

Minnesota Society of American Foresters

MN SAF Executive Board Meeting minutes

Feb 19th 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Attendance: Kylee Berger (secretary-treasurer), John Segari (chair), Sawyer Scherer (chair-elect), Dennis Kepler, Mike Stubbs, Mike Shearen, Nate Anderson, Kyle Gill, Michelle Martin, Michael Carson, Scott Dowling, Rick Dahlman

10:30 AM – Call to order John Segari

Review Minutes from summer meeting

Motioned and Approved.

**Old Business:**

* Committee chairs- appoint 1 person from each chapter and a state person to form a communications committee for website management
* Need to find a new policy person- if anyone is interested or knows someone who might let John know, need someone to be a 3rd party opinion for SAF

**New Business:**

Elections:

**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

\*Kyle Gill nominated Scott Dowling for Superior chapter chair elect- motion was passed

Discussion on amending the bylaws to allow chapter chairs to serve more than 1 year consecutively

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

Motion to approve the financial report pending audit was passed.

Ecolab checks received by state and headwaters chapter will now all be put into the state account since other chapters are not receiving these donations.

**Chapter Reports:**

Southern Chapter: Michelle Martin

* No real activity. Membership distribution is mostly in the metro
* Wants to form a team to discuss what o we want to do? Do we need a chapter?
* Survey to gauge interest.
* Wants to be more involved with student chapter

All chapters would be interested in doing the survey. But will want to focus on using the data, also on not forgetting about what we do have and using that too

Headwaters: Sawyer Scherer

* Headwaters will be planning the Winter 2021 meeting
* Want to find a chapter purpose
* Engage in chapter level activities

Superior: Kyle Gill

* Good leadership from Nate and auditing the chapters financial books
* SAF sponsored event of the 5th grade conservation tour
* 2019 Summer meeting went well, case studies from the Great Lakes Silviculture Library
  + Lessons learned
  + 28-37 people
  + No registration or sign in reduced admin costs, free event
* Foresters Fika going very well, community involvement in the chapter, 2-12 people. Met 9 times last year and will continue. It is a time for foresters to bounce ideas off each other and talk about what they are dealing with at the moment.
* Discussed the errors with e-mails on the national database.

Foresters Fund: Dennis Kepler

* Leadership event with WI & MI
* Annual or bi-annual meeting with the other states, leadership training

Budget was approved to remove the annual $100 donation to foresters fund

Education: Mike Stubbs

* Knowledge bowl set up for the 3 schools, students helped with registration
* Bean bag toss event. Student and Professional teams (professional pays entry fee)

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

National Committee

Budget:

* $500.00 added to include Diversity and Inclusion
* John did not know what this would look like but would like the $500 to be there for workshops, mileage, donation, anything really to get more diversity and inclusion presence.
* The tree trust is an inner city group getting young involved with outdoors
* MANRRS- Minorities in agriculture, natural resources and related sciences

UMN has a chapter

Summer meeting will be hosted by Southern Chapter

Winter Meeting headwaters and Chair Elect

WI would like a joint meeting in Fall (does not work for MN) would like to in future

12:05 PM Adjourn.