



Southeast Chapter Report  
WI SAF Executive Meeting  
January 11, 2012

We held the last Southeast Chapter meeting on November 2, 2011. We updated chapter members on the 2011 Statewide Meeting co hosted by SE & SW Chapters and the Wildlife Society at the Wilderness in WI Dells. It was a very successful meeting.

We briefly discussed the next Statewide Meeting to be hosted by Mid-Wisconsin and Northeast Chapters. It will be in Stevens Point and the topic is red pine.

We discussed our slate of officers for the Chapter and the present officers have agreed to continue. Those officers are as follows: Randy Cooper as Chair, Hank Kleppek as Treasurer, and Julie Peltier as Secretary.

Photos of the reconstructed cordwood and firewood displays at the Seno Woodland Education Center were passed around. Thanks to Southeast Chapter members Dave Czysz (project leader), Julie Peltier, and Jim Bednar for their hard work.

We discussed several possible public awareness projects along the lines of "A walk in the woods" for the chapter and will discuss further at our next meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Thunder Bay Grille in Waukesha at 11:30am.

Submitted by Randy Cooper - Chapter Chair  
January 9, 2012

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SE SAF Meeting Notes  
November 2, 2011

Members present: John Eschle, Dave Czysz, Laura Giese, Don Meyer, Hank Kleppek, Randy Cooper, Bob Blomquist, Jeff Kante, Al Johnson, Julie Peltier

Discussion on the spring 2011 statewide meeting held last March. It was hosted by SE and SW SAF Chapters with the Wisconsin Wildlife Society. The topic was early successional forest management. There were 253 registered participants, 101 were registered under SAF.

August 2012 is the next statewide meeting and it will be hosted by Mid-Wisconsin and Northeast Chapters. It will be in Stevens Point and the topic is red pine management.

Hopefully this meeting will be timed with the release of the DNR Silviculture chapter on red pine. There are plans for a field trip also.

Discussion on the treasurer audit. The state treasurer is audited every spring. A few members of the local chapter have been involved with the audit. There has not been a chapter treasurer audit in some time. We should have one done for the calendar year of 2011.

Action item: Hank will gather materials and have 3 members audit the chapter accounts.

What documents need to be sent to the state historian?

Action item: Julie will check with Will Kiefer, current state historian.

Election of chapter officers

Right now we have the following chapter officers:

Randy Cooper – chair

Hank Kleppek – treasurer

Julie Peltier – secretary

Each of us is willing to continue in the roles we have. If any one is interested in being a chapter officer, please contact Randy.

Motion: Jeff made a motion that the chapter accept/retain the current officers. Seconded by Dave. Motion passed.

Discussion on a forestry tour in Europe. Counties considered were Germany and Sweden. We should talk with state leadership and “run this up the food chain”. Does national or has national done this type of trip in the past?

Dave noted that member John Saemann passed away last March.

Seno Cordwood Display Update

The cordwood displays at Seno have been rebuilt. Dave wrangled the project. Oak poletimber was marked for release and the cut trees were used for the displays. The fuelwood and standard cordwood displays were redone. They were originally done as a boy scout project, some 15 years or so ago. Dave had assistance from Jim Bednar, Julie Peltier and a toad.



Nice job Dave and Jim! Finished project.

The date for our next chapter meeting will be in mid to late January. Randy will send out an agenda ahead of time with items for discussion. One topic will be a possible field day.

The discussion then turned to the level of activity of the chapter members. The current level seems to be ok with our members. There were a couple ideas of possible education projects that we may be able to assist with. There was a brief discussion regarding the potential to apply for the state SAF education fund dollars for such a project.

Action items: John Eschle will contact the Boy Scouts about assisting with the forestry badges and pins at all levels.

Action item: Jeff Kante will check into the Urban Ecology Center in Milwaukee. Would SAF be a fit with this one?

Action item: Randy Cooper will check with Kendra Johncock at Seno and see if we could “piggyback” on one of their school outings for a “Walk in the Woods”.

Action item: Julie Peltier will contact Mr. Nee at Plymouth Schools to see if he would be interested in a “Walk in the Woods” day again.

Motion: John made a motion that our chapter would assist in the expenses (up to \$300 per event) so we could assist with forestry education outings. Seconded by Jeff. Motion passed.

Discussion on the Forestry Exploration Center. There is an executive board set and they are close to hiring an executive director. There will also be an advisory board. SAF should have a seat on the board. This may be a state SAF person.

Action item: Julie or Randy will follow up with Kirsten Held and Tom Gaertner.

Action items will be covered at the next chapter meeting, scheduled for January.

**Next chapter meeting will be scheduled for January, 2012.**

Submitted by

Julie Peltier  
SE SAF Secretary