

GASAF Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2008
Georgia Forestry Association Headquarters, Forsyth GA

Welcome

Intros

Last Meeting Minutes - Accepted

Additional Comments: Past Chair Elect, not Chair Elect, should serve as Membership Chair; Bylaws should be changed to reflect this.

Treasurer's Report - Approved

Proposed single financial institution for all accounts

Provided summary of account balances

Discussed reimbursement of various expenses including OEW and GA Forestry Association for coat check

SESAF

Conference at Callaway Gardens – September 2008 - "Risk & Forestry- Earth Wind and Fire"

GASAF Business Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting to be held at Callaway

GASAF gets commission for the meeting

GASAF

Need to reactivate 3 inactive chapters including NW, LSRA, Brunswick

Foresters Fund - \$400 - \$2,000 grants available - partial Proceeds from silent auction go to Foresters Fund

Seeking nominations for awards including Hall of Fame

Chapter Reports

Chattahoochee

First Meeting Feb. 19 - State legislative update

Upcoming Happy hour March 13 - Fado's - Informal setting, seeking to attract outside participants - 2007 attendance was weak- would like to more actively promote Happy Hour

May meeting - Impact of drought at Gwinnett Conservation Center

August - conservation

November - Wells REIT

Walk in the Woods - may benefit from Foresters Fund - Looking for partners such as Botanical Gardens

Made annual donation to Billy Lancaster Camp

Flatwoods

First meeting in March to include legislative report

Ocmulgee

March 11 meeting - new data collection

June 10 - Rep. Johnny Grant at GMC Pavilion

Sept 9 -DNR to present at Healy Point

Nov 18 - BMP issues

Ocmulgee is a large chapter - attendance fluctuates

Lack of financing for projects including monument for Macon fire lab - \$3,700 cost was prohibitive - plus there was no one interested in writing a thesis that must be presented to Historical Society

Oconee

March 20 - Student SAF Joint Meeting to discuss legislative issues

Pine Mountain

Feb 15 - water issues - EPD is looking for representatives from forest industry regarding this issue

April 19 - Nature Conservancy Tour June - Callaway Gardens August - Future of wood products

October - wildlife

Pine Mountain supports Teachers Conservation Workshop and Billy Lancaster Camp

They are having a big issue with members who are local members but not national members - they have been using the classification "registrants & friends" - insurance is a key issue, particularly for officers

Savannah

February - Brazilian forestry

May - bio-energy

August - legislative update

November - ethics

December - oyster roast

UGA Student Chapter

No report

Policy Chair Report

No report; soliciting nominations for new policy chair

Communications Chair

Continuing to maintain website and soliciting feedback on website - invoices for website to be paid by treasurer

Historian's report

Naval Stores conservation officers project

History of SE Society project

Plan to submit request to Foresters Fund for assistance with consolidating historical information

Historical DVD's available from Mike Kelly for historical CFE

Historian asked that good records be maintained for the historical files including emails

District 10 Council Report

National Survey based on focus groups - currently processing raw data and soliciting member input - critical for SE perspective to be included and presented to national SAF - local contacted cited as key value of SAF - networking, CFE, local outreach National Leadership Academy scheduled for April 26 - 29 in Potomac, MD

Foresters Fund Deadlines, Feb 15, June 15, Sept 15

Need to address the issue of CFE credits for a fee - CFE's based on test provided by SAF

Old Business

Discussed scholarship guidelines and whether or not to open scholarship to UGA graduate students - tabled discussion - though the general sentiment is that there is enough funding for graduate students and requirements for scholarship should stay the same

New Business

Youth Camp - Approved Becky Watson as treasurer

Approved Camp Schedule

Noted that volunteers for camp should contact Becky and that chapters can sponsor campers

Other Executive Committee business will be handled via conference call or at the Callaway SESAF meeting - proposed meetings in May and July 2008

2009 Annual Meeting Committee needs to start planning 2009 annual meeting