

MN SAF Business Meeting minutes

Feb 19th 3pm-4pm

3:05 PM – Call to order John Segari

Elections Results:

**State positons:**

John Segari - Chair

Sawyer Scherer – Chair Elect

Kylee Berger - Secretary-Treasurer

**Headwaters Chapter:**

Sawyer Scherer – Chair

Rich Courtemanche – Chair Elect

Mike Shearen – Secretary-Treasurer

**Southern Chapter:**

Michelle Martin – Chair & Chair Elect

Jenny Wood – Secretary

Mike Reinikainen – Treasurer

**Superior Chapter:**

Kyle Gill – Chair

Scott Dowling – Chair Elect \*

Nate Anderson - Secretary-Treasurer

**Treasurer’s report:**

Revenue (dues, meetings, donation) $37,022.54

Expenses (meetings, bank fees, assessment, leadership conference, constant contact) $36,599.09

Revenue for the year was $423.45

**National:** Tara Ball

Michigan Tech, District 5 representative (MN, MI, WI, Iowa)

Few new national hires, Terry is searching for a new office

National award nominations due March 15th.

**Policy:**

Forests For Humanity: Rick Dahlman

* SIC / SFI Grants received
  + $2,500 tribal values- project learning tree
  + $3,750 alternative forest for bats – roost boxes
  + $5,000 Ensuring forest health- invasive species
* Webinar from American Bird Conservancy on March 2nd
* Forests for humanity – 1 Bell Pole project
  + Sand Dunes State Forest
  + Bell pole just wants the poles – what to do with rest of it??
  + Get the media involved, mills, high schools from the surrounding areas to be involved
  + Need to get DNR PFM more involved

**Vacancies:**

Membership

Policy

**Awards:**

Bruce Schoenberg – Outstanding Service to the Society

37 years & Duluth 5th grade conservation tour involvement

Sawyer Scherer- Outstanding Service to the Society

Mike Shearen – Young Forester Leadership

Rick Dahlman – Retired Member

MN Lyme’s Disease Coalition

**Website:**

Michael Carson & John Segari

* Looked at WI and MI sites
* Weebly
* All information will go through the MN Gmail account
* Pictures of people
* Part open to public and part only open to members
* National site will bring to our site

Include: contact us, meetings past and future. Include info from speakers on website for reference.

Google non-profit suite

People in pictures (ok to post guidelines)

Committee to run the website

Constant Contact- tell your chair if you are not receiving emails (ballots, registration)

$500 diversity and inclusion allocation

$500 to be there for workshops, mileage, donation, anything really to get more diversity and inclusion presence. Will take ideas.

* High school groups – target younger to get involved in natural resources before college…
* MANRRS- Minorities in agriculture, natural resources and related sciences
  + April annual conference- maybe have a table there??

Improving federal involvement

4:00 PM Chapter Breakouts