Meeting Minutes
6/29/2016
UW- Stevens Point TNR
Called to order at 9:50am

1. Introductions
   Kristina Kusel  UW-Madison SAF
   Jeff Kante     Chair Elect
   Joe Kies       Domtar
   Julie Peltier  DNR/WI SAF Chair
   Tom Albrecht   FHOF
   Ray Perry      Forester’s Fund
   Tom Hittle     Steigerwaldt
   John Kotar     Historian
   Valerie Johnson DNR/WI SAF Treasurer

2. Anti-trust statement

3. Agenda repair
   a) Motion to accept by Gary V., 2nd by Tom A., passed

4. Reading and approval of minutes
   a) Gary V. asked to add information regarding Arbor Day program
   b) Motion to accept by Gary V., 2nd by Ray P., passed

5. Chair update (Julie)
   a) National Convention, covered in New Business

6. Treasurers Report (Val)
   a) Attached at the end of the minutes
   b) Getting the website fee switched to annual
   c) Include my personal email vej1689@gmail.com
   d) Gary V. motion to approve and Jeff K. 2nd to accept treasurer report

7. District V Representative Update (Gary V.)
   a) Preparations for upcoming convention
   b) Improvements are still being made on the new website
   c) Questions concerning Foresters Fund on Nationals site, contact Louise Murgia

8. Governor’s Council on Forestry Update
   a) CoF economic summit goal committee
   b) May 26th meeting report
      ▪ Update on forest practices study
      ▪ Honor the 75th year of tree farm system
      ▪ State legislators sports
      ▪ Paul DeLongs report on CDAC
9. Committee Updates
   a) Membership (Gary V.)
      o Natl wants to see an increase in memberships
      o 12,000 members and expect to decrease in 5-10 years
         ▪ 40% are at or over 65 years old
      o Membership has been fairly stable however over past few years
   b) Program (vacant)
      o No 2016 state meeting
      o 2017 state meeting- Chippewa and NE
   c) Policy & Legislation (Tom H.)
      o Not aware of anything being worked on
      o High grading conversation from last meeting
         ▪ WI SAF ask national through HSD to look at the code of ethics
           statement in regards to high grading
         ▪ Do members feel that this is an issue that we want to approach?
         ▪ Conclusion from last meeting that we would survey our members
         ▪ Need to develop the survey language
      o Deer
         ▪ We need to stay engaged in policy meetings
         ▪ Revise the policy- about 15 minutes worth of time
         ▪ Gary V. motion (2nd Jeff K.) that Julie (chair) and Tom H. reviews
           policy and determines if adjustments are needed and present to
           committee
         ▪ Is it going to help?
         ▪ Send out a copy to the exec committee and try to
           incorporate peoples comments
      o WI SAF joined the WI Young Forest Partnership last year
         ▪ Tom H. is our rep
         ▪ Past May was the first meeting
         ▪ Minutes can be passed around from the meeting- Tom H. will
           forward Val the minutes to include
         ▪ This group is of importance to DNR
         ▪ Would like to know and share the education plan for the group
   d) Communications (Anthony R.)
      o Website
         ▪ Send new events or information to Anthony R. or Kirsten L.
         ▪ Using funds saved from an ad in the paper to pay Ann for these
           updates
         ▪ Kirsten L. looking to take over the updating
      o Displays (Tom H.)
         ▪ Looking into a new banner approx. $200-$500
         ▪ Looking to work on a tentative design
         ▪ Size 2.5 ft to 5 ft width/height 5 ft to a bit taller
- Val will get some ideas

e) Education & Training (Brian S.)
f) Awards (Gary V.)
  - Golden awards will come from Nationals
    - No news in regards to this
  - 2 nominations for field forester within District V
    - MN & WI
  - 1 fellow nomination from MN and nothing from anyone else
    - Disappointing the lack of nominations
    - Put on website what the worthy candidate is for this so that we can start getting people nominated for this award
  - Macon award has no nominations as of yet
    - Due December
    - Put a description on the website so we can get more people involved

g) CFE (Melinda V.)
h) Forest Science and Tech (Brad H.)
i) Foresters Fund (Ray P.)
  - WI FHOF at UWSP
    - Came in under budget, completed
  - Leopold
    - Not complete yet, just coming in at 1 year
    - We need to contact the project lead
  - On-going grant application deadlines
    - Feb. 15th, June 15th and Sept. 15th
  - Special grant applications deadlines
    - June 15th

j) FHOF (Tom A.)
  - Everybody can go look at the HOF downstairs on the first floor! Woohoo!
  - Summer nomination meeting June 10th
    - 1 nomination was presented this year
    - Has to be approved by 75% of the votes and was NOT approved
  - Including more information about the nominee on their paperwork for FHOF- approx. 1 page
    - Needs to get the information to the website person to be uploaded
    - If monetary involved, forward the request through the foresters fund please
    - Has been taken off the DNR website due to WI SAF being the host

k) Historian (John K.)
  - John will do the job and got the materials from Will
  - Compiling decade long packets of what SAF has done- very well detailed
  - Currently up to 2010

l) NRCS (John K.)
  - Offered to replace Laura
6/30 there is another meeting with the subcommittee
  - Habitat classification use within the committee

10. Chapter Reports
   a) Chippewa
      i. Gary V. will wait to comment on 2017 statewide meeting new business
   b) FRV (Ray)
      i. Have not met yet this year, just starting to get the ball rolling on that
   c) Mid Wi (Joe K.)
      i. July 14th, touring TNT Sawmill with business meeting
      ii. Get an official chair
   d) NE (Tom H.)
   e) SE (Jeff K.)
   f) SW
   g) UW- Madison Student (Kristina K.)
      i. Summer newsletter late July
      ii. Tree climbing class with Davey during exam week
      iii. June 11/12th toured TNC land at Baraboo Hills with Foresters Guild
      iv. Early Sept. workshops with Foresters Guild
      v. Lab practical style- tree diseases, logging styles, etc.
      vi. Welcome to Madison brochure for after convention hours
   h) UW-Stevens Point

11. New Business
   a) 2017 Statewide Meeting
      i. Chippewa Chapter and NE hosting
      ii. Good Neighbor Authority as a topic
      iii. Victoria Haka from Superior National Forest volunteered to speak as well as other DNR Foresters
      iv. Field Site somewhere- needs to be closer to the Hayward end (Flat Creek Eatery)
   b) Chapter Realignment
      i. Need to inform national if we do this
      ii. Consider it- we have a few chapter chairs that want to step down and have no one to fill in behind them
   c) 2016 National Convention Updates
      i. Call for presentations done in March, contacted for acceptance/rejection
      ii. 160 slots for abstracts and over 300 people applied
      iii. Poster sessions and flash talks (approx. 8 min) are open till end of Sept.
      iv. Figuring out:
         1. Opening receptions (night before the plenary session occurs- 3hrs.)
            a. UW Marching Band
            b. 12 people from the band
            c. Tailgate atmosphere for food
            d. Baggo- set up near the raffle
               i. Ron S. will get 2-3 baggo sets
         2. Opening ceremonies (15 minutes)
a. Mayor of Madison welcome- 5 min
b. National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, Honor the Veterans- 10 min- potential singer from one of the colleges
c. Julie gets to say HI to everyone!

3. Awards Ceremony
   a. Tapping of a keg
   b. Polka band/ Oompa band

4. Diversity
   a. Having Ho-Chunk come in for some diversity parts of the ceremonies

5. Thing to Remember the Convention
   a. Little cruising sticks
   b. Zip drive- wood with engraving (approx. 6 grand- where does that come from?)

6. Foresters Fund Raffle
   a. Ron S. is working on it
   b. Ray motions, Kotar 2nd $200 for the state to put towards the raffle (a fishing rod again)

v. Hotels are open so get your reservations
vi. Should we do something extra for volunteers?

12. Next Meeting- Convention call tentatively mid-July (last 2 weeks, after the 18th)
   a) Julie sending a doodle out

13. Adjourn- 12:53 pm

Forest Stewards Guild National Meeting, Duluth, MN- July 13th-15th

Board of Directors meets- Aug 11th-15th

Canada Forestry- Sept. 18th-22nd

Board Meeting in DC- Dec. 8th-11th