

## **GASAF Executive Committee Meeting**

February 11, 2008

Pitstop BBQ, Tifton, Georgia

**Attending:** Michael Kelly, Jon Sokol, Sean Bennett, Wayne Bell, Frank Riley, Mike Harrison, Tim Lowrimore, and Wes Godbee

Kelly called meeting to order and made anti-trust statement.

### **Chapter Reports**

*Ocmulgee- Lowrimore* – Quarterly meetings scheduled as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> – GFA Headquarters, Forsyth, GA; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Gully Branch, Cochran, GA; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Terrell Greene's Cabin, Culloden, GA; 4<sup>th</sup> - Georgia Military College Pavilion, Milledgeville, GA. Lowrimore also indicated that many of the Ocmulgee members will be involved in the Lancaster Youth Camp.

*Flint River- Harrison* – Goals to schedule meetings, Walk in the Forest, and Oyster Roast. There were over 30 attendees at the last meeting.

*Oconee- Riley*- Chapter will meet at the Gainesville Forest Service office, Flinchum's Phoenix at the University of Georgia, Smithgall Woods in Helen, GA, and Riley's Trout Fishery in Hiawassee, GA. Chapter consistently draws 20-25 members at meetings. Riley indicated goals of increasing involvement in area projects.

*Flatwoods- Bell*- Chapter draws 15-20 at meetings. Activities are increasing as involvement is encouraged.

*Chattahoochee- Sokol*- Chapter officers had a planning meeting in January. Scheduled programs include a February Legislative update, a spring meeting with the Forestry Commission in Gwinnett County, and a meeting in Norcross with Wells Acquisitions. Lunch meetings tend to work better for the Chapter, although Sokol did indicate that evening cocktail hours are being seriously considered for the months with no formal meeting. Chapter officers are exploring a joint meeting with the Oconee Chapter and a Walk in the Forest.

*Savannah- Godbee*- Chapter will hold first quarterly meeting in February at the Mary Kahrs Warnell Forest Education Center in Guyton, GA. The guest speaker will be Mariane Bueno De Camargo, an inventory forester from Southern Brazil. Other meetings planned include a May fish fry at the Mathis Pond House, Register, GA, a legislative update in August, and the annual oyster roast in December. The Walk in the Forest will be at the Warnell Education Center in October.

Chapter Chairs should forward all meeting and event information to Doris Jefferson ([djefferson@asginfo.net](mailto:djefferson@asginfo.net)) and Josh Harrell ([jharrell@forestinvest.com](mailto:jharrell@forestinvest.com)) for posting on the SESAF and GASAF websites.

### **Old Business**

Inactive Chapters were revisited.

### **New Business**

Kelly asked that all Chapters visit Fellow nominations and possible SAF Awards candidates.

There will be no 2008 GASAF meeting. The SESAF meeting will be held at Calloway Gardens. Wayne Bell and Michael Kelly will be requesting assistance from the Georgia executive committee as the meeting date approaches. All officers are asked to encourage their respective chapters to attend.

Chapters were encouraged to apply for Forester Fund Grants. Potential use of these grants include the Lancaster Youth Camp and Walk in the Forests.

Attendees of the Organization Effectiveness Workshop may submit their invoice to Richard Hall for reimbursement.

The Bylaws will be examined to determine which executive committee member should be honored by the Membership Chair role. The Membership Chair needs to recruit student members, track golden members, and help determine the best way to plug these members in to our society.

UGA student chapter requested to consider broadening the GASAF scholarship to include graduate students. This request was tabled until the March meeting.

March meeting was scheduled for March 11, 2008 at the GFA Headquarters in Forsyth, GA in conjunction with the Ocmulgee Chapter Meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Kelly.