

Michigan Association of Timberman MAT Board Meeting

The Nahma Inn, Nahma, MI | 8-19-16

Present: Jim Maeder, Wes Windover, Warren Suchovsky, Lonny Lutke, Brian Nelson, John Fowler, Charley MacIntosh

Absent: Mike Sturgill, Alvin Rush, John Binegar, Paul Burton

Staff: Anna Frampton

Guests: Ken Root (SBAM), Steve Anderson (MVA Enterprises)

Call to order by President Maeder at 8:00am, 8/19/16

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

SBAM Partnership

- Ken discusses how SBAM can help our members.
- Discuss what political positions SBAM and MAT share on policies that may affect the forest industry.
- Board brings up topic of insurance, as a point of contention.
- Conversation of dollar contributions per partner.
- Ken offers a board member the opportunity to sit on Legislative Action Committee to represent forest industry.
- Ken discusses Skilled Trade Fund.

Charley proposes potential Region 1 Director Intro - Steve Anderson

Moved by Lutke, supported by Nelson, to appoint Steve Anderson as Region 1 Board of Director.

Motion carried, no nays.

Presidents Report

- Maeder talks to senator Darwin Booher about lame duck. Booher noted that truck weights, log plate, fuel taxes, and transportation issues may be affected by Representative Lang.

Treasurers Report

- Current Balances
 - General: 18,463
 - Jess Birtcher: 1,667
 - MITREE:
 - Timber PAC:
 - Send out detailed donation letter before dues.
 - Select Savings: 65,535
 - CD: 81,191.00

Legislative Report

- Handout
- Maeder covers legislative report topics.
- Nelson on slasher issue: Brian spoke with senator Peters' staff on coming out to his jobsite to discuss slasher issue and child labor laws. He has not heard back from them, so he suggests that MAT would be willing to coordinate a meeting with Peters and/or Stabenow to advocate these issues.

Moved by Suchovsky, supported by Maeder, to coordinate a meeting with Gary Peters' staff on getting a visit set up with them on Nelson's logging site to discuss slasher issue and child labor laws.

Motion carried, no nays.

- Warren discusses QFC/CFA
- Lutke discusses that he spoke with Denise about road commission issues and comments that we need to keep the pressure on them. They have been easing up in 2016 compared to 2015, but if we do not continue our efforts, they may take advantage.
- Maeder converses speed limit bill. He recommends that we do not favor raising speed limits for the sake of insurance motives.

Forest/Loggers/Mauck Update – Tom Buckingham

- Tom discusses that Forest has had few, but severe claims.

ALC Update

- Brian updates board on latest issue with ALC. Included in discussion, but not limited to, forest fire management, right to haul act, carbon neutrality and biomass.

Budget Approval

Moved by Lutke, supported by Nelson, to approve 2017 budget. Motion carried, no nays.

- See who to write embezzlement checks to

Other Business

- Passed around t-shirt proofs for board's approval
- Go over 2017 convention schedule.
- Warren presents MIFBI's objectives and projects: Tall wooden buildings, biomaterials, and waste materials.
- Lonny discusses audits on loader trucks and he has addressed the issue with Rep. Bruce Rendon. Rendon plans to look into issue.
- Lonny proposes ideas about hiring Bruce Rendon when he limits out.
- Maeder discusses an additional wood products facility that is looking at northern MI.

Next meeting will be xx/xx

Moved by Maeder, supported by Nelson, to adjourn meeting. Motion carried, no nays.