

***Michigan Association of Timbermen MAT Board Meeting***

***Jay's Sporting Goods, 12/13/19***

Present: John Fowler, Jim Maeder, Wes Windover, Glen Tolksdorf, Warren Suchovsky(available by phone), Brian Nelson, Ann Harmon

Absent: Lonny Lutke, Charley MacIntosh, Steve Anderson, Paul Burton

Staff: Amy Wheeler, Michelle Sears, Denise Pallarito

Guest: Mike Smalligan, Tom Buckingham, Joe Doyle, Todd Johnson

Call to order by President Windover at 9:10 a.m.

Antitrust statement signed by all.

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

**Motion to accept minutes from 8/23/19 tabled until next meeting.**

**Moved by Brian Nelson, supported by Jim Maeder to appoint Joe Doyle to be a director for region 4, taking over for Alvin Rush. Ayes all. Motion carried.**

Wes Windover gave a President's report – things are fairly quiet in Lansing, as well as the County issues.

Members who have not paid their dues yet was discussed and a conclusion was reached that staff would call each member who has not paid and inquire as to why.

Discussion was held on setting up classes in Quickbook to be able to distinguish between different events. Ann Harmon will work with staff on this. Convention and Expo sponsorship money will be put in the savings account for now, so it doesn't end up in the general fund at this time.

Amy went over the financial report. **Moved by John Fowler, supported by Joe Doyle to accept the Treasurer's report. Ayes all. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on Timber Talk. Needs to be more informational, including maybe ALC updates and legislative updates.

**Moved by Jim Maeder, supported by Brian Nelson to raise Timber Talk advertising prices. (See rate schedule below) Ayes all. Motion carried.**

SIZE	1 Issue 1 Quarter	2 Issues/per issue 2 Quarters	4 Issues/per issue 4 Quarters
Full Page	\$300.00	\$275.00	\$250.00
½ Page	\$225.00	\$200.00	\$175.00
¼ Page	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
Business Card	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00

Tom Buckingham gave an update on Forest Insurance, they currently have 30 carriers across 4 states. They are hiring a new loss control person, Jimmy Locklear, and he's working on a keynote speaker for Friday night at the convention.

Mike Smalligan gave an update on some grant ideas such as Federal government grant funnel through the State and invest in private sector partners. Private landowners aren't working with foresters for the most part and just want to work with loggers, so maybe a grant that would give gas cards to loggers for attending SFI trainings.

Todd Johnson from MI Forest Products Council gave a presentation on the Great Northern Coop, which is a coop involving timbermen, that has specific filling stations where you can purchase your fuel cheaper. There is a \$100 one time fee.

**Moved by Jim Maeder, supported by Joe Doyle to move forward with Efforts to Protect Forest Development Fund. Ayes all. Motion carried.**

Brian Nelson gave an update on the ALC. He encouraged members to contact legislatures regarding ALC issues. Some of the issues they have been working on: HR 2453 -contact legislatures on work comp regarding young workers in family business, load limits regarding interstate, and resilient federal forest act. Entry level driver goes into effect on 2/7/20 – they have to have attended and passed an approved school training.

Discussion was held on the voting process for MAT board members. No conclusion was reached at this time.

**Nominations for 2019 award recipients for 2020 convention:**

**Friend of the Timberman: Alvin Rush**

**Logger of the Year: Cutting Edge Forest Products – nominated by Wes and seconded by Brian**

**Excellence in Trucking: J. McGill Trucking– nominated by Jim and seconded by Joe**

**Excellence in Manufacturing – Acme Pallet – nominated by John and seconded by Wes**

**Legislator of the Year – Curt VanderWall – nominated by Brian and seconded by Jim**

**Distinguished Service – Wes Windover – nominated by Jim and seconded by Warren**

Ayes all.

**Moved by Jim Maeder, supported by John Fowler to adjourn at 2:51. Ayes all. Motion carried.**