

Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters

Winter 2006 Executive Committee Meeting

Jenny Wiley State Park – January 25, 2006

Welcome & Introductions

Don Hodges, Chairman, called the 2006 Winter Executive Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Jenny Wiley Lodge at Prestonsburg, Kentucky. A list of attendees including K-T SAF Officers, Chapter Chairs and standing committee chairs is attached. An agenda was passed out.

Review and Approval of the Summer Executive Committee Minutes

Ron Taylor, Secretary, passed out the minutes from June 7, 2006 Summer Executive Committee Meeting at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. The minutes were approved upon motion from Wayne Clatterbuck and seconded by Ward Tarkington. The main item of business, last summer, was the approval of a resolution that “The KT-SAF Chairman should appoint an ad-hoc committee of 12 members from the four Tennessee Chapters that would propose a formal system of credentialing Foresters in Tennessee”.

Year End Financial Report & Proposed 2006 Budget

Ed Smith, Treasurer, presented a financial statement for the year 2005. The starting ledger balance was \$9,260.11 and the ending ledger balance is \$9,057.78. Both winter and summer meetings broke even or within \$500. Dues and the Silent Auction were the main sources of income. The main expenditures were the FFA Convention, meeting costs, various small amounts for committee needs and chapter contributions. A standard required audit is schedule for tomorrow, January 26th.

Ed then presented a proposed budget for the 2006 with a starting balance of \$9,057.78 and an ending balance of \$10,425.28. Major sources of income would be SAF dues, Meetings, and Silent Auctions. The major expenditures planned for 2006 are: Student Development, National Convention, Leadership Academy and contribution to the Chapters. Upon discussion the 2006 budget was approved.

Committee Reports

Reports were presented by Member Information, John Rennie & Mark Young; Scholarship, Wayne Clatterbuck; Education, Laurie Smith; History, Rick Wilcox; Policy, Jerry Crow; and Tellers, Richard Evans.

Chapter Reports

Chapter reports were given by East Kentucky, Pat Cleary; East Tennessee, Greg Bailey; Middle Tennessee, Brant Miller; West Tennessee, David Mercker; University of Kentucky Student Chapter, Karen Kuers; and University of Tennessee Student Chapter, David Buckley. Many good meeting and activities were accomplished as well as interesting plans for 2006. Especially noteworthy is Middle Tennessee Chapter’s summer meeting plans at Land between the Lakes scheduled for June 7-9, 2006. The business meeting will provide more detailed reports

Agency and Industry Reports

Agency and Industry Reports were saved for the business meeting.

Old Business

Ed Smith mentioned in the 2005 Financial Report that none of the Student Development money, an earmark of \$514.65, had been requested or used even though the need has increased which resulted in the passage of several related resolutions as follows:

- Resolution #1—Motion by Pat Cleary—**“All income form the Silent Auction is to be retained in the Kentucky-Tennessee General Fund (rather than ½ sent to the National Foresters Fund) for distribution by the Executive Committee”**. Seconded by Jerry Crow and passed by the Executive Committee.
- Resolution #2—Motion by Ed Smith—**“The Executive Committee recommends that the 2006 budget provides up to \$500 each for the University of Kentucky, the University of Tennessee, and the University of the South upon request from the Student Chapters”**.

Don Hodges announced that the ad-hoc committee of “Credentialing Foresters in Tennessee” had not met to develop a system or guidelines but was committed to report by the Summer Meeting in June.

New Business

Patrick Angel and Vic Davis, Office of Surface Mining, USDI, London, KY & Knoxville, TN, respectively, presented “Trees for Appalachia’s Future” on strip mines which is part of the **“Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative”** or **ARRI** program. This five-step program promotes techniques for growing trees on strip mines. Almost 100% of all the recently completed strip mines since the passage of 1970 “Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act” have resulted in the establishment of grass cover rather than trees. The primary species are Serica lespedeza and KY 31 tall fescue. As a result the Executive Committee wished to support their efforts.

- Resolution #3—Motion by Wayne Clatterbuck—**“Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters endorses the Statement of Interest and Support for the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative and directs the Chair to sign the document on behalf of the Society.”** Motion was seconded by Pat Cleary and the Executive Committee voted to accept it.

Don Hodges mentioned that Greg Dale had to resign as KT-SAF chairman elect because the buy-out of the Westvaco Corporation. Don decided to recruit a replacement from Kentucky, Doug McLaren. The Executive Committee voted to support his choice because of his outstanding qualifications and desire to serve.

Adjournment

The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:00 PM