

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters  
Executive Committee Meeting  
April 17, 2015  
212 Nutting Hall, UMaine, Orono**

Attending: Brian Roth, Kirby Ellis, Bill Livingston, Bob Cousins, Wil Mercier, Ken Laustsen, Jessica Leahy, Laura Audibert, Anna Schwarz, Kris Hoffmann.

Guest: Larry Beauregard, Penobscot Valley Chapter of SWOAM.

Absent: Michael Pouch, Tony Filauro.

Jessica called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM with a brief anti-trust statement and introductions.

### **Agenda Changes**

Jessica moved agenda items around based on attendance.

### **Minutes of February 20, 2015 Meeting**

Kris motioned to approve the February 20, 2015 minutes as amended by Ken, Kirby 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous approval.

### **Business Items**

#### **Field Tour Planning**

Rehabilitation Silviculture for Small Woodlots--Beech management, pine/oak planting, and browse/weevil protection, Brian's field tour, will be jointly sponsored by MESAF and SWOAM on June 19, 2015 in Windsor. There will be a dry run with all the speakers on May 5 in the field. There will be no attendance cap and participants will be broken into groups of 20 and rotated through field stations. Brian expects 70-100 attendees. There will not be any buses and attendees will need to bring their vehicles. No walk-ins will be allowed. Group numbers will be assigned prior to the tour. **Brian** will get the agenda to Laura soon. The tour announcement is in the May SWOAM newsletter and will be in the June newsletter as well. Max McCormack has articles in both editions as a primer for the tour. SWOAM will email their members too. Brian will find benches for lunch.

After some discussion on parking, it was decided that Brian will find a parking location nearby (likely Hannaford in South China) where attendees can meet to carpool to the site. Brian will ask students to handle the parking on site. Brian suggested that attendees bring umbrellas, a hat and rubber boots.

The registration fees will be \$40 for MESAF and SWOAM members, \$60 for non-members and \$20 for students. Larry is okay with these rates. **Brian** will get a pesticide credit assignment to put on the flyer. **Laura** will get the LPF credit assignment. Site location maps will not be put on the flyer, but will be on the website and/or emailed to the registrants prior to the meeting. There will be online registration on the MESAF website. Bill subscribed for 6 months of ConstantContact (May 1—October 31).

Kris motioned that MESAF receive 75% and SWOAM receive 25% of the tour proceeds, once the expenses covered. Wil 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.

Cooperative Forest Restoration--The options available to private landowners for help with stand replacement in high-graded forests, Kirby's tour, will be held on August 26, 2015. Kirby signed up for 3 vans from Darlings and will need drivers from the MESAF EC. The participants will meet at Nutting Hall. No personal vehicles will be allowed on the site. Kirby prepared a spreadsheet with anticipated costs and revenues based on 25 paying participants and 11 speakers and EC members. Kirby will get a "make your own" sandwich tray for the lunches. Kirby will prepare site maps and a NRCS timeline and step-by-step process for the cost-share assistance. We will figure out which EC members will be attending the tour at our July meeting. Jessica will request parking passes, which will be handed out at Nutting on the day of the tour. The registration fees will also be \$40 for SAF members, \$60 for non-members and \$20 for students.

Hemlock Management tour, will be held on July 10, 2015 and arranged by Bob. It will be in the Grand Lakes Stream and Brookton areas. There will be a school bus originating at Nutting Hall and also a meeting spot closer to the site for those who live nearby. Bob will get box lunches and the max attendance will be 35 (including speakers and EC members). The registration fees will also be \$40 for SAF members, \$60 for non-members and \$20 for students. Bob will have more info soon.

Cedar Tour—Laura agreed to handle the registration. Jessica and Kris will meet with Laura Kenefic to discuss what MESAF will do to help with the tour. It is a good tour and we should make it happen. We need to be sure we recover our admin and PayPal costs. The deadline for the flyer mailing is May 1, 2015.

Manomet—Jennifer Henshaw request. Jessica suggested offering Jennifer a webinar. Wil suggested that MESAF control the logistics. Ken will ask NESAF if they are interested in purchasing a subscription to host a site for webinars. Jessica will get back to Jennifer.

### **Board of Licensure of Foresters**

Ken has not attended a meeting since January 22, 2105. The February and April board meetings were cancelled. SUNY now has an accredited Natural Resource Ecosystem Mgt program. Ken will ask our board if they will accept this degree for licensing. VT is moving toward licensing.

A Maine SAF member again brought the subject of the board's termination of its reciprocity agreement with CT and NC to Laura via email. The agreement was terminated due to lack of requests at a board meeting in late 2014. The MESAF member wrote a letter to the board on the subject and Ken noted that it was not discussed at the January 22 meeting. The group briefly discussed the issue and wondered why the board cancelled the agreement so abruptly, since it didn't appear that the agreement was a financial burden to the board. Ken will respond to the MESAF member and find out how to bring this issue to the board. The board is currently comprised of five licensed members, but there is no current public member.

## **Allagash Bridge Memorial**

Neither Eli or Ron were present to discuss progress. **Jessica** is determined to construct the memorial during her term as MESAF Chair.

## **Committee Reports**

### NESAF

Ken missed the last two NESAF EC meetings. Andy Hayes, our council rep. asked for nominations for the SAF Presidential Field Forester Award by May 15, 2015. The requirements include 15 years of practice, field application and SAF membership. The requirements are similar to the Austin Cary award. A short biographical sketch and photo along with the reasons for each recipient's selection shall accompany the nomination. **Laura** will send out a current MESAF membership list so EC members can look over and submit names to the group by May 1, 2015. Andy Hayes will submit one name from our district.

The group discussed the Winter Meeting progression. Yankee will host in 2016. Do we want another NE/NY SAF joint meeting in 2017?

The group discussed the bid for the 2020 National meeting. The group wants to push for Bangor, since there is a rich history and many great field tour opportunities. We will need to put our case together for 2017. The current schedule is 2015—Baton Rouge, 2016—Madison, WI, 2017—Baltimore, MD (close to DC to highlight new presidential administration).

The group decided to plan the 2017 NESAF Winter Meeting for Bangor as a dry run for 2020.

### Forestry Awareness

Anna is now our official committee leader. PLT and Envirothon stuff is coming up. The China Forestry Day will be May 29 and she needs volunteers. The State Envirothon will be in May at Thomas College. **Anna** will get a calendar of events together for everyone. Nicole Rogers will help Anna with some things. Anna is open to suggestions for events or ideas. **Laura** will update the EC Officer list to include Anna and remove Sasha.

### Student Chapter

Jessica reported that she is stepping down as the faculty advisor after three years. Some new faculty members will be starting in the fall and she hopes one will take this job on. Jessica is now the advisor for the Woodsmen's Team. No one has heard from Dillon Dilloway at Unity about their quest for a student chapter.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Bill passed out copies of the report. New expense activity since the last meeting includes \$289 in NESAF Social beverage tickets and \$40 in student dues. The IRS report was submitted to NESAF on April 2, 2015.

Bob C. motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Ken 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.

### **Fall Meeting Planning**

Jessica contacted Hollywood Slots and her call was not returned. The Cross Center costs \$45-\$55 per person and requires a headcount 2 weeks in advance. Wells is cheaper. The Fall Meeting will be on Friday, October 30, 2015 at the Wells Conference Center. **Bill** will get the food menu in the fall and circulate it to the group for discussion and choices.

The group discussed possible topics and Jessica compiled the list. Suggestions include, "Status of Public Lands" (BPL, BSP, panel of perspectives); Caribou Forestry Cluster speakers on energy, transportation, labor; Improvements in Forestry Investment (Ashland mills, Woodland mill, Pleasant River acquisitions; Workforce Development (highlight high schools with forestry programs, UMFK workforce development donation from Irving; Wood supply, transportation, energy, state barriers.

We should email ideas around and develop a thread to connect ideas for the July meeting. Our message is that the forest industry is not dying and there is lots of new investment. We need a catchy title.

### **Adjourn**

Wil motioned to adjourn at ~11:30 AM. Unanimous approval.

Submitted by  
*Laura Audibert*