

Michigan Association of Timbermen MAT Board Meeting

USDA St. Ignace 3-13-2020

Present: Jim Maeder, Wes Windover, Glen Tolksdorf, Warren Suchovsky, Brian Nelson, Anne Harmon, Lonny Lutke, Charley MacIntosh, Paul Burton, Joe Doyle

Absent: Steve Anderson, John Fowler

Staff: Amy Wheeler, Michelle Sears, Denise Pallarito

Guests: Tom Buckingham, Jason Wadaga

Call to order by President Windover at 9:12 a.m.

Antitrust statement signed by all.

Moved by Jim Maeder, supported by Glen Tolksdorf to accept agenda. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Lonny Lutke to accept minutes from 8/23/19, 12/13/29, and 1/14/20, supported by Jim Maeder. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wes Windover gave a President's report – Arauco is back up and running again. Jason Wadaga from KDA is to get in touch with Attorney General regarding the timber jockey case.

Amy Wheeler went over the treasurer's report. **Motion by Glen Tolksdorf, supported by Jim Maeder to accept the Treasurer's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held regarding having only \$1,379.11 in the general checking account. The balance in select savings account is sponsorship money so should not be used for general fund money. Information was obtained that there would be a penalty of \$187.46 if the 6 month CD was cashed out early. **Motion by Lonny Lutke to cash out the 6 month CD and take the penalty, in the meantime transfer enough money out of the select savings account to get by and then when we get the money from the CD,**

transfer that same amount back into select savings, supported by Charley MacIntosh. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Anne Harmon brought up the fact that we are paying H&S to do things we could do. She spent Thursday, March 12, in Newberry working with Amy on quickbooks. The quickbooks account is now set up so that the Board Treasurer is the administrator and the only one that can make changes and delete things. Each user has their own sign on and individual capabilities. Discussion was held that MAT was at one time supposed to obtain the same accounting system that Forest has. **Motion by Lonny Lutke that Anne Harmon, Denise Pallarito, Michelle Sears, and Amy Wheeler, check into accounting system Forest has and check to see what costs would be involved, supported by Charley MacIntosh. Ayes all. Motion carried.**

Denise Pallarito gave Executive Director report. She stated that the charge for the Timber Expo would be \$10 per person, with one free entry per company. Legislative committee was formed to come up with questions for legislative questionnaire. Legislative committee will consist of Joe Doyle, Glen Tolksdorf, and Wes Windover. The raffle for the convention will be up to 150" whitetail for one hunter and one guest in blind with up to six people staying two nights in the lodge at Hunter's Haven. One year to use for the winner. Denise brought up a request from Pam Babcock for a sponsorship to Footprints in Time for an event at the Merritt Speedway Wood Tic weekend on August 7, 2020. **Motion by Joe Doyle for a \$100 donation to Footprints in Time to come out of the MI Tree funds, supported by Charley MacIntosh. Ayes all. Motion carried.**

Denise Pallarito to attend GLTPA Spring Celebration on April 9, 2020 in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Anytime Denise does a letter of support, someone on the Board of Directors needs to read it over and give approval.

Tom Buckingham gave insurance update. He recommended MAT acquire cyber insurance and gave different quotes. **Motion by Lonny Lutke to acquire \$500,000 liability cyber insurance for \$782.00 from Forest Insurance, supported by Joe Doyle. Ayes all. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held regarding the misleading, inaccurate letter that MATSIF sent out to all members. Everyone was in agreement to not react at this time.

Legislative report given by Jason Wadaga from KDA. Discussion was held regarding raising the speed limits for trucks. Consensus was to wait to see what is proposed before MAT supports anything.

Michelle Sears went over the long schedule for the Convention.

Discussion was held regarding moving the boundary lines for Region One to include Marquette County to make things more even. **Motion by Warren Suchovsky to move boundary line for Region One to include Marquette County, supported by Jim Maeder. Ayes all. Motion carried.**

Motion by Jim Maeder to adjourn at 3:13 pm, supported by Glen Tolksdorf. Ayes all. Motion carried.