

## GASAF Executive Committee Meeting

November 19, 2008

Georgia Forestry Association, Forsyth, GA

- Welcome – Mike Kelly
- Minutes of last Executive Committee Meeting and Business Meeting – Approved
- Treasurer's Report
  - Suntrust Checking Account balance (as of November 18, 2008) - 2,097.18
    - UGA Chapter has not yet deposited \$1,000 check for SAF conference
    - \$910 commission from SESAF meeting deposited on 11/18/08
  - Wachovia Money Market balance (as of June 30, 2008) - \$13,287.33
    - Need to transfer authority for Money market to incoming Secretary/Treasurer
- Chapter Reports
  - Pine Mountain
    - Payment program for non members has been successful
    - Approximately 70 attendees at recent meetings; 20 are SAF members
    - Non-member payments has increased chapter account balance
    - Five meetings so far in 2008
    - Last meeting covered wildlife management
    - New officers for 2009
      - John Merrill – Chair
      - Ed Withrow – Chair Elect
      - Bill Consoletti – Secretary/Treasurer
  - Chattahoochee
    - Last meeting two weeks ago
    - Still working to finalize new officers
    - Next meeting scheduled for late December / early January
    - Happy Hour scheduled for 11/20/08
    - Walk in the Forest in Savannah was delayed due to weather; this was intended to be a fact finding mission for the Chattahoochee Chapter for future similar programs
    - Lunch meetings have been successful for the chapter; 10 – 15 attendees at the meetings – core group
  - Ocmulgee
    - New officers
      - Chad Hancock – Chair
      - Recruiting Secretary / Treasurer
    - Next meeting at Terrill's in December to discuss BMP's
    - Only 40% of chapter members are members of SAF
    - Beginning to push non-member payments

- CSRA
  - Inactive for about 10 years
  - Three people attended May meeting
  - 10 people attended August meeting
  - 12 people attended November meeting – 10 were SAF members
  - New officers
    - Allen Beason – Chair Elect
    - George Kellogg – Secretary / Treasurer
  - Planning meeting scheduled for January
  - Next meeting scheduled for March
- NW – no report
- Brunswick – no report
- Flint River – no report
- Committee Reports
  - Communications
    - Website is up to date, except for history section
      - Website serves as official home of Lancaster Youth Camp
    - Providing quarterly communications update to members
    - Need to provide updates to SESAF of email address changes (there are 1,264 active SESAF members)
  - History
    - Scheduled new interviews for video archives include
      - Eley Frazier
      - Bonner Jones
      - Reid Parker
    - Need to update history section on website
    - Archives available at UGA
    - Secretary/Treasurer needs to provide Historian with past records
    - Forestry Funds being used to update SESAF history
- GA Division Report
  - Lancaster Youth Camp Contribution
    - Motion to donate \$5,000 to Lancaster Youth Camp from Money Market account was approved;
  - If possible, camp committee shall have discretion on how to apply the funds
  - Need to confirm whether there are matching funds available for this contribution
  - Need to confirm exact name that should appear on the check
  - Mail check to:

Becky Watson  
 MWV  
 P.O. Box 460  
 Waverly Hall, GA 31831

- SCSAF has proposed a joint meeting with GASAF
- CFE coordinators
  - Jim Sweeney
  - Steve Chapman
- Chapters need to submit 2009 officers to SESAF office
- GASAF Annual Meeting
  - Proposed meeting in St. Simons
  - Currently evaluating rates
  - Try to conclude initial planning by mid-January
  - Need History sub-committee to assist with interviews
  - Additional committees
    - Silent auction
    - Program
    - Sponsors / Exhibitors
  - FIA has agreed to donate graphics support
- GASAF Secretary/Treasurer role currently held by Richard Hall needs to be filled by December 15
  - This will be a one-year temporary term
  - Motion to select Becky Watson was approved contingent upon her acceptance and a review of the by-laws to confirm a direct appointment is possible
- 2009 Strategic Initiatives
  - Solicit involvement from Georgia Forestry Commission
  - Solicit involvement from USFS
  - Distribute Mark Thomas' presentation to promote membership
  - Coordinate officer visits to Chapter meetings
  - Continue support for Lancaster Youth Camp
- SESAF Comments – Doris Jefferson
  - SESAF and GASAF are 501 (c)(3) organizations
    - They can accept tax deductible donations
    - GASAF needs to be aware of new rules for non-profits; chapters and divisions may have additional reporting responsibilities
  - January 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to provide feedback for Southeastern Forester
  - February 8 – 9 – Organizational Effectiveness Workshop in Tifton
    - GASAF will cover cost of officers and Chapter Chairs to attend this meeting
  - No SESAF annual meeting in 2009 since SAF annual meeting will be held in Orlando September 30 – October 3; there will be a SESAF business meeting in Orlando
  - SESAF is currently working through a backlog of un-cleared checks
  - Remember to review bylaws before making major decisions
  - Need to address specific questions and concerns about insurance and liability including
    - Coverage for non-members at GASAF / SESAF events
    - Liability issues associated with alcohol at events

- Potential liability for officers