

Michigan Association of Timbermen MAT Board Meeting

Nahma Inn, September 28,2018

Present: Jim Maeder, Wes Windover, Brian Nelson, Charley MacIntosh, John Fowler, Glen Tolksdorf, Warren Suchovsky,

Absent: Paul Burton, Steve Anderson, Alvin Rush, Lonny Lutke

Staff: Amy Wheeler, Michelle Sears, Bernie Hubbard

Guest: Tom Buckingham, Don Peterson

Call to order by President Windover at 8:00 a.m.

Wes informed the board of Mike Sturgill's resignation.

Moved by Glen Tolksdorf to accept the agenda, supported by Jim Maeder, Ayes all. Motion carried.

Minutes from 6/29/18 were read. Moved by Brian Nelson to accept the minutes, supported by Jim Maeder, Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wes Windover gave President's report. Main issue is working on Bill 396, Jim, Wes and Lonny have been traveling to Lansing to work on this. They have also met in the office and worked on budget and updating membership information.

Treasurer's Report was read. Moved by Warren Suchovsky to accept the treasurer's report, supported by Brian Anderson, Ayes all. Motion carried.

Bernie Hubbard gave a report on some of the things he has been working on including Forest Products Industry, HRD, Forest for Fish grant and sponsors for MFA meeting.

Tom Buckingham gave an update on Forest, Loggers, and Mauck Agencies and Team Safe Trucking.

Legislative update – still working on 396.

Talk about the need for an executive director. Michelle, along with help from the board to come up with a draft job description.

Talk about the need for more sponsors for the convention. Jim to talk to Weyerhaeuser and Wes to talk to Arauco. All board members encouraged to think of some company to ask to be sponsors.

Moved by Glen Tolksdorf to raise exhibitor registration for the convention from \$100 to \$200, and late registration to \$250, Exhibitor meals from \$60 to \$80 and late exhibitor meals to \$100, supported by Jim Maeder. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Suchovsky to raise member conference attendee fee from \$150 to \$180, late fee to \$200, Member spouse registration from \$75 to \$100, late fee to \$120, Non member registration from \$200 to \$250 with the late fee remaining at \$250 for non members. Friday only banquet from \$50 to \$75 and late fee from \$60 to \$75. Supported by Jim Maeder. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by John Fowler to raise membership dues by 10%. Supported by Jim Maeder. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Don Peterson gave an update and information on Sustainable Resources Institute and the possibility of MAT taking over the Master Logger Program.

Warren gave update on Bill Cook program, Georgia Peterson is giving 4th and 5th graders trainings of forestry industry.

The State Christmas Tree is from the Alpena area. The cutting ceremony will be October 25, 2018.

The 2018-2019 Budget was presented. Motion by Warren Suchovsky to accept the proposed budget with the addition of adding \$20,000 revenue to reimbursement from Grants, supported by Jim Maeder. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Next meeting date was set at January 11, 2019 in St. Ignace. Michelle will need to get nominations for expired board positions out before that date.

Moved by Jim Maeder, supported by Warren Suchovsky, to adjourn meeting at 1:00 pm. Ayes all.

Motion carried.