



East Kentucky Chapter of Society of American Foresters

EKSAF Fall Meeting Robinson Forest October 9, 2007

Meeting Minutes

Tammy Cushing, EKSAF Chair, started the meeting at 9:50 AM with a welcome and opening remarks. Self introductions were made by everyone.

Billy Thomas, EKSAF Chair-Elect, presented the Treasurer's Report that was prepared by Bill Knott, EKSAF Secretary-Treasurer (Bill was unable to attend because of fire fighting duty). Rick Wilcox motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Pat Cleary seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The spring meeting minutes were disseminated and reviewed. Pat Cleary motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Rick Wilcox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Old business was briefly reviewed. Pat Cleary inquired about the membership status of several Pine Mountain Lumber employees. Tammy Cushing indicated that she would do some investigative work on it. Tammy indicated that she was working on a plan for dealing with contacting purged members.

New Business

Tammy Cushing said that EKSAF officer election ballots would be in the mail by the first of November. She asked for nominations from the floor and said that a call for nominations would be forthcoming.

Electronic voting was also discussed, including how national SAF and KTSF were now voting online. Billy Thomas and Tammy Cushing reported that they had explored getting EKSAF online voting in place as well but the communication they received was unclear on getting local chapters using the new system. They indicated that they will continue to work toward getting EKSAF voting online and allow email notifications in lieu of traditional mail for members with active email addresses.

The national SAF meeting was discussed as well as next year's plan to have it at Reno, NV.

The KTSAF annual meeting is set for January 2008 in Bowling Green, KY. We have offered support or assistance to the WKSAF chapter in hosting the meeting.

KTSAF award nominations were also discussed. The nominations are due soon.

There was discussion on Fellow nominations and the general lack of EKSAF Fellows. Rick Wilcox explained the qualifications and significance of Fellows in the society—traditionally 15% of the members are Fellows. Rick also discussed the apparent disconnect between KTSAF and local chapters in terms of KT knowing those eligible and deserving of awards. There was also general discussion on the importance of awards and the need to have a stronger effort regarding awards. Pat Cleary asked about contacting the KY Tree Farm Committee for potential award candidates. Rick Wilcox strongly encouraged the EKSAF chapter to do more in the award effort especially in terms of field foresters.

Tammy Cushing requested suggestions and ideas for the spring 2008 meeting. It was suggested to consider the Daniel Boone National Forest and their latest forest plan. It was also suggested that we investigate getting CFE credit for chapter meetings.

Organizational Reports

UK Department of Forestry—a policy faculty position is still open, all other slots are currently filled. John Lhotka was recently hired as the new silviculture professor for teaching and research. Don Graves is retiring and it is uncertain what will happen with that position.

US Forest Service—Charlie Crail passed away recently.

Marketing

Pat Cleary suggested that EKSAF subsidize shirts and hats for members. It was agreed to just do shirts. Pat Cleary motioned to make available EKSAF polo shirts at a 25% subsidized rate for a maximum of \$325. Jeff Stringer seconded the motion and all were in favor. Jeff Stringer said he had the electronic version of the EKSAF logo that had been used on previous shirts and hats.

Tammy Cushing asked for a motion to adjourn. Rick Wilcox motioned that we adjourn. It was seconded by Daniel Bowker and all agreed.

Respectfully submitted by Billy Thomas, EKSAF 2007 Chair-Elect.