

Michigan Association of Timberman MAT Board Meeting

Nahma Inn, 9/6/2017

Present: Wes Windover, Warren Suchovsky, John Fowler, Brian Nelson, Lonny Lutke, Glen Tolksdorf, Mike Sturgill, Jim Maeder, Steve Anderson, Charley MacIntosh

Absent: Paul Burton, Alvin Rush, John Binegar

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

Guests: Doug Hime, Deb Begalle

Call to order by President Jim Maeder at 4:12 p.m.

Introduction of staff and board members.

- **Motion by Brian Nelson and seconded by Warren Suchovsky to approve meeting agenda. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Brian Nelson and seconded by Warren Suchovsky to approve minutes from 6-16-17. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Deb Begalle, Forest Resources Division of Michigan DNR, gave a report on the DNR. Interviews were held for the Chief of Forest Resources Division position, no one has been selected yet. Lots of personnel have gone to fires all over the country. Doug Hime, Forest Resources Division of Michigan DNR, gave update on timber sales with the DNR. Timber sales for this year were around 61,000 acres and 59,000 for next year.

Discussion on HR 2936 (Resilient Federal Forest Acts of 2017)

- **Motion by Warren Suchovsky and seconded by Glen Tolksdorf for MAT to draft a letter to our two senators in support of HR 2936. Bernie and Michelle to work on this. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Mike Smalligan, Forest Stewardship Coordinator, MI DNR, discussed the Foresters for Fish Grant from the MI DNR. Part of the purpose of the grant is for compensating the forester for attending workshops and pay for their membership with MAT.

- **Motion by Lonny Lutke and seconded by Glen Tolksdorf to go ahead with proposal for Foresters for Fish Grant for \$50,000 for the next three years. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Mike Smalligan asked MAT for donation to Wheels to Woods program. In 2016 8,000 people were impacted, it is estimated that over 10,000 will be impacted for 2017. MAT donated \$1,500 in 2016.

- **Motion by John Fowler and seconded by Lonny Lutke to donate \$2,500 to Wheels to Woods program. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Warren Suchovsky went over current balances and financial reports.

Discussion was held on raising membership dues.

- **Motion by Lonny Lutke and seconded by Warren Suchovsky to raise membership dues by \$20 for each category. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Warren Suchovsky went over proposed 2017-2018 budget.

- **Motion by John Fowler and seconded by Lonny Lutke to accept the budget as read. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Bruce Rendon and Bernie Hubbard gave updates on their recent activities involving MAT.

- **Motion to adjourn at 7:30 by Glen Tolksdorf and seconded by Lonny Lutke. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

