

MOSAF Executive Committee, February 4, 2015, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach MO

Attendees: John Tuttle, Greg Hoss, Nate Goodrich, Jon Skinner, Lynn Barnickol, Paul Johnson, Mike Fiaoni, Susan Troxel DeWitt. George Kipp, Joe Alley

Lynn Barnickol provides a draft of a member survey and asks the committee to take the survey and return it to him at the end of the meeting.

The questions are probably going to end up being too lengthy for the free version of Survey Monkey, he's trying to determine how much time to purchase the pay version for. He solicits input on the questions.

Greg Hoss update: He anticipates taking ten minutes in tomorrow's meeting of the membership.

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Greg requests that the Executive Committee invite Matt Menashes to come to MNRC next year when MOSAF is hosting. Mike Fiaoni indicates this has already been accomplished, he's been invited as a plenary speaker. It was also suggested to have a social with student with Matt at the next MNRC on Wednesday.

Clark Seeley is the incoming president of SAF, currently he is VP.

John Tuttle: Joe Alley has sent a draft strategic plan that the Executive Committee needs to review. May need to be fleshed out some with implementation goals.

PLT has requested to use MOSAF logo. Discussion and later approval via email.

Lynn Barnickol: Survey and communications discussion. How should potential members be contacted?

Rabbit trail on the use of drones in remote sensing.

A communications timeline is forthcoming and has since been received from Lynn by email.

Mike Fiaoni jumps ahead on agenda (needs to leave early for student job fair):

Next year's MNRC is MOSAF hosting and will be Feb 3-5, 2016 "Balancing Economic, Conservation and Adaptive Management in a Changing World"

Matt Menashes, SAF and Dave Batker, Earth Economics as plenary speakers.

Most people are coming back to serve again on the MNRC planning committee. The Tan Tar A bid was received and contract signed 18 months ago.

Discussion on the quad societies meetings and needed input.

Joe Alley: No report on newsletter. Discussion on strategic plan. Please provide comments by the end of the month.

George Kipp: We have a saw as a raffle item. This is a down year for MNRC so there will be less revenue.

John Tuttle: Policy issues: Discussion of numerous bills filed against Conservation. MOSAF has a dog in the fight for the non-profit prohibition one and the reduction on funding ones. Need a non-MDC person to sign any letters that we have Policy committee draft. Further discussion on the Rep. Ross bills on clearcutting and area planning.

Jon Skinner: Communications committee. See handout. Discussion on bad email addys from National. Greg will address it with them. Last Communications plan item will be hardest that being developing new educational displays.

John Tuttle: Art Suchland and Todd Kinerk will be getting 50 year awards. Also discusses Karkhagne award and new nominations for Fellows.

Nate Goodrich: Program Committee. Spring meeting will be jointly held with the National Walnut Council meeting June 14-17. Sunday evening to Wednesday Noon. St. Charles. 4 charter busses involved and they need a MOSAF bus captain to count noses and help elder folks.

Proposal to have a luncheon business meeting on the last day, find a buffet place with a meeting room for 25-30 ppl.

Paul Johnson: Membership committee. 201 ppl at the end of December listed as members by national. 22 students. Since people are still paying dues this number may increase. Paul will solicit for 1 sponsor tomorrow. The student chapter is asking for likes for their Facebook page.

Meeting Minutes - MOSAF Business Meeting, February 5, 2015 Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach MO

Attendees: MOSAF Members, Guests

- Chair (John Tuttle) provides introduction, purpose, objectives, welcome members, students and guests.
 - Purpose
 - Business meeting to communicate MOSAF priorities and objectives for 2015
 - Objectives
 - Provide verbal reports from all standing Committees present
 - Discuss pertinent forestry issues with general membership
- Chair introduces invited guests and dignitaries: Greg Hoss, SAF District 9 Representative to the Board of Directors.
- Minutes from last meeting: Read and approved. Secretary (Susan Troxel DeWitt)
- Chair presents 50 Year Awards to Todd Kinerk and Art Suchland
- Nominating Committee Chair (Mike Hoffman) discusses MOSAF Scholarships:
 - Lance Dolman, MOSAF scholarship
 - Brendan Woodall, Ed Stegner Scholarship via Missouri Conservation Federation
 - Jeffrey Schniederman, Graduate scholarship
- Treasurers Report (Frances Main): See handout.
 - Addition to handout: \$2000 donation to Heartland Leadership Academy
 - We made money on the spring and fall meetings (\$350)
 - Silent Auction proceeds to Foresters Fund
 - Books were sent to Mark Nelson for audit
 - Treasurer introduces Erika Cox with Missouri State University, PLT Coordinator, Janice Green Co-Coordinator.
 - Treasurer's report is approved by voice vote.
- Committee Reports:
 - Audit (Mark Nelson): Chair notes that books have been received for audit.
 - Communications (Jon Skinner): See handout regarding communications plan. Also notes that articles are needed for the March newsletter.
 - Council, Fellows and Awards (Mike Hoffmann): Scholarships as noted. New Fellows were noted in the Forestry Source in February, Lisa Allen, Justine Gartner. Reminder of the Awards function tonight with the Kharkagne award. Committee has pledged to come up with a 2nd major award for recognizing younger to mid-career members.
 - Education (Dan Dey): Send him curriculums for rating for CFEs.
 - Long Range Planning (Joe Alley): Strategic plan being reviewed by Executive Committee.
 - Membership (Paul Johnson): 201 members 22 students. Solicits for a sponsor, Michael Goerndt responds. Notes student Facebook page is soliciting for "likes". Working with Communications contractor on membership issues. Reminder of dues and social planned for after the business meeting.

- Nominating (Mike Hoffmann): Two year terms mean none turning over this year. Chair elect and Secretary nominations will be needed in the fall.
 - Policy and Legislation (Matt Jones): Chair: Statement on NLEB listing and challenge to look at bills in the General Assembly including some new forestry related ones. Jason Jensen summarizes and notes that Dave Murphy was withdrawn from the Conservation Commission nomination. Discussion ensues. Policy and legislative committee charged with formulating responses.
 - Program (Nate Goodrich): Spring meeting will be jointly held with the National Walnut Council in June.
 - Special Funds (George Kipp): Jon Skinner won the Blackjack Award. \$1100 raised for Foresters Fund via raffle and Silent Auction.
 - Tellers (Aaron Moore): No report.
 - Forest Science (Ben Knapp): Not present but passed on that he would like feedback for the committee's work such as a Forestry Papers summary product, white papers and etc. via email?
 - Newsletter Editor – (Joe Alley) Needs contributions for the Spring newsletter in March.
 - Website (Jon Skinner): Covered in Communication committee handout.
 - MNRC Steering Committee (Mike Fiaoni): Theme for 2016 is Balancing Economics, Conservation and Adaptive Management in a Changing World. Matt Manashes SAF CEO and David Battker, Earth Economics plenary speakers. Paper option for registrations will be looked into.
 - Historian (Greg Hoss): No report.
- Membership and Credentialing Task Force Lead: Justine Gartner: Recommendations of the task force were presented to the Board in December but they have not taken action yet.
 - Reports from National Office, Greg Hoss, District IX Council Representative:
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- Clark Seeley is the incoming president of SAF, currently he is VP.
- A Certified Urban Forester program is being looked at. Working with ISA.
- SAF has two people working the Hill, key in getting FIA in the budget at \$83M instead of \$70M. Becoming known as the go-to people for forestry issues.
- Louise Mourgia is now Chief of Staff instead of Assistant to the CEO which will help free up the CEO to get out to the states more.
- Shelby Jones: Dilemma over Fellows nominees needing national level activity since we don't have sub chapters (require activity at 2 levels).
- Philmont Scout Ranch has a new Forestry program with a need for Visiting Foresters.
- Old Business
 - Fall meeting at Ozark Underground Laboratory
 - Recognize the new Fellows
 - Justine Gartner
 - Lisa Allen
 - MOSAF Elections
 - Electronic Ballot sent out – deadline October 31st
 - National Referendum to revise Article of Incorporation under the new DC Non-profit Corporation Act
 - Change Constitution to Bylaws
 - Aligns with terminology with non-profit status
 - Mission modification edits
 - Forester Fund grant – we received \$2500 to hire a contractor to do outreach and education events (see handout).
- New Business
 - Chair: HSD meeting at the National Convention, Salt Lake City UT
 - Bylaws and Incorporation
 - Public agency support of SAF
 - Success stories
 - Silvics of Trees publication
 - MNRC 2016 – Mike Fiaoni
 - Policies for Announcements and sponsorships in our newsletter – Jon Skinner
 - Communications and Strategic Plans
 - Update on the outreach and education Forester's Fund grant – John Tuttle and Lynn Barnickol
 - New member: Michael Goerndt, Missouri State University
- Reports from Agency Representatives
 - MTNF: Bill Nightingale provided an in-depth report
 - FS Research Station: No report
 - NRCS: Nate Goodrich provided a report
 - University of Missouri: Hank Stelzer, Dave Larsen reported

- MDC: Lisa Allen provided a report
- Consulting Foresters Lynn Barnickol provided a report
- Others: Missouri State University: Michael Goerndt provided a report.
- Adjourn