

TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

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2/16/12

Call commenced: 4:06 pm

Members on line:

CI - LaBau and Nuss
DE –Durland, Coose and Hauver
JU - Nicolls & Reichert
SI - Sherrod
YR – KT, Jeremy & Maki
Council - John Walkowiak
NWO – Lori Rasor

Approval of last minutes: Corrections made and sent out to the membership as a “Final”. LaBau moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Sherrod. Passed.

Additions: Juneau Chapter would like to add short discussion of the proposed Position Paper regarding harvesting young growth on the Tongass National Forest. Tom Boutin has presented a paper on this issue and it will present it at the Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Nuss reported the checking account stands at \$4462.60. There is an outstanding obligation at this time for an initial contribution to the cost of the development fee of the website.

CFE Report: Jim LaBau reported that he is working on some evaluations. Some include the Board of Forestry meeting and the proposed Annual Meeting. It is estimated to be worth 20 CFE hours, or more. To be determined by Pat Cilay of the National Office.

Council Report: John Walkowiak reported that the next Council Meeting will be March 3 rd and 4 th in Detroit. The topic will be about Strategic Planning based on Jim Collins book Good to Great. They have three position papers: Forest Offset, Forest Update and Non-native species.

Bob Evert will look at non-dues revenue. Best plan is called the 1900 club, which relates to the Gifford Pinchot era. Members scan appropriate funds and will be recognized. Discussed the future of certification and recognition of members. Question has risen on what to do with any proceeds derived from the sale of a portion of Wild Acres. There are bills to be paid.

There is a call for three Fellows nominations, for consideration, by the end of February. The final nomination forms must be in by 3/16/12. Need signatures, acceptance, a biography, three letters of recommendation and a picture of the candidate. Check the website to learn who are members that are Fellows.

HSD would like good representation of information for the “success stories”. These will

come from the Chairs of the various Societies. Should look at what Council is doing compared to HSD.

The nominee for the Field Forester of the Year will be invited to the Convention. National is doing enhancements to the web sites. Looking for cost savings

Committee reports:

Sci/Tech :

We are currently looking for a replacement since John Fox has resigned.

Policy;

Tom Boutin and Wayne Nicolls have worked on a draft of a position paper entitled Timber Harvest in Federal, State and other ownerships forests. A comparable Position Paper will expire in June of 2012. Needs to be looked at. Another Position Paper could be created regarding the proposed Susitna State Forest. When finalized it should be sent to numerous entities under the signature of Charles Sink, Vice Chair for the Alaska Society of American Foresters. The draft should be sent to the Chair, Executive Secretary and the Chapter Chairs. Hope to have a final draft my 3/15/12.

Investment:

KT reported on a portion of the Investment Fund that indicates there is over \$2000 available for expenditures, if needed. Maynard reported the Fund currently stands at \$28, 547.

Communication:

Roger and Sue will assist in future communications, particularly the Western Forester.

Membership:

The Section has lost two members and currently stands at 122. A new membership roster should be out soon.

Chapter reports:

Sitka Chapter:

The Chapter currently stands at eight members. They had a banquet on January 28. Current projects are with the fifth grade student activities, sale of tree seedlings on May 11 and a parternering job of selling plants with the U of A.

Dixon Entrance Chapter:

Bob Durland reported that they recently had their first meeting. They are working on Chapter plans including Arbor Day Tree Sales. Dick Madden plans to check trees that were planted last year.

Yukon River Chapter:

They participated in some technical presentations at the Food Factory restaurant. There was a small turnout for the Firewood Workshop.

Cook Inlet Chapter:

The Chapter is in the process of sending out ballots for election of officers for 2012.

Juneau Chapter:

They are planning activities for Arbor Day planting at Sandy Beach. Looking at locating historic buildings. A Legislative Breakfast is planned for 2013. They will put together a calendar for planned events. Possibly add to the Action Calendar of the NWO

Next teleconference scheduled for 3/15/12 at 4:00 PM.

There is some consideration to having an Executive Committee meeting the day before the Annual Meeting starts.

Teleconference concluded at 5:15 pm.