 AM >

Our current account balance is \$12,000 and the budget is \$4000.

## **NESAF Update**

Kris reported that there is a NESAF EC meeting today in Portland. The 2013 Winter Meeting took in \$28,800, most of it was from the raffle and silent auction. Their planning team was very energetic. Kris noted that their team plans to pass along insights for future meetings.

NESAF is still looking for a website person and a candidate for Chair Elect.

At their meeting they will be talking about the 2020 national meeting, which New England is trying to secure. It is not clear on how much convention space is needed. Ken has been talking with Carol Redelsheimer about this. Many NESAF volunteers will be needed. The group noted that Bangor has many attractions nearby such as Baxter State Park and Acadia National Park. Bangor has a good history that is easier to market.

The News Quarterly editors, Scott and Maggie Machinist are still looking for replacements and hoping for newcomers. They will likely continue until a replacement is found.

Financially NESAF is in very good shape due to the large Winter Meeting income. There have been no changes to the grant funds yet.

## **Board of Licensure for Foresters Update**

Ken reported that the last meeting was on August 28, 2014. The board approved all the amendments to the rules based on the LD passed in the spring. The rules will be updated. The exam subcommittee talked about the Maine questions. They will have 30 exam questions from a pool of ~50. SAF will be vetting all the questions through its process to insure the questions are posed properly. The Maine board doesn't know the cost of the vetting and is nervous about this. Their next meeting is October 3, 2014. Ken noted that there are currently 782 licensed foresters, not including interns.

## **2014 Field Tour Updates**

### Foresters for the Birds

Katie reported that the May 7 tour went well, although she was not able to attend.

### Hemlock Tour—July 31, 2014—Gorham, Harpswell

Ron reported that the tour went well. Alison Kanoti did a great job. More people wanted follow-up information. A school bus was used for the tour and it was okay.

### Augusta Watershed Tour—September 11, 2014—Winthrop/Readfield

Ron and Jake Maier put together the tour very quickly. **Ron** will arrange for the lunches and Kirby Ellis will pick them up. Ron will get Kirby his water container and a left over case of water as well. **Laura** will be attending and will bring the registration materials.

## **Succession Planning Workshop**

Jessica is organizing this workshop with NESAF grant funds. It will be held on October 31, 2014 in Portland on the USM campus. Jessica will use MESAF's field tour flyer format, but it will be sent out via email only. **Laura** will get the CEUs and our PayPal account will be used for

registrations. **Jessica** has the name tag materials and will create the attendance certificates as well. She also has folders. **Laura** will manage the online registration spreadsheet. Jessica noted that the flyer will have the MESAF logo, so our EC should approve it. The Maine EC members are eligible for free registration.

There will be one speaker from VT and two from MA. The grant funds will pay for their travel expenses and for the workbook to be passed out to registrants.

Kris motioned to have MESAF agreed handle the registration and associated duties with the Succession Planning workshop, Eli 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wil asked Laura about the field tour workload and particularly the online registration component. Laura reported that the online registration does add time to the process, but she feels it is worth it to offer this convenience to the membership. The motion passed unanimously. **Jessica** and **Laura** will work together on this soon.

<Sasha arrived at 10:14 AM>

### **Brown Ash Symposium**

**Bill** and a grad student will handle the registrations. They are all set.

### **Fall Meeting Theme (“What to do with \_\_\_\_\_”)**

Speaker Status—Ken reported that the Climate Change panel is locked in.

Eli and Jessica are working on the Early Stand Treatment session. Emma Schultz has agreed to speak on current practices from the industrial land base perspective and she is looking forward to it. **Kris** will contact Ted Shina and will ask him to elaborate on how conditions have varied over time. Brian Roth has agreed to moderate this session. **Kris** will contact Roger Greene as the first choice for the small land base perspective, since he has done lots of experimental treatments. **Ron** will ask Kirby Ellis if Roger declines. Each speaker will have 15 minutes.

The Pest Update will be in a rapid-fire format and the length will depend on how long the climate change session takes, but it will likely be ~30 minutes. **Ken** will contact Dave Struble to [schedule this presentsession](#). CFRU is hosting a meeting on the Spruce Budworm two weeks after our meeting.

The order of session will be: Climate Change—1.5 hours, Pest Update—0.5 hours, Lunch, Early Stand Treatment, then Small Blocks.

For the Small Blocks session, Barry Burgason will be asked to be the moderator (**Katie** will ask him). **Katie** has Will Cole as the logger, she will work with him. Power Point presentations are not mandatory. Ken suggested putting Will last. **Jessica** will ask Jeff Williams. **Eli** will ask Cliff Foster about the challenges of managing small blocks and for his insights on the change in parcel size over time.

<Jessica left at 10:45 AM>

The group discussed topics for the MESAF Business Meeting. The meeting will start at 8:30 AM. UMFK and UMaine will provide reports as accredited programs. For the Membership Awards, there will be seven 30-year recipients, seven 40-year recipients, one 50-year recipient and one 60-year recipient. The 30 and 40-year recipients will receive pins, the 50-year (Al Childs) will receive his certificate, since he did not attend the NESAF meeting and the 60-year (Wally Robbins)

will receive a book. **Laura** will write and put a note in each recipients mailing notifying them of their award. **Laura** will order the 60-year book and contact Dave Hobbins for the UMFK status report.

Other Business Meeting topics will include a report from Ken on then Board of Licensure for Foresters and Student Chapter, Communications and Forestry Awareness Committee Reports. The MESAF budget will be available at the registration table when it opens at 8:00 AM.

Advertising Deadlines--The upcoming membership mailing will include Wil's Chair Letter, ~~and~~ the Fall Meeting Flyer, and a flyer for the Local Wood Works Conference. These items need to be sent to Laura by Friday, September 12, 2014. **Bill** will reserve the parking lot. The speakers and the topic titles will need to be sent to Laura so she can apply for CEU's.

Facilities/Refreshments—Comments from previous meetings noted that we ran out of coffee at the first break. **Bill** will arrange for lunches for 150 people. In 2012, 154 people attended and in 2013, 126 people attended. The 8:00 AM continental breakfast will be for 75 people and the 9:30 AM refreshment of the coffee and snacks will be for 150 people.

**Wil** will work on a rough draft of the Chair Letter and send it to Laura by Monday (9/8) or Tuesday (9/9). The registration fees will be: SAF Members--\$45, Non-members--\$65 and Students--\$20. The revenue from the Fall Meeting in 2013 was ~\$2000. Our food cost will likely be higher this year. Students will have the option of volunteering for a free registration. Laura estimated needing 2-3 students from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, then only one from 10:00 AM to Lunch. Laura will keep an eye on the registration table after lunch.

### **Election Nominations**

The upcoming ballot includes Kris for Chair-elect, Ken for NESAF rep and Kirby Ellis, Brian Roth and Bob Cousins for Member-at-large. It is not clear if there are other MAL nominees. Jessica has the info.

### **NESAF Award Nominations**

The following award nominations are being prepared:

Practicing Professional—**Wil** is asking Rick Morrill to nominate Barrie Brusila;

Distinguished Service—**Jessica** is nominating Mike Dann;

Integrity in Conservation—Ken is resubmitting the nomination for Steve Swatling;

Dave Smith—Jessica is nominating Bob Seymour;

Mollie Beattie—**Wil** is resubmitting Katie's nomination.

SAF Fellow (Due February 2015) – Ken will submit a nomination for Mike Dann

December 1 is the submission deadline. All nomination package info is found on the NESAF website.

– Two Maine members received national awards—Bob Seymour will receive the Carl Alwin Schenck Award (Spelling??) and Pat Strauch will receive the W.D. Hagenstein Communications Award. All nomination package info is found on the NESAF website.

### **Northern Long-eared (NLE) Bat Policy Statement**

Via email earlier, the group approved the letter to be sent. Ken sat in on the USFWS Federal Listing forum and the USFWS has received 30,000 comments.

### **Allagash Bridge Memorial**

Eli had nothing to report. The memorial will be put at a location near the bridge. **Ron** needs to price out the brass plaque. Ron wants to have clergy present at the official dedication maybe in the spring. **Ron** will find out if the stone needs to be prepared for plaque attachment off site.

### **Local Wood Sponsorship**

The group agreed earlier via email to sponsor this workshop Level 4, which is \$275. **Bill** will send in the paperwork and check.

### **Committee Reports**

Forestry Awareness—Sasha emailed around a request from Pat Maloney for science/forestry people to volunteer at a field day in Biddeford on October 29 and 30, 2014. Sasha participated in the Leonard's Mills day in the spring. It was better than she thought. Sasha reported that she travels a lot and is not able to put in the time and effort she would like to the FA committee. She is willing to be replaced and she is also willing to continue. Maybe Pat Maloney knows of another forester who may be interested. **Bill** will contact Pat M. **Sasha** will make an announcement at the Business Meeting. Kirby Ellis may be interested, he will be approached.

Communications—No report.

Student Chapter—No report.

### **Adjourn**

Ron motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 AM PM, Ken 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.

Submitted by  
*Laura Audibert*