

## ***Michigan Association of Timberman MAT Board Meeting***

***Quality Inn, St. Ignace, MI | 6-10-16***

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Present: Lonny Lutke, John Fowler, Jim Maeder, Charley MacIntosh, Wes Windover, Mike Sturgill, Alvin Rush, Glen Tolksdorf, John Binegar, Paul Burton

Absent:

Staff: Anna Frampton

Call to order by President Maeder at 9:13am, 6/16/16

**Moved by Tolksdorf, supported by Alvin, to approve revised agenda. Motion carried, no nays.**

### *Presidents Report*

- Discussion of Forest Development Fund being dipped into by Rep. Al Pscholka for "First Responder Presumed Coverage Fund".
- Jim explains Judy's legislative day and MAT's attendance.
- Fighting the inequalities with the Amish, and discussion on non-Amish subcontractor loopholes.
- Lonny brings up township issues regarding "Truck Route Special Permit". Lonny went to Casperson's office on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to bring this issue to attention. Casperson denied to work on this. Lonny requests that MAT board financially contribute to court fees, etc. Warren adds, that state legislation should start to push for equality for cities, townships, and counties. Warren brings up possibly aiming legislation to establish central tire inflation method.
- Board agrees that when specific issues come up regarding areas of specialty, individual BOD's have permission to address the issue alone.
- Jim points out that we should not be donating to legislators that are going to be terming out.
- Anna send Timber PAC donation letter out starting at \$25

### *Treasurers Report*

- Current Balances
  - General:
  - MITREE:
  - Timber PAC:
  - Select Savings:
  - CD

- CD

Moved by Warren, supported by Lonny, for Anna to send out letter to members asking for donations to the PAC fund, included in the letter will be a description of the fund. Motion carried, no nays.

#### Legislative Report

- Handout
- Discussion on Cole
- Slasher issue
- Warren brings conversation on RF difficulties
- Warren discusses DEQ regulations on permits

#### *MAT Contributions*

- BOSS Program Update
  - Anna updates board on what we have done with MWC
  - Warren adds idea to put together a power point to bring to schools regarding the logging industry.
- Wheels to Woods
  - Anna updates board on involvement
- Greening of Detroit
  - MAT needs to donate \$2500 (MITREE) \$2500 (General)
- 2017 Convention
  - Allot the morning for two seminars and leave the afternoon for exhibitor mingling.
  - Possibly set up an outdoor truck safety program.
  - **Motion by Jim, supported by Lonny, to sign Boyne contract.**
- Staff addition
  - Discussion on office location, job duties, budget.
  - Employee will not be consumed by meetings in Lansing (more membership outreach and marketing).
- Double signatures on checks
  - Anna signs check and sends it to Jim for second signature
- Check off activity
  - Warren discusses check-off program may need to be separated for each industry instead of one check off for every industry. Warren makes board is aware that MAT will start to hear discussion on these changes.

- Warren discusses research on biomaterials.
- Secondary Manufacturers Survey
  - No mention to biomaterials, no mention to carbon making facility in Gwinn, we need results from form. “Urban wood source areas” is not relevant. Change the dates!
- Axel Weights (Mike Sturgill)
  - Look into legislation that can follow Canada’s policies regarding zero discretion on log truck load weights. Michigan’s current policies only weigh one axel which is not accurate to the full weight of the truck. One option could be to gather legislators and DOT about demonstrating weight variances.

Next meeting will be August 19th at 8am Nahma Inn.

**Moved by Jim, supported by Paul, to adjourn meeting. Motion carried, no nays**