

Michigan Association of Timberman MAT Board Meeting

Jays, Gaylord, MI 1-12-2018

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

Absent: Paul Burton, John Binegar, Steve Anderson

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

Guests: Daire Rendon, Todd Johnson, Rep. Triston Cole, Denise Pallarito

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

Introduction of staff and board members.

- **Motion by Glen Tolksdorf and seconded by Wes Windover to approve meeting agenda. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Lonny Lutke and seconded by Brian Nelson to approve minutes from 9-16-17. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on the need to conduct staff evaluations. Conference call will be set up for board members on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Warren Suchovsky went over current balances and financial reports.

- **Motion by Lonny Lutke and seconded by Glen Tolksdorf to accept financial reports as read. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Warren Suchovsky also went over the balance of the Forests for Fish Grant and the current billing for the new memberships and meetings attended.

Warren did not recommend any amendments to the budget at this time.

Discussion was held on donating from the PAC account.

- **Motion by Glen Tolksdorf and seconded by Lonny Lutke to donate to individuals instead of groups when donating from PAC funds. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Judy Augenstein gave legislative report. She would like to send out a “save the date” to the legislatives for the upcoming annual meeting.

Daire Rendon gave an update on the Natural Resources Committee and what bills are out on the house floor.

Bernie Hubbard gave an update on the Forests for Fish Grant. He has a concern on how to retain the new members acquired through the grant. He also talked about the need for FSC certified wood and the land cap legislation.

Bruce Rendon gave an update on his activities for MAT, some of which include getting kids exposed to the forest industry, the need for housing in the Gaylord area and electronic logs.

Discussion was held on changing certain sections of the Bylaws. **Article III Section 8** add the wording “or by the MAT administrator or office manager.” **Article IV Section 1** take out “shall coincide with the annual meeting of the members of the Michigan Association of Timbermen Self Insurers’ Fund (MATSIF)” and add in “shall be during the Michigan Association of Timbermen annual convention.” **Article IV Section 4** add the wording “or MAT administrator or office manager.” **Article X Section 3** take out “An annual audit shall be made of the Association by accountants designated by the Board of Directors.” and add in “an annual in house financial audit may be made of the Association consisting of a committee of at least three board members.”

- **Motion by John Fowler and seconded by Glen Tolksdorf to amend Article III Section 8, Article IV Section 1, Article IV Section 4 and Article X Section 3. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

- **Motion by Wes Windover and seconded by Glen Tolksdorf that further changes in Bylaws regarding board size be made during conference call on Wednesday, January 17. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Discussion held regarding the upcoming conference and award winners.

- **Judy Augenstein nominated Daire Rendon for LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD. Motion by Warren Suchovsky and seconded by Wes Windover to award Daire Rendon for the Legislator of the Year Award for 2017. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Lonny Lutke and seconded by Wes Windover to award Dan Bundy Logging for LOGGER OF THE YEAR 2017. Ayes all, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Lonny Lutke and seconded by Warren Suchovsky to award Gapinski Forest Products the EXCELLENCE IN TRUCKING AWARD 2017. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Wes Windover and seconded by John Fowler to award Michigan Lumber & Wood Fiber the EXCELLENCE IN MANUFACTURING 2017 award. Ayes all, no nays, or abstentions. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Warren Suchovsky and seconded by Wes Windover to award Scott Robbins the FRIEND OF THE TIMBERMEN 2017 award. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Wes Windover and seconded by Charley MacIntosh award Warren Suchovsky the Distinguished Service 2017 award. Ayes all, no nays, 1 abstention by Warren Suchovsky. Motion carried.**

Rep. Triston Cole gave an update on legislative issues.

Discussion was held with Todd Johnson from Weyerhaeuser regarding Senate Bill 396.

A preliminary agenda for the annual meeting was discussed. Jim, Michelle and Amy will work on a final agenda.

Glen Tolksdorf gave an update on the FRA meeting in Duluth.

Bernie Hubbard gave an update on the DNR timber sale restrictions.

- **Motion by Warren Suchovsky and seconded by Lonny Lutke to donate \$250.00 to Trees for Tomorrow program with the stipulation that it be used for a Michigan student. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**
- **Motion to adjourn at 4:04 p.m. by Lonny Lutke and seconded by Wes Windover. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**