

Michigan Association of Timberman MAT Board Meeting

The Quality Inn, St. Ignace, MI | 1-15-16

Present: Lonny Lutke, John Fowler, Warren Suchovsky, Jim Maeder, Charley MacIntosh, Wes Windover, Roger Carroll, Alvin Rush, Glen Tolksdorf, John Bineger

Absent: Wade VanKuelin, Paul Burton

Staff: Anna Frampton

Guests: Scott Robins, Judy Augenstein

Call to order by President Lutke at 9:30am, 1/15/16

Moved by Lutke, supported by Maeder, to approve revised agenda. Motion carried, no nays.

Presidents report:

- Mud flaps prices to decrease from \$50/set to \$40/set.
- Proposed SBAM attend and speak at convention
- Current Grant administering issues
- Foresters for Fish! updates

Maeder with Treasurer's Report:

- General: \$95,639.53
- MITREE: \$9,880.29
- Select: \$25,470.55
- Birtcher: \$5,194.74
- Timber PAC: \$3,293.30
- CD(s): \$40,260.83 , \$40,930.65

- In house audit committee draft letter needs to be approved and sent to Anna.

- Explanation of what Hendon & Slate will offer us in the future.

Moved by Suchovsky, supported by Maeder, to approve performing internal audit by audit committee including Lonny, Warren, and Jim. A copy of internal audit procedures will be placed in personal files of Lisa, Brenda and Anna. Motion carried, no nays.

Discussion on how to generate money for MITREE, and how the money will be spent. Committee needs to get involved with reinvigorating that account.

Michigan Forest Products Council

- Getting involved with MFPC
- MAT/MFPC are to join forces for education and awareness of the forest industry.
- MFPC will be attending job fairs to recruit
- Michelle Labiti presented logging simulator game. MFPC purchased a few copies and proposed to designate the Newberry office as a UP central station after getting approval from their board.
- MAFRA was taken over by MFPC and is named MFPC Foundation. Explanation of activities performed.
- MFPC's Talent Task Force proposal to have MAT board members to join.
- Legislative updates including Casperson's new bills. Weight restrictions need to be taken care of. Logging operations performing the own road maintenance in order to avoid fines. Some people concerned with liabilities of maintaining the roads. Roads should be owned by the people not by the county or township. Timbermen need to be on road commission board. Tony Cook and Ed Kook (R) designated 10% of forests for no logging.
- MFPC is still willing to be involved in annual convention.

Legislative Report

- Active election compared to previous years.
- Slasher issues will not resolve.
- Multiple trip permit includes all commodity haulers. MDOT and Casperson has agreed with the concept.
- Judy handed out Amish bill. Discussion on what MATSIF is doing with lobbyist in regards to the Amish bill.

Annual Convention

- Price of registration

Moved by Lonny, supported by Maeder, to increase prices of 2016 registration from \$125-\$150/Member Adult, \$50-\$75/Member Spouse, and \$150-\$200/Non Member. For late registration (after April 3rd), rates will increase from \$145-\$160/Member Adult, \$70-\$100/Member Spouse, and \$170-\$250/Non Member. Motion carried. No nays.

- Seminar topics: Business transition (Chemical Bank), Timber Tax (Susan Metcalfe), Auruco, Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt by NWTf, Rowleys Wholesale. Board chose video (Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt), Timber Tax, and Rowleys Wholesale.
- Discussion of ballot issues that occurred last year. Board decided on including ballot in welcome folder. When guests return the completed ballot as they enter lunch room, they will receive a gift.
- Anna will send out nomination form with vacancies in registration letter.
- A letter needs to go out to board members who may be interested in being reelected.
- 2017 convention options were narrowed down to the Great Wolfe Lodge or Boyne Mountain. Anna will need to visit both venues and compare.

Moved by Maeder, supported by Wes, to approve logo on Secura postcard.

Membership Directory

- Looking into other options for directory publisher.

ALC Updates presented by Brian.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- Wheels to Woods! In-kind services for volunteers for site hosts. Contact Scott with volunteers.
- Proposal of sponsoring The Greening of Detroit (\$25, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000). No sponsorship was determined.
- Proposal to sponsor BOSS Program (\$2,500 for 3 years). More research needs to be done. Check to see if Pat Rusz will attend next meeting to discuss details.

Moved by Lonny, supported by Maeder, to allocate \$2,500 from MITREE and \$2,500 from general funds to sponsor Greening of Detroit program.

Additional Business

- RFP: Warren explains the issues with the loss of the registered foresters program.
- Board members are to be designated a group of members to contact (paid and not paid).
- Warren speaks about Christmas tree by products. MSU creates ornaments from state Christmas tree. Denny was wondering what was happening with the Christmas tree. A collective decision was made deciding that MAT needs to become involved next year.

Next meeting will be March 11th, 2016. Location/time unknown.

Moved by Maeder, supported by Tolksdorf, to adjourn meeting 3:22 pm.

**Respectfully submitted by
Anna Frampton, Administrator**

Approval(s) _____ Date _____