

Michigan Association of Timberman MAT Board Meeting

Headwaters Room, Jays, Gaylord, MI 2/17/2017

Present: Jim Maeder, Wes Windover, Warren Suchovsky, John Fowler, Charley MacIntosh, Judy Augenstein, Alvin Rush, Paul Burton, Steve Anderson, , Lonny Lutke, Glen Tolksdorf

Absent: John Binegar, Brian Nelson, Mike Sturgill

Staff: Michelle Sears, Amy Wheeler, Bernie Hubbard, Bruce Rendon

Guests: Bill O'Neil, Debbie Begalle, Denise Pallarito, Tom Buckingham

Call to order by President Maeder at 9:16 a.m.

Introduction of staff and board members.

- **Motion by Glen Tolksdorf and seconded by Paul Burton to approve meeting agenda. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Presidents Report – Jim Maeder

- With addition of new staff, we should be able to get more things done and recruit more members.
- Jim brought up the idea of having a brochure with list of what MAT has accomplished and a year end review to show new members.

Treasurers Report – Warren Suchovsky

- Current Balances
 - General: \$75,164
 - Jess Birtcher: \$5,295
 - MITREE: \$17,896
 - Timber PAC: \$2,623
 - Select Savings: \$65,617
 - CD 11801: \$41,197.56
 - CD 0001: \$40,523.38

- **Motion by Warren Suchovsky and seconded by Glen Tolksdorf to approve minutes from 11/4/16, 12/20/16, and 1/29/17. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Warren Suchovsky and seconded by Alvin Rush to place Treasurer's Report date January 31, 2017 on file. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**
 Discussion was held regarding the purchase of cell phones for new staff members, Amy and Michelle, and also the purchase of business email addresses. **Motion made by Warren Suchovsky and seconded by Paul Burton to purchase cell phones and business emails. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**
- Warren discussed the need to adjust the budget with the new staff hired. Also, the \$50,000 investment In Forest Insurance is paid and needs to be adjusted on the financials.
- Warren discussed the need to put on the upcoming membership dues bills regarding donating to PAC.
- Warren discussed the need to look at protocol on how to track finances now that we have two people working in the office, along with that, there needs to be an internal audit done with the change of personnel. Charley MacIntosh, Jim Maeder, Warren Suchovsky, and Paul Burton agreed to be involved in this audit and will agree on a date sometime the first full week of March.
- **Motion by Wes Windover and seconded by Warren Suchovsky to place Anna Frampton's letter on resignation on file. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Legislative Report:

- Judy Augenstein gave report on legislative issues. Denise Pallarito from State Representative Triston Cole's office gave updates from his office.

- Discussion was held regarding Legislative Day, which will be in May. Everyone from Legislature will be invited. Tom Buckingham stated Forest is prepared to pay for the meal for Legislative Day.

Bill O'Neil and Debbie Begalle from the Department of Natural Resources gave presentation and talked about HRD Root disease, DNR market campaign, and timber sales in federal forests.

Lunch 12:40

Reconvene 1:45

- Discussion held regarding the upcoming conference and award winners.
- Judy Augenstein nominated Triston Cole for LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD. **Motion by Wes Windover and seconded by Paul Burton to award Triston Cole for the Legislator of the Year Award for 2016. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Warren Suchovsky and seconded by Paul Burton to award MVA Enterprises for LOGGER OF THE YEAR 2016 for the Upper Peninsula. Ayes all, no nays, 1 abstention by Steve Anderson. Motion carried. Motion by Lonny Lutke and seconded by Wes Windover to award Low's Forest Products for LOGGER OF THE YEAR 2016 for the Lower Peninsula. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Paul Burton and seconded by Lonny Lutke to award Nathan Hubbard Timber Transport the EXCELLENCE IN TRUCKING AWARD 2016. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Tom Buckingham and seconded by Glen Tolksdorf to award D.T. Fowler, Manufacturing the EXCELLENCE IN MANUFACTURING 2016 award. Ayes all, no nays, 1 abstention by John Fowler. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Warren Suchovsky and seconded by Charley MacIntosh to award the Forest Division of the MI DNR the FRIENDS OF THE TIMBERMEN 2016 award. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

- **Motion by Warren Suchovsky and seconded by Jim Maeder to award Lonny Lutke the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE 2016 award. Ayes all, no nays, 1 abstention by Lonny Lutke. Motion carried.**
- Tom Buckingham reported that Secura would be issuing a check to MAT for \$9800 sometime around March 1st and also Bitco will be sending a check in the amount of \$1000 to help pay for convention expenses.
- Bruce Rendon gave report on what he's been doing for MAT. He has made 12 stops to different companies. He suggested we put a voluntary donation to PAC on the MAT renewal notices. He suggested we send out a window sticker with MAT's logo on it with the MAT renewal receipts. **Motion by Lonny Lutke and seconded by Warren Suchovsky for Michelle and Amy to get a bid for the cost of such stickers and forward on to executive committee for approval. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Motion by Warren Suchovsky and seconded by Jim Maeder to adjourn at 3:00. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Meeting adjourned.