

SAF State Executive Committee Meeting
Schmeeklee Reserve
Stevens Point, WI
Tuesday June 19, 2007

Members present: Gary VanderWyst, Bernie Hubbard, Jim Kerkman, and Julie Peltier. Will Smith, Terry Strong, Jerry VanCleve, John DuPlissis, Jeff Kante, David Czysz, Miles Benson, Randy Schott, Bob Engelhard

State Chair VanderWyst called meeting to order at 9:35 AM. The anti-trust statement was covered. No major changes to the agenda except the District Representative report will be held after lunch break. Treasurer's report will wait until the end of the other reports.

Minutes from the March 6th meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept by Jim Kerkman, 2nd by Terry Strong, approved.

Chair's Report - Gary VanderWyst received a \$100 contribution to the Forester's Fund from Besse Forest Products Group. He will send a letter of thanks to Mark Lee.

Governor's Council Report - Bob Rogers highlighted the issues being addressed by the Council. The representation on the council for SAF was discussed. Bob has been on the council since the SAF seat was recognized. The seat is an appointed position, defined by statute. Representation on the Council coincides with the Governor's term. It is unclear how candidates from SAF are selected.

- Task force on invasives
- Task force on woody biomass has eight items to work on, including legislation associated with use of woody biomass.

ACTION ITEM: Gary VanderWyst will form a motion to reverse the Executive decision to have the past chair automatically represent the SAF on the council

ACTION ITEM: Bob Rogers is willing to continue serving on the Council for BMPs.

Membership Committee - Written report submitted. Next month is the annual membership purge. Chapter Chairs need to continue contacting delinquent members.

Program Committee

-F07 – Chippewa – Integrating Forest Management and Forest Hydrology - Jerry VanCleve spoke on meeting. Dates OCT 16-17, Cable WI

-S08 – Southeast – Mar 19-20/08 Country Spring – subject is fragmentation of ownership

-F08 - FRV

Policy and Legislation The SAF policy position on deer management was forwarded to the Natural Resources Board.

Communications – Written report submitted. Ideas for advertising are welcome.

Education and Training No report.

Awards No report .

CFE Written report submitted.

Science and Technology No report

Forester's Fund Written report. Both funding requests were submitted

1. Midwest Environmental Education Center request will be forwarded to National. If national rejects, WISAF will fund.
2. Land Ethic campaign for the Leopold Legacy Center. Jeff will try to tailor the request to meet the requirements for WISAF funding, possibly a match between state society and SW chapter funding.

Forestry/Conservation Hall of Fame Written report. Bob Engelhard explained a request to change the by-laws for the Forestry Hall of Fame. In the event that three candidates are accepted for membership in one year, the by-laws only permit the induction of two individuals per year. The change allows any extra elected members to be inducted in a future year without resubmitting the nomination. The board will have the discretion to decide what order the nominees will be inducted.

MOTION by Dave Czysz to accept change to by-laws, 7.p.3 para 4 as discussed, 2nd by Gary VanderWyst, passed unanimous.

Historian No report.

NRCS Written report submitted. Miles is requesting help to get a county-by-county contact to coordinate possible actions.

Women in SAF The position will be kept open, but idle. If somebody comes to the Exec committee expressing a desire to become active in this capacity, the position will become active.

Chapter Reports

Chippewa – written report – hosting fall meeting and initial mailing has been sent

FRV- written report

Mid-WI – written report – discussing fall meeting with the UWSP student chapter

Northeast – written report – discussion of the evaluation form used by the chapter at the last state meeting to gather suggested meeting topics. Gary Vander Wyst suggested the evaluation form be adapted for use by the Program Chair for use by chapters in need of meeting subjects.

ACTION ITEMS -1. Terry Strong will provide a copy of the evaluation form to Gary VanderWyst. 2. Gary VanderWyst will adapt form for generic use for the Program Chair

Southeast – written report – several resources were suggested for the S08 state meeting, including Earl Leatherberry and Brent Butler

Southwest – a training meeting is scheduled for June 26th at the Leopold Legacy Center

UWSP – no report

UW Madison – no report

New Business

The executive summary for membership from each chapter was discussed

A standardized agenda was presented to be used for all state business meetings, highlighting discussing action items only.

ACTION ITEM The secretary will make a packet of all handouts from the committees and chapters for those interested in more details of society activities.

The new electronic voting through national was discussed, with significant savings to the society and chapters. No details have come from national.

The chapter chairs were given a package of forms to be used to communicate with HSD
SUCCESS STORIES, INFORMATION ITEMS, ISSUES AND ACTIONS. Also, a copy of ideas for chapter vitality

ACTION ITEM Will Smith will send a copy to Southwest and Fox River Valley chairs.

Upcoming support requests:

WAEE , October 07, UW-Stevens Point

ATFS , October 11-14, 2007 , Madison Dave Czysz discussed several ways to support the Tree Farm meeting. This is a national meeting and provides an opportunity for exposure. John DuPlissis is looking for volunteers to help at the conference/tours.

ACTION ITEM Jim Kerkman will contact National about use of the national display, including funding the shipping. If necessary, Gary VanderWyst will coordinate funding through the executive.

ACTION ITEM Gary VanderWyst will purchase an item for the silent auction up to a value of \$250.

Recent awards – Field Forester Nina Stensberg

SAF Fellow – no nominations through the executive. Names discussed were John Kotar and Sam Radcliffe

A suggestion was made to recognize the WISAF Field Forester of the year as the “Mike King Memorial” award. This would be funded through a part of the Vanguard account.

Treasurer’s report – spreadsheet summaries provided. Motion to accept report by Jim Kerkman, 2nd by Dave Czysz, passed.

The policy on cashing checks promptly from the state society was discussed.

The student chapters receive assistance on attending the national convention every year. There is a requirement of a report to complete the action.

ACTION ITEM Gary VanderWyst will write to the student chapter advisors on the requirements, suggesting a newsletter submission to meet report requirements.

Julie suggested dispersment of membership dues shares once per year. She also suggested that the chapter chairs/treasurers provide her a means of direct deposit. John DuPlissis suggested the chapters provide deposit slips for the treasurer to use. Motion by Gary VanderWyst to make this policy, 2nd by Jim Kerkman, Passed.

District Representative’s Report Bernie Hubbard discussed issues from the council.

Membership – define or narrow down membership categories. This would require a change to the Constitution.

2010 convention – WI or MN were due to host, but the conference centers in the larger metropolitan areas were too expensive. The conference will be in Albuquerque

District Council representative – only one member applied, but there must be two candidates.

There is one student representative on the Council. It is a one-year term, one candidate selected annually.

Next Meeting June 19, 2007 Schmeekle Reserve

Meeting adjourned

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ACTION ITEM Gary VanderWyst will provide a list of County Forest Administrators to Miles for this effort.

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ACTION ITEM Gary VanderWyst will adapt form for generic use for the Program Chair.

ACTION ITEM The secretary will compile a packet of handouts from the executive to be offered at the state business meeting.

ACTION ITEM Will Smith will send a copy of the HSD information forms.

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