Summer 2019 Field Tour

Committee Meeting Notes

8/22/19

Present: John Segari, Sawyer Scherer, Brian Leitinger, Kylee Berger, Mike Shearen, Mike Stubbs, Kyle Gill, Nate Anderson, Henry Rodman and several other SAF members

12:45 Meeting called to order

Brain L- Update on the recent leadership conference in WI. Take home message was increasing the value to members in SAF, by the use of field sessions and to entice new members through these more hands on events. Getting folks together and networking is a big part of recruiting new members and retention of current membership.

Possibly consider another leadership conference like this in 2-3 more years.

**Old Business:** winter meeting at the DECC was a success. There was a lack of federal membership attendance do to government shut down but had roughly 100-110 members. This is a bit down from the usual 120 but still good. There was a good agenda and the interaction with the students was well received.

National convention- Brain is going to continue to plant the seed to have it hosted in Duluth. It will be a big commitment and a lot of work, but could be worth it.

**New Business:** Formal meeting scheduled purposed to have a set schedule for chapters hosting the winter and summer meetings. This allows chapters to plan and know when they are up for hosting.

Winter 2019- Chair Elect / Lake Superior Chapter

Summer 2019- Lake Superior Chapter

Winter 2020- Chair Elect / Southern Chapter

Summer 2020- Southern Chapter

Winter 2021- Chair Elect / Headwaters Chapter

Summer 2021- Headwaters Chapter

Motion was made, seconded, and carried.

Award Nominations: Would like to focus on nominating a field forester next year and Brian will be sending out request for nominations for elections soon.

Rachel Mason- spoke on the 5th Grade Field day in Duluth. They are still looking for more volunteers to help with the event. The event is at 4 different parks and focuses on many natural resources (soils, timber, ecology, fire, ethics, etc.)

**Treasurers Report:**

The winter meeting brought in $1,501. The leadership conference is almost all paid for with the use of the Foresters Grant.

**Committee Reports:** N/A

**Website:** Mike Carson has agreed to create and maintain a website. Would like to know information we want on there in advanced in order to get idea.

**Communications:** The chair and chair of each chapter is to choose and elect one person to create a communications committee.

**Winter 2020 Meeting:** John S. is helping to plan winter meeting. Invites anyone who wants to help to reach out to him. He is looking for ideas for speakers and filling slots each day. Next planning call is at 9:00am Thursday August 29th.

Adjourn 13:20