

**Wisconsin SAF Executive Meeting
State Police Headquarters
Wausau, WI
Thursday, January 14, 2010
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Attendees: Will Smith, Jim Kerkman, Jerry Van Cleve, Julie Peltier, Charles Mentzel, Will Kiefer, Jay Gallagher, Gary Vander Wyst, David Czysz, John DuPlissis, Bob Mather, Carmen Wagner, Randy Cooper, Ray Perry, Brian Spencer, Paul Doruska, Melissa Vorkoun, Lee Steigerwaldt

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM and the antitrust statement was covered.

The minutes from the August 2009 executive meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Vander Wyst, 2nd by Keifer, approved.

Chair's Report – Jim Kerkman

A written report was submitted. Topics covered included:

Public deer hearings

Wisconsin High School Conference on the Environment

Action Item: Success story report on the conference

Treasurer's Report – Julie Peltier

A spreadsheet of WI SAF accounts was submitted. VanderWyst motion to accept, 2nd Perry, passed.

An audit will be scheduled using members from the Southeast Chapter 990 reports due to Julie by 7 Feb. due to national on 15th

District Representative's Report – Greg Russell not present

A written report was submitted.

HSD Report – Vander Wyst

Last report as HSD by Gary VanderWyst. Dues and membership were discussed, 40 % of budget comes from dues. The consensus was to increase membership, not dues.

VanderWyst is candidate for District V (WI, MI, MN, IA) Representative.

Governor's Council Report – Bob Rogers not present. A written report was submitted.

Bob Rogers has submitted his resignation to the Governor. He recommended Jim Kerkman as his successor.

John Duplissis is working with group to establish outreach programs for the BMPs.

Old Business

1. Society elections and electronic voting were discussed. National did not include paper ballots for the state election to those without e-mail. Duplissis made a motion to accept the results of the electronic voting, but amend with paper ballots to those identified without e-mail. 2nd Czysz, passed.

Action Item: Jerry VanCleve will give Will Smith the list of members without e-mail.

Smith will get ballots out with a reply cut-off of 7 February. Note: ballots were mailed on January 19th.

Action Item: Jerry and Will shall write up procedures for next election using lessons learned.

2. Chapter success stories – Mid –Wisconsin has success story from the Jack Pine Symposium.
3. Trees are the answer campaign, \$262 paid by state education fund.
4. Wisconsin missed out on hosting a national convention this round. We need to work with the Madison Better Business Bureau on motel rates on prime night lodging to compete for 2013. December deadline.
5. Chapter by-laws. Northeast chapter has submitted a copy of their by-laws. Still looking for other chapter inputs.

Committee & Chapter Reports:

Membership Committee – David Czysz submitted a written report.

New brochures are available on the website.

Membership attraction was addressed, especially ways to reduce dues. Waiving second member's dues for couples is a possibility.

Gary VanderWyst reported that the Southeast States reduce new college graduates to student levels for five years, the society paying the balance.

Several executive committee members expressed interest on looking into ideas, including Kerkman, Peltier, Czysz, VanderWyst and Perry.

Program Committee – John DuPlissis submitted a written report.

A motion was made by John Duplissis to keep the schedule to one state meeting per year with two chapters joining in the presentation. Additional regional one-day meetings may be held, sponsored by chapters. VanderWyst 2nd, passed.

Duplissis will work with Brain Spencer on potential one day seminar topics based on required training subjects.

Policy & Legislation – Bob Mather provided a written report consisting of a list of all natural resource legislation in both houses.

Bob mentioned AB271 and SB194, surveyor bills that may have severe impact on forestry practices.

There is a new bill for Green Jobs, setting carbon standards.

The state is revising the Threatened and Endangered listings.

Communications Committee – Kirsten Held not present

Newsletters were discussed. VanderWyst reported that most societies produce at least two newsletters per year. We need to look into possibly having a new publisher, and also possibly an electronic issue.

Education & Training Committee – Brian Spencer

Biomass estimation training had a time conflict.

Brian is looking for chapter representatives for the committee.

Awards Committee – Gary Vander Wyst

Mark Gawron is 2009 Field Forester

Jay Gallagher – Fellow

Communicator – Jeremy Solin with School Forest Program

Macon award packages are in committee and need 2010 field forester nominations

CFE Committee – Melinda Vorkoun submitted a written report. 24 events were evaluated since August.

Science & Technology – Paul Doruska submitted a written report

Emphasized the use of webinars for information transfer.

Foresters' Fund – Jeff Barkley sent a written report

We are going to need a new chair for this committee.

Forestry Hall of Fame Committee – Tom Albrecht sent a written report.

Dr Robert Engelhard was inducted.

Historian – Will Kiefer submitted the final draft on Society activity for 2008.

Dave Nelson gave two boxes of files and books to Will K.

NRCS –David Czysz has a written report. He attended his first meeting with Miles Benson.

Greg Redman is State Forester for NCRS

Technical Service Provider – any CF is qualified...16 hours of training for paperwork

Chapter Reports

Chippewa – Jay Gallagher has written report

Fox River Valley – Ray Perry

Mid-Wisconsin – Charles Mentzel had written report.
Ed Godel passed away.

Northeast – Lee Steigerwaldt had a written report

Southeast – Randy Cooper had written report.

Southwest – Carmen Wagner

UW Madison – Ray Guries not present
No report.

UW Stevens Point – Doruska had written report.

New Business

Jim Kerkman passed the gavel over to Jerry VanCleve.

The proposed budget for 2010 was reviewed and accepted with the adjusted numbers. Duplissis made a motion to accept budget, Various 2nds, passed.

Action Item: Jerry VanCleve and Gary VanderWyst will look into getting a Certificate of appreciation for Miles Benson for service to the society.

Deer management is being promoted in the north. Foresters need to provide input at meetings.

Next meeting will be 9 March at the meeting in Marinette.

Will Smith
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