

MOSAF Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2021

1. John Kabrick called the meeting to order and started with a note of thanks to the tour hosts – Pioneer Forest staff, Timber Charcoal and Jason Deschu at Shannondale.
2. Motion to approve the spring meeting minutes was passed.
3. Treasurer’s Report – David Vance
 - Approximately \$11,000 in bank account – the balance has remained steady with slight increases as meetings are planned and registrations received
 - Two CDs each with approximately \$19,000
 - Recently made payments for the fall meeting food, lodge rental, and affiliate dues to the Conservation Federation of Missouri
4. Announcements – elections are coming this fall and ballots will be emailed for Chair-Elect and Secretary
5. Committee Reports
 - Audit; Council, Fellows and Awards; Education; Long Range Planning; Nominating; Policy and Legislation; Tellers; Forest Science; Historian – not available
 - Communications
 - Website – Jon Skinner
 - site is still being updated as new information is provided, no major changes
 - Forms for Karkhagne and Outstanding Forester awards are available on the site
 - Newsletter – Chris Lohman
 - Articles are needed by mid-November
 - Membership – Hank Stelzer – 3 new student members, 166 total
 - Program – Michael Bill – send him ideas for MNRC or spring tour; 49 attendees registered for this fall meeting
 - Special Funds – David Massengale – donations are needed for the MNRC silent auction
 - MNRC Steering Committee – Jon Skinner
 - Going to be in person in 2022, but there may be some pre-recorded presentations for speakers that can’t attend in person
 - The call for papers was extended, so submit if interested
 - Registration will begin in November
 - AFS is chairing the conference this year
 - No known COVID restrictions known at this time
 - Need a Treasurer to assist when MOSAF chairs the conference planning
6. New Business
 - House of Society Delegates made recommendation for all chapters to become 501(c)(3)
 - SAF has legal counsel to help chapters
 - Starting the process this year and will continue for approximately 2 years
 - There was a discussion about potential rules on lobbying as non-profit
 - There was a discussion about current status of chapter and questions about any changes to our association with national SAF after becoming a 501(c)(3)

- HSD also recommended chapters obtain officers' insurance
 - Two payment options presented
 - Chapter also has the option to pursue its own policy
 - More information coming at next meeting

7. Reports

- SAF Silviculture Instructors subgroup having a virtual tour with Pioneer Forest video as part of virtual conference; may also be at MNRC too
- University Extension
 - 4 feral hog educator positions to be liaisons between landowners, trappers and local soil and water districts; will be located in Ava, Houston, Potosi, Salem
 - New position that will be 70% extension and 30% teaching at the University – 5 year position, focused on oak regeneration, search will begin this winter and expect to be hired by 2nd quarter 2022
- MO Consulting Foresters Assoc.
 - Recent fall meeting with 20 members and 11 guests
 - Winter meeting in Feb, location and details to be determined
 - Fall 2022 will be in north MO
 - Lynn Barnickol shared a real estate advertisement that says “Call Us Before You Cut”, posing as foresters; discussion to see if there was anything that could be done
- USFS
 - At this time, there is no vaccine mandate for federal timber purchasers
- MDC
 - 3 forester positions open
 - Michael Bill is changing jobs, and will be the Habitat Management Coordinator

Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm