

Missouri Society of American Foresters
Winter Meeting Notes

Date: February 5, 2020, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Location: MNRC – Paradise B, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO
Attendees: MOSAF Members, Guests

Purpose

Business meeting to communicate MOSAF priorities and objectives for 2020.
55 in attendance

Agenda

- 1. Welcome** Lead: John Kabrick, MOSAF Chair
 - Welcome members, students, and guests
 - Introduce invited guests and dignitaries
 - Recognize new officers: Chair-Elect (Michael Bill) and Secretary (Ben Knapp)

- 2. Minutes from last meeting** Lead: John Kabrick
None to report. Tour with 16 members at wood energy plant at Steelville.

- 3. Treasurers Report** Lead: David Vance
See attached report.

- 4. Awards** Lead: Jim Barresi
Service: Danny Christie Gold award (50 years)
Certificate of recognition presented MOSAF Chair Dan Dey
Fellows Shibu Jose
Blackjack – Michael Bill
MOSAF Award Ceremony tonight 7:00 Paradise C

- 5. Committee Reports** (please be brief) Lead: (Committee Chairs)
 - Audit (Megan Buchanan) passed last year's audit
 - Communications (Jon Skinner) Always opportunity to post information on website.
 - Council, Fellows and Awards (Jim Barresi) awards will be given at the awards banquet.
 - Education new (Mike Goerndt) Dan Dey is going to assist Mike with the CFE effort.
 - Long Range Planning (Dan Dey) none to report
 - Membership (Hank Stelzer) 161 members last year and 141 this year but there has been some delay in updating the report.
 - Nominating (Gus Raeker) Had elections this fall they went well with four quality candidates
 - Policy and Legislation (Jason Jensen)
 - Had a legislative tour planned at Shannondale tree farm but no one from legislature showed to the tour.
 - Hearing on prescribed fire legislation. One of few states that has undefined liability for prescribed fire. Reviewed several states to develop the legislation.

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The cattleman's association did testify. This will help contractors to get insurance for prescribed burning.

- Feral hog activities have increase statewide across several partners to systematically remove feral hogs from public land in MO. Legislations is in the works to make it a felony to release feral hogs
- Program (Michael Bill) looking to get assistance for upcoming tours
- Special Funds (David Massengale) \$618 total. Mike Fiaoni won the chainsaw raffle.
- Tellers (Aaron Moore) none to report
- Forest Science new (Lauren Pile) Ben Knapp none to report
- Newsletter Editor – (Chris Lohmann) Spring and fall newsletter. Send Chris information
- Website (Jon Skinner) Send items to Jon.
- MNRC Steering Committee (Jon Skinner) Overall conference is going well
- Historian (Dave Larsen) none to report

6. Reports from National Office

- News from Tim Phelps, District 9 Director, Society of American Foresters Originally from Missouri born in Columbia, father was dept chair at SIU. Plan to meet all chapters in the district and attend technical tours.
- National membership is down just over 10,000 members.
- Last year \$500,000 was estimated from investment dividends, but \$2.5 million was the actual numbers. This has allowed them to add more staff. New membership director and 2 other staff under membership. They have started a contract with a marketing firm to better recruit and retain members and better tell the SAF story.
- They are selling the headquarters building. This money will be used to pay a lease on a building with other partner conservation groups.
- Looking at changes in certified forester process
- There are awards available nationally, take time to nominate members. Award applications are due by March 15.

7. Old Business

None to report

8. New Business

Upcoming Missouri forestry summit, more information will be coming. Encourage field foresters to attend.

9. Reports from Agency Representatives

- Mark Twain National Forest Sheri Schinke
 - Shared stewardship between state and federal agencies
 - Feral hog activities are occurring
 - Forest product modernization occurring
 - Increase technology (tablets and electronic filing)
 - Bid for a disaster NEPA analysis. This will allow the forest to move more quickly
 - Looking at weight and deck scaling
 - Increasing targets, currently 68 Million Board feet across the forest.

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- Hiring event at the SAF conference. This has been successful.
- FS Northern Research Station
 - Fairly stable retention of staff at the station
 - Welcome to contact the station to get question answered in the field.
- Natural Resources Conservation Services
 - Doing some significant hiring in NRCS
 - Program funding is being finalized
 - FSA has CRP signup through February
 - Worked with USFS to get a Joint chief restoration project in 10 counties should know if that was approved soon
 - New state conservationist coming soon
- University of Missouri
 - Extension has a position for north half of state
 - Approval to interview candidate for Preparing Future Faculty Post-Doctoral position (may lead to faculty position)
 - Must have their accreditation plan in to SAF by July 31
 - Enrollment is stable
 - Both student chapters are active
- Missouri State University
 - Forestry minor has 50 students
 - Looking at getting Tim Stanton book published
 - Putting a together a new Natural resource degree with forestry emphasis.
 - Hosting 2021 mid-west conclave
- Missouri Department of Conservation
 - Lisa Allen retired in January
 - Justine Gartner is the new state forester
 - Going through a major reorganized organized based on functions not disciplines. This will be a good thing overall and will give the ability to be more flexible.
 - Lots of activities occurring in MDC: Targeted culling, Hogs, and priority geography work
 - Major issues in hiring foresters
 - Open two new fuels for schools this last year.
- Missouri Consulting Foresters
 - 47 members
 - 23 members in SAF
 - Winter meeting in February
- Missouri Forest Products Association
 - none
- L-A-D Foundation/Pioneer Forest
 - More analysis of CFI

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- Need to cut a lot more to get more regeneration
- Added two new forester staff
- Need more research on their forest system.
- Missouri Student Chapter of SAF nothing to report
- TNC (Chad Dolen)
 - Changes to Current River position, Looking at the landscape statewide
 - Looking at ways to bring carbon credit programs to Missouri.

Adjourn

Hank Stelzer motioned to adjourn
meeting adjourned