

Michigan Association of Timberman MAT Board Meeting

USDA Forest Service St. Ignace, MI 6-16-17

Present: Wes Windover, Warren Suchovsky, John Fowler, Judy Augenstein, Brian Nelson, Lonny Lutke, Glen Tolksdorf, Mike Sturgill, John Binegar

Absent: Jim Maeder, Charley MacIntosh, Paul Burton, Alvin Rush, Steve Anderson

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

Guests: None

Call to order by Vice President Windover at 9:05 a.m.

Introduction of staff and board members.

Warren added PAC to new business on agenda.

- **Motion by Glen Tolksdorf and seconded by Brian Nelson to approve meeting agenda. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Treasurers Report – Warren Suchovsky

- Current Balances
 - General: \$66,013
 - Jess Birtcher: \$4,129
 - MITREE: \$17,446
 - Timber PAC: \$2,723
 - Select Savings: \$20,662
 - CD 11801: \$41,197.56
 - CD 0001: \$40,523.38
- **Motion by Lonny Lutke and seconded by Warren Suchovsky to approve minutes from 4-28-17, 4-29-17 and 5-11-17. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Brian Nelson and seconded by Warren Suchovsky to place Treasurer's Report date May 31, 2017 on file. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Legislative Report:

- Judy Augenstein gave report on legislative issues: Amish Bill, Multiple use permits,
- Land cap legislation, U.P. Forestry tour this summer.

Bruce Rendon gave a report on his activities and businesses and individuals he has been talking to.

Bernie Hubbard gave report on Senate Bill 302 and recommended MAT stay neutral on it at this time.

12:00 Lunch

12:40 Reconvene from Lunch

Discussion was held on next year's convention.

- **Motion by Warren Suchovsky and seconded by Brian Nelson to have next year's convention at Boyne. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held about Log a Load for Kids. Michelle will call Bill Brand and clarify what he is doing with this program.

Discussion was held on loggers misusing master logger certification and SFI inconsistent practices.

Warren Suchovsky brought up the Greening of Detroit program and asked if the board was interested in donating this year.

- **Motion by Lonny Lutke and seconded by Glen Tolksdorf to donate \$5000 from MI Tree to Greening on Detroit if they send us specific information on what projects they are doing this year. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Warren Suchovsky brought up the idea of MAT giving clerical assistance to MIFBI.

Discussion was held, but no decision made.

Discussion on having a raffle to raise money for PAC. Amy will look into what we need to do to get a raffle license.

Warren Suchovsky brought up the idea to send a mailing out to the members to appeal for PAC money. Discussion was held and agreed that Michelle would draft letter to appeal for PAC money and she and Amy would get them out in the mail by the 2nd week of July.

Discussion held about buying plaques for Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsors. Michelle will check on prices and get back with ideas.

- **Motion by John Fowler and seconded by Warren Suchovsky to buy plaques for the sponsors. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Michelle brought up renewing membership in Michigan Society of Association Executives and for her and Amy to attend their conference in July.

- **Motion by Glen Tolksdorf and seconded by Brian Nelson to renew membership in MSAE and Michelle and Amy to go to training in July. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

Next meeting will be on September 6th at 3:00 at the Nahma Inn.

- **Motion to adjourn at 3:10 by Glen Tolksdorf and seconded by Lonny Lutke. Ayes all, no nays or abstentions. Motion carried.**

