



Southeast SAF Chapter

Winter 2005 – 2006

As the winter winds blow and the wind chill drops to what seems absolute zero on the Kelvin temperature scale (That would be -460°F.) Ok it's not that cold but sometimes you wonder.

The last chapter meeting was held on December 9, 2005 at "The Bear" restaurant in Germantown. There were 10 members who had lunch and stayed for a little chatting before and after the meeting.

Hank gave a short Treasurer's Report. As of December 9, 2005, we had \$1236.04 in both our checking and savings account.

We then moved on to "Old Business".

Old Business

1. Ag-Venture Day at State Fair – It was a good day and it was very hot. Those people who assisted believe this is a good way to get forestry message across to kids and adults. From the State Communications Committee, this event may be an on-going activity. Check out the photos on the State SAF website. Is there any interest from the Chapter to continue to provide "the staffing" of the booth. Everyone at the meeting thought this was a good venture and those of us that have been there, think it is a worth while thing to continue.
2. Fall 2005 SAF Statewide Meeting – Comments from people who attended were given.

New Business

1. Spring 2008 Statewide Meeting - we need to start thinking on this and start the planning process.
2. Chapter membership is currently at 40
3. Any interest in hosting a "Walk in the Woods" event in the Plymouth School District? The group decided this was also worth while and Julie will make the arrangements with Mr. Nee at the Plymouth area schools Parkside Elementary.
4. State Election – Ballots were mailed out the day before Thanksgiving and went to over 300 SAF members. If you did not receive a ballot, it was suggested to check the National SAF website to make sure your contact information is up to date. These also went out bulk mail so that may have played a part in the delivery. It was also a tri-fold paper, no envelope. UPDATE: Jim Kerkman is the state chair-elect.

5. The Chapter is in need of a Chair-elect. If you are interested or know someone who is interested but that person is too shy to say something, please inform one of the officers.
6. Other Chapter Officers – Hank Kleppek has agreed to stay on as treasurer and Bill Shirley has agreed to stay on as historian.
7. Support for student chapters to attend National SAF Convention – The student chapters from Madison and Stevens Point both asked for financial assistance to attend the SAF National Convention last year. I believe this will be an on-going request in the future. The student chapters requested funding through the Foresters' Fund. Through many emails, this request was approved with the following requirements: \$50 per student (with a maximum of \$500) was approved with written reports on the use of the funds and a position statement on VOS recommendations regarding students.

We discussed assisting the student chapter and in the past the chapter has assisted students from our chapter area. The general consensus was to continue to provide assistance that way, mainly due to our limited funds. To get the information to the student members at Madison or Stevens Point, we will need to contact the student advisor and inform them.

8. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Relief – The State Society is giving \$1000 to each of the following state societies – Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The funds are to be used for student SAF members who lost everything due to the hurricanes. The Mid-Wisconsin and Northeast Chapters have voted to add to the State Society's effort. Southeast Chapter decided to decline.
9. State Website Updates – We are trying to get things on the website. There are a few articles from this past year. We would like to get meeting minutes on line too. If you attend an event and think it is worth sharing your experience, write a short article and please send it to Julie (either email or snail mail; addresses below) and she'll get it on the website. Book reviews would be neat to have too.
10. The next meeting of the Chapter Executive will be January 13, 2006. We will be setting tentative dates for the next year's meetings and locations. We are looking for ideas for Chapter Outing / Tours. Here are a few that people have suggested. If interested in any of these or you have a suggestion, contact Jeff Kante or Julie Peltier.
 - a. Tour Menomonee Reservation (could coordinate with another chapter (NE or Fox Valley or both)
 - b. Tour local brewery (social event)
 - c. Tour state properties
 1. Hank Aaron State Trail
 2. Harrington Beach State Park
 3. Kohler Andrae State Park
 4. Other state properties
 - d. Tour local nature centers
 - e. Leopold Shack
 - f. Forestry Awareness Center (Milwaukee County Grounds)
 - g. Recycle Milwaukee / Greening Milwaukee
 - h. Natural Resources Foundation Tours
 - i. Tour the Denis Sullivan Flagship
 - j. Have a guest speaker

Upcoming Events / Meetings

1. Next Chapter Meetings

February 16 at The Bear Restaurant at 11:30 am

August 23 (Wednesday) TENTATIVE grill out at Lapham Peak Unit KMSF Deer Reductions in Metro Areas - guest speaker Ricky Lien Families are invited

November 8 location and topic to be announced later

2. Walk in the Woods – May 3 with a rain date of May 10 Parkview Elementary Plymouth, Wisconsin

3. Spring SAF Statewide Meeting – early June 2006 in Wisconsin Rapids (Mid-Wisconsin is host) topic is Ash Management

4. Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference – Saturday, March 11, 2006 - Sinsinawa, Wisconsin

5. SE WWOA Annual Conference – February 11, 2006 – Country Spring Hotel and Conference Center in Waukesha

6. SAF National Convention – October 25-29, 2006 – Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Do you have educational materials (videos, books) that you are willing to loan to other members for presentations? We would like to get a listing of the educational materials members are willing to loan out. Please inform anyone on the executive committee if you are willing to loan what you have and please provide a list of what materials you have. We are also looking for any old chapter records.

So you have nothing to do on a Wednesday morning? You can meet with other members for coffee and a piece of pie at the Bakers Square Restaurant in Brookfield. The restaurant is located near Moorland and Blue Mound. The group plans on meeting during the cold winter months, every 3rd Wednesday. It is very informal and a chance to meet with other people and "shoot the breeze". For more information, contact John Eschle at 262-646-8280.

Are you interested in teaching 5th grade students about forestry? We are looking for people to assist with a Walk in the Woods to be held on May 3 in Plymouth. More details will be in the next newsletter. Contact Julie if you are interested in assisting.

Remember to pay your membership dues.

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