

SAF Yukon River Chapter -

Meeting Notes – 9/24/2015

Start time 12:10

## **1) Introductions**

*Round robin on what people worked on over the summer and what's going on*

*UAF update – John Yarie*

- *No longer a forestry option at UAF and the last of the forestry students are graduating this year. Natural resource option student numbers have increased which is similar to a national trend*
- *Possibility of UAF contracting to analyze soils data collected on FIA plots*

*TCC – Jeremy Douse, Fabian Keirn*

- *Started a CFI program using FIA protocols. Plan is to continue installing plots over the region and re-measure on a 10 yr. basis*
- *Re-measure fuel treatment sites across the Tanana valley for a UAF researchers economic analysis.*
- *Update the Eielson AFB forest inventory*

*DOF – Chris Maisch, KT Pyne*

- *Fire was all encompassing year. still have a number of resources working in the lower 48*
- *Completed inventory in McGrath*
- *FIA in the interior – DOF, University and TCC cooperative.*
- *Chris is attending the national FIA meeting in Portland to discuss the FIA program in interior Alaska*
- *Contract with FS to inventory young growth stands on the Tongass. Part of the transition from old growth management to young growth.*
- *Budget cuts – 38.6% in forest development and 7% in fire (fire is a much larger budget)*
- *Challenging couple of years.*
- *Eastern Tanana Area Plan has been signed and is currently in the appeal period*

*BLM – Tom St.Clair*

- *Tom is the new Fire Specialist for the eastern interior field office.*
- *BLM is working on RMP's for Eastern Interior and Central Yukon*
- *Tom is part of the re-write for the Alaska Interagency Wildfire Management Plan.*

*Retired Contingent – John Fox*

- *Monitoring Harding lake level with weekly measurement. Lake has come up 12" this year. received 16" rainfall this year, mostly in August.*

**2) Treasurer's Report – Chris Maisch**

- *Two General Accounts- \$348.73 and \$423.67*
- *Fund Raising account - \$7580.58*

**3) Announcements**

**i. Chapter Elections:**

- *Chair Elect, Treasurer\* and Secretary Nominations due by October 21<sup>st</sup>.*
  - \*Chris Maisch already volunteered to continue on as Treasurer*
  - *voting by e-mail this year*
  - *once nominations are in, Fabian will send out the ballots.*
- *State fall fire review October 6-8*
- *Interagency Fall Fire Review October 12 – 16*
- *Fire science consortium October 16*

**4) Old Business**

**i. 2015 State SAF Meeting review**

- *Alaska State SAF finally got the plaques done for the awards from the state meeting. Two of the Yukon River Chapter member received awards: Jessica Guritz – Young Forester of the Year and Dan Rees – Field Forester of the Year. Also The Woodway received the service to forestry award. They have hung up the plaque behind the service desk.*

**5) New Business**

**i. Chapter T-shirts**

- *Tom St. Clair is heading this up and will develop a design. If anyone else has designs please send them to him and he will get it on the chapter election ballot for the chapter to vote on.*
- *Use chapter funds to pay for the approved design.*
- *The design can then be placed on t-shirts, vests, baseball caps, etc. and will be priced at cost.*

**ii. Technical session**

- *tentative date October 21<sup>st</sup> at the food factory*
  - a. *Kyoko Okano –UAF Department of Biology and Wildlife*
  - b. *White Spruce seedling growth/survival above and below tree line*

**iii. Firewood Workshop**

- a. *The woodway has interest in participating again this year.*