

Maine Division Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
July 21, 2017
Conference Call

Attendance: Anna Schwarcz, Katie Manende, Bob Cousins, Dave Parker, Kirby Ellis, Brian Roth, Laura Audibert, Tony Filauro (joined at 10:16 AM).

Bob called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM with a brief anti-trust statement.

Minutes

Bob motioned to accept the minutes of the April 28, 2017 meeting, Dave 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report

Bill emailed out the report prior to the meeting along with some comments. Kirby motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Bob 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Summer Field Tours

Kirby's QGIS workshop currently has 18 of the 24 slots filled. **Laura** and Bill will send out an email to MESAF members at the beginning of August advertising the open slots.

Brian attended Alex's tour in Rangeley and said it was well done. There were only minor criticisms.

Brian's Chestnut tour is scheduled for Friday, October 6. There will be two buses which will do a loop in opposite directions and meet for lunch. The registration is being handled through The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) and is currently live. There are 40-50 seats reserved for MESAF/LPF people. Any profit-sharing from the meeting will be discussed later. The cost of the lunches is covered by TACF's use of the hotel. **Laura** will send out an email with the tour flier to the membership ASAP with a link to the online registration page. Once the Fall Meeting agenda is finalized, the field tour and Fall Meeting fliers will be mailed out together.

Brian also mentioned that many famous scientists and foresters from all over the US will be attending the TACF meeting and on Thursday evening, October 5, there will be a lobster bake on Peak's Island for \$60 that foresters can attend. We will put a link to the sign-up on our website and fliers.

Fall Meeting

Our Fall Meeting will be on Friday, October 6 at the DoubleTree hotel in South Portland. We are only responsible for putting together a program for the morning, since the afternoon sessions will be sponsored by TACF. Our MESAF Business Meeting will be from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. Suggested topics for the remaining two hours were: Alec Giffen discussing his recent international tour, Dana

Doran on the community college forest worker training program, MFPC on EDAT update, biomass market news, “Franken trees” by a geneticist attending the chestnut meeting. Dave suggested we address the proposed changes to the Tree Growth law. The group decided to go with the TG theme. The other ideas will be on the back burner for now.

Brian will contact someone at UMaine involved in the current study of the policy and economics of the TG law. **Dave** will send out the name of the person in the Governor’s office who is working on this issue. **Bob** will contact the MFS for a speaker. The deadline to get the Fall Meeting agenda together for the flier is July 31. **Laura** will get the mailing out shortly thereafter.

<Dave Parker left the meeting at 10:02 AM>

Elections

In a recent email, Dave Parker voiced his dissatisfaction with the NESAF Rep position and asked us to find someone to fill the remaining year of his term. Kris Hoffmann expressed interest in this position. **Bob** will confirm this with her. Kirby agreed to run for Chair-Elect. Ron Lemin, Alex and Brian will run for Members-at-Large. Brian indicated that he is willing continue running for MAL until further notice. Katie did not receive any contacts from Tony’s plug in the News Q. **Bob** will get Katie the election process info ASAP, the deadline for submission is coming soon.

Committee Reports

Forestry Awareness-- Anna reported that there is not much going on during the summer when schools are out. The Maine TREE teacher tours are going on now. Anna asked to be replaced as FA chairperson during the upcoming election cycle. We will make a pitch at the Fall Meeting. Some suggested replacements were Sue Aygarn, Carol Redelsheimer and UMaine graduate students who would benefit from the networking. **Anna** will contact Jessica Leahy and report back.

Communications—Tony phoned in at 10:16 AM. He did not have anything to report. Bob sent Tony some photos from Alex’s tour for the News Q.

Forester Licensing Board—No report.

Student Chapter—No report

Adjourn

Bob motioned and Kirby 2nd to adjourn at 10:17. Unanimous approval.

Submitted by
Laura Audibert