

## **MAT Board Meeting Minutes 12-17-21 St. Ignace**

Board members present: John Fowler, James Maeder, Vaughn West, Joe Doyle, Anne Harmon, Bob Bazuin, Wes Windover, Glen Tolksdorf

Staff Present: Michelle Sears, Jason Wadaga

Guest: Noel Ford

Meeting called to order by James Maeder at 10:38 am

Anti trust signed by all present

Introduction of guest Noel Ford

Motion to approve agenda by Glenn Tolksdorf; supported by Joe Doyle; motion carried

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Vaughn West; supported by Bob Bazuin; motion carried.

Presidents Report:

- Fuel Coop board. Joe Doyle will be representing MAT on this board.
- Master Logger discussion about retention issues; 800 # for complaints and liability coverage for it. Discussed letter to be sent out from president to ML who aren't members of MAT, as required by program bylaws. Annual membership fee was discussed. Corporate support for program, Warren successor and setting up structure for continuation as in bylaws with logger board were covered also. Motion was made by Glenn Tolksdorf that all records for Master Logger program be returned to the office by January 31, 2022 in order to comply with MAT record retention policies; supported by Joe Doyle; motion carried.
- Raymond Gerly discussed with regards to possible future ED. He is interested in position and will let board know of availability once family issues are finalized. He gave ideas on how to expand membership and grants. Board discussed his previous experience with FPC and expressed interest in courting corporate sponsorships. Discussion on amounts for sponsorships (# of employees--\$2500?) and that ED would be necessary to focus on all issues to ensure needs were met of all members and sponsors. Next step will be to ensure his availability and interview him.
- Elections were discussed and bylaws for board activity was reviewed.

Motion to accept treasures report by Glen Tolksdorf; supported by John Fowler; motion carried

Jason Wadaga gave legislative report. Discussion on Ag status and Farm Bureau support. Jason will set up meeting. Discussion on Council on climate solution issues. State is spending COVID funds and SOAR discussion

Insurance report from Tom Buckingham was read in his absence. Still issues with pole barn style mills. Policies are very cost prohibitive. Work Comp an issue here & WI.

New Business:

- Corporate sponsorship guidelines on number of employees and rates were discussed in detail. Will need to meet with companies and feel them out for what their expectations would be and then review before setting rates.
- Michelle went over costs for convention. Everyone received pin that has been ordered for promotion. Friday entertainment was discussed and decided against. 250 for \$475 window clings was approved for promotion. History presentation was discussed with Tom & Jackie Emcee the event. Need to go through photos to prepare presentation. Please submit if you have any.

Nominations for awards discussed:

- Logger of the year: Brian Thoney & Sons Forest Products
- Manufacturing: Central Mi Hardwoods—Wade Vankeulen—Coopersville, MI
- Legislator: DeMoose
- Trucker of the year was discussed but need further information and will send out info via email for vote
- Classes discussed: MIOSHA training & Log Truck/DOT
- Deer Hunt raffle (\$20.00 per ticket) and Salmon fishing trip (\$10.00 per ticket); Michelle to verify license issues and get tickets made. They would both have a booth to sell tickets there as well.

Motion by Glen Tolksdorf to adjourn at 2:33 pm; supported by Vaughn West; motion carried