

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
Gary VanderWyst	DNR/District V Rep.
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 DeLong's report on CDAC

9. Committee Updates

a) Membership (Gary V.)

- Natl wants to see an increase in memberships
- 12,000 members and expect to decrease in 5-10 years
 - 40% are at or over 65 years old
- Membership has been fairly stable however over past few years

b) Program (vacant)

- No 2016 state meeting
- 2017 state meeting- Chippewa and NE

c) Policy & Legislation (Tom H.)

- Not aware of anything being worked on
- 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
- 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
- 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.)

- 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
- 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 FHOFF 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) FHOFF (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 FHOFF- 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