

## TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

11/1/12

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Call commenced: 4:5 pm

Members on line:

CI – Winterberger, Burnside, Sink and Nuss

DE –Durland

JU – Kleinhenz, Sandor

SI – None

YR – KT and Maki

Council - John Walkowiak

Approval of last minutes: Motion to accept was made by Sandor. Seconded by Maki. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Nuss reported the checking account stands at \$4440.97. There is some outstanding obligation at this time. Waiting for distribution from National.

Agenda: no changes.

Committee Reports:

Website: No work has been done since Ken was busy with family matters.

Policy: no report

Investment: Roger reported that there has been a general gain since last May. No exact figure available at this time. He will send figures to Nuss.

Membership: John reported that the national membership is only down by 22 members. Apparently the tiered membership fee did not make a significant difference.

CFE: certification requests have been made for some of the work Yukon River Chapter has made regarding biomass meetings.

By-Laws: Nuss reported that no significant work has been done regarding a review of the By-Laws.

Council: John W. reported that there were 1600 attendees at the National Convention held in Spokane. Council is working with Quicksilver Foundry, a consulting firm on strategic clarity for the future of SAF. SAF will be

moving towards a more inclusive organization – broadening membership to other Forest Resource Management Professionals besides Foresters. Council has approved accreditation of a new Terrestrial Ecosystem Management curriculum aka Natural Resources Management.. An agreement to sell Wild Acres where the National SAF Headquarters in Bethesda has been approved by Council. Approximately 22 acres of the 36 acres total will be developed into condominiums along the west side of the old property line working with an environmentally responsible developer – no development until 2014-2015 until all permits and financing are completed. First proceeds of sale used to reduce deficit and repay funds borrowed. AK SAF website on the NW Office Website only contains information on the Cook Inlet Arbor Day Tree Sale from last Spring. John urged efforts to have the Chapter templates filled in soon and provide the info for the Spring 2013 Tree Sale to the website developer.

#### Chapter Reports:

Dixon Entrance: members had a Fall meeting last week. They helped out on some State Parks by refinishing some of the picnic table tops. There will be a celebration for State Parks Day. A plaque by SAF will be placed on a pavilion.

Yukon River: A Fall meeting will be held next week. They voted to donate \$400 for the proposed Legislative Breakfast. A check will be sent to Maynard. They also hosted a firewood workshop.

Cook Inlet: A draft of the Arbor Day Tree Sales is being formulated. Roger reported a net profit of \$6600. Half of this will be targeted for the two scholarships. They also voted to donate \$400 for the Legislative Breakfast. A check will be sent to Maynard. Nathan has agreed to serve another year as Chapter Chair. Sue Rodman is Vice Chair and Roger is the Secretary Treasurer. They recommend that a roster of each Chapter be placed on the website.

Juneau: Brian reported that they met in September. Most work has been in regards to the Legislative Breakfast that will be held on January 29, 2013 from 7:00 am to 8:30 am. Location not yet determined. There is some discussion regarding the need for “handouts”. Also whether there is a need for “key” speakers. Some discussion about having the SAF members serve on a 1:1 basis with the legislators. Chapter to designate a member that could call in on cell phones for the Monday meeting. At the October meeting, planning was started for the 2013 State Meeting which will be hosted by the Chapter and is tentatively scheduled for the week of April 22, 2013.

New Business: It was suggested that members “twitter” in lieu of having a commercial telephone conference as we have had in the past. Paul Maki explained how he uses “Skype” on his computer instead of telephone. Mush research needs to be done in this effort. Brian to set up a telephone number for the next Chapter meeting.

John W. reported there will be a Forestry Leadership Conference on 1/19/13.

The next teleconference will be on 11/29 at 4:00 pm.

Teleconference concluded at 5:10 pm.