

Maine Division – SAF Executive Committee Meeting

August 31, 2011

Conference call at 2 to 2:55 pm

Participants: Ken Laustsen, Jessica Leahy, Kris Hoffmann, Katie Cousins, Will Mercier, Bill Livingston

The first need was to review speakers for the fall meeting.

Ken spoke with Domtar people, and no one was interested in giving a presentation.

Kris said that Henry Whittmore is a tentative yes but wants to see who else will be speaking.

Will asked Bret Vicary but he will be out of town. Bret recommends contacting Gerry Bossy, also at Sewall. Will said the Gerry has been asked but would not likely be available

Katie said Brian Milakovsky can submit audio presentation about Siberia, but he won't be back in contact until September, so he will not be a primary speaker. Katie is working on firming up how long his presentation will be-should have a better idea in few weeks when Brian submits it to Katie. Donna Cassese did confirm.

Jessica asked Eric Kingsly, and he will confirm in 24 hr.

Bill sent a message to Rick Smith, but there has been no response.

Additional names for speakers were suggested. For inviting speakers, Jessica suggested using the following text:

"Our theme is loosely "International Perspectives" or "Outside, Looking In" and we're asking people with international forestry experiences to talk about A) what they're seeing as conditions and trends related to their expertise in other regions, and B) help us understand what it might mean for Maine. Generally, we have about 100 people at the meeting.

The meeting runs from 9:30-3:00. Lunch is provided. Each guest speaker would have 30 minutes to present with 15 minutes for Q&A. The large meeting room is well equipped with a projector, microphone, etc.

Rob Lillieholm could speak on his international experiences, and he should be back next week. Bill will invite him to speak.

George Ritz is possible speaker, and Kris will contact him.

Lloyd Irland has been traveling to India and China, and Ken will check with him.

This gives us 5 tentative speakers.

We will need speaker names and topic (title doesn't need to be final), if the person prefers morning or afternoon to speak, and their job title and affiliation.

Each person will try and get information to Katie by the middle of next week. If speakers decline, he should be asked for suggestions on who else can be contacted.

The meeting outline was revised to as follows:

30 minutes speaking; 15 minutes question

7:30 to 8:15: Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:15 to 9:30: Business meeting

9:30-9:45: Break

9:45-10:30: Speaker 1

10:30-11:15: Speaker 2

11:15-12: Lunch and Awards

12-12:45: Speaker 3

12:45-1:30: Speaker 4

1:30-1:45: Break

1:45-2:30: Speaker 5

2:30-3:15: Synthesis and Conclusion

Bill will confirm the meeting reservation with Wells Commons and get an estimate on the food costs.

Katie received a letter from the SAF Forester's Fund – they are inviting us to donate an item for a raffle at the national meeting. It was decided to ask the full Executive Committee for permission to donate a \$40 Christmas wreath certificate. If approved, Laura will be asked to purchase the certificate with MESAF funds and take it with her to the national meeting.

Kris and Jessica reported that the Wildlife Habitat Field Workshop was a success, and registration checks and expense receipts will be submitted on Friday.

Bill and Katie will put together a tentative budget for fiscal year 2012 that begins October 1 and send it to the Executive Committee for comment. The proposed budget will be included with the Fall Meeting mailing.

All materials for the Fall Meeting mailing need to get to Laura by September 9.

Minutes submitted by Bill Livingston.