

MN SAF State Chapter

12-1-2004. Business Meeting. Present: Eli Sagor, Greg Russell, Lance Sorenson, Rick Kelvorn, Gary Michael, Larry Westerberg, Bruce Cox, Louise Levy.

Treasurers Report: General Fund - \$6743.41, Foresters Fund - \$1624.71, Students Fund - \$464.25 with a Total of \$8832.37. Gary presented monthly summaries to the group. Louise wondered if we should start a savings account due to the high balance that we maintain over the course of a year, asked what our historical cash flow is. Rick stated he would rather we spend the money, and asked what our bylaws state for minimum balance on hand. Gary is to present historical balances to the group at the winter exec. Meeting, with the year-end report. Bruce stated he would like to see the society maintain a line item budget throughout the year. Tres. report accepted.

Old Business: None noted.

Chapter Reports:

Southern Chapter: Inactive other than assisting with some woodland advisor courses.

Lake Superior Chapter: Seminar series going well, attendance somewhat low. North Shore Hardwoods seminar cancelled, but a lot of interest for this subject. Discussion on various seminars.

Headwaters Chapter: No Report.

Student Chapter: Dave Parent property 300ac timber sale.....both schools and statewide SAF members are working together to mark the timber.

Nominations and Awards: Outstanding Service Award – John Almendinger, Young Forester Award – Louise Levy.

SAF 2005 Officer Election Results: State Chair – Bob Hedburg, State Sec./Tres. – Gary Michael, Headwaters Chapter Chair – John McCoy, Headwaters Sec./Tres. – Beth Jacquain, Lake Superior Chapter Chair – Jim Parma, Southern Chapter Chair – Katie Fernholz, Southern Chapter Sec./Tres. – Richard Peterson.

Forests For Humanity: No Report/Discussion.

Education Report: Teri Heyer has resigned, nomination for Committee Chair needed.

Foresters Fund: Grant request from Minnesota Association for Environmental Education (MAEE) - \$600.00. MAEE would like support to encourage teachers to attend its annual conference at Wolf Ridge Env. Learning Center, which will focus on how to strengthen env. Education in Minnesota. The teachers will have already been trained in PLT and need support to meet the challenge of obtaining registration fees and substitute teacher stipends from their school districts and administrations.

-Louise suggested adding requirements that have the teachers have another follow-up activity w/SAF members, and suggested more money to the teacher for this and to send additional teachers. Discussion, and Amendment was given for \$100/teacher assistance with a total of \$600.00, and a required follow-up forestry related activity with an SAF member. Amendment passed.

Grant proposed by Rick for the “How to Teach Forestry to Kids” (PLT). Course will be held at the end of the SAF Winter Mtg. Friendly amendment to raise amount up to 470 to cover their costs better. Passed.

Cont. Education: - Discussion regarding rating courses for stewardship credits.

Policy and Legislation: Bruce Cox – FLEP financing/Roadless rule, SAF may get involved. Economics is driving policy right now, we should start sending letters to new and old legislators and encourage forest management through increase funding. Clarify 3/16th tax. Bruce will get a draft ready for Newsletter, then try to get feedback so he can get a letter to legislature by early January.

Louise would like to see Bruce let the membership know what he has been involved with.

New Business: -

Winter Mtg. Update: 2/15 and 16 – Holiday Inn in Mankato, Exec. Comm. Mtg. 7pm on 2/14. The Winter mtg. is joint meeting with MN Association of Conservation Districts Employees.

Newsletter Review: Expanded letter idea, some things came in and sent to Stephanie. Should we send newsletter sent to students/various break-rooms/legislators? Discussion was generally in agreement to do so as well as other locations. 300-400 extra issues to be sent out to various locations.

Rick wondered if we can give a stipend for our website manager. Some discussion of website, logistics, how to manage.

Meeting Adjourned