

NESAF Annual Business Meeting
March 18, 2003
NESAF Winter Meeting

Meeting opened by Chair Tom O'Shea at: 1306hrs (1:06pm)

Welcome by Tom O'Shea. Indicates that the minutes from last year as well as this years agenda are available.

Antitrust Rules covered

Introduction of NESAF officers

Remembrance of those NESAF members who have passed away.

Bill Bromley is recognized and remembered.

Moment of silence

Minutes from the Annual NESAF Business meeting of March 26, 2002 in Manchester, NH - Ray Toolan, Secretary

Move to accept the minutes as written: Russ Reay; 2nd by Brad Wyman. Called and passed unanimously

NESAF Chair's Report - Tom O'Shea

Tom O goes over his philosophy on how NESAF should be operated and dealt with. He goes over the history of the hiring of Dick Watt and what he did for NESAF. Tom O then gets into the breaking-down-barriers issue. He explains the position of administrative assistant occupied by Lindsey Santaniello of SPACE and her functions relative to NESAF. Tom O goes over some of the other items that will help in breaking down barriers to allow more members to become involved in NESAF without having to take a financial loss. Discusses web site and how it will be managed as well as what it will provide to the membership.

Treasurers Report - Larry Rosseau, Treasurer

Larry R provides and then goes over various relevant handouts. He describes the various particular items on the income and debit sides. Goes over revised budget for 2003 and into proposed budget for 2004. Mentions dues increase issue. Goes over the various differences in the 2003 revised from the 2003 approved.

On the issue of the Revised 2003 budget and the proposed 2004 budget.

Motion to accept: Charlie Levesque; 2nd, John McNulty; called and passed unanimously

NESAF News Quarterly: Brad W speaks a bit about what he is doing and what he would like from the membership.

Council Report - John McNulty:

John M made some general comments around philosophy and his participation in SAF. He went over changes in National's operations. There were seven critical tasks created. He touched on the Certified Forester

program with 3000 members thus far. Touches on Leadership and how the Leadership Academy was cancelled in 2003 but it will be back in 2004. SAF is having a significant effect on National policy. Need to build public support. Issue of the need to maintain and gain new memberships at a time that we are seeing stagnating numbers. Goes over the various financial woes at National SAF. Council instituted a change in dues structure. It keeps the top dues rate at \$130/year and moves through two rates that is different from the current five. Task force is reviewing structure of SAF. This is John's last year. He goes over what is involved in being a member of the House of Society Delegates (HSD) should anyone be interested in running for his position. He goes on a bit longer. He thanks everyone for his time in HSD.

2004 NESAF Winter Meeting - Bob Ricard, Yankee Division

Bob Ricard goes over the various aspects of upcoming 2004 meeting with a theme of "forestry across borders". He touches on hotel issues and agenda items. Bob goes over various odds and ends about upcoming meeting and how it will be announced and made available for registration etc. Brings up topic of possible spouse programs. He asks for input from the members.

Policy Committee Update: Jonathan Wood

Jonathan goes over what they have been working with. We need a bit more participation from the membership. Policy Committee meeting will be on Wednesday. On Thursday will be a concurrent session on policy roundtable. Need to address the future policy for NESAF. We are able to react in a little more timely manner. Jonathan goes over some of the particular issue. He touches on the use of the web sites to get information out on position papers. It is hoped that comments will be made from the membership. We are interested in the issue of whether forestry is still relevant or not. There is a request for help on the Policy Committee.

Working Groups - Jeff Ward

Thanks the working groups chairs for helping to set up the meeting this year. Want to expand out next year and maybe move poster session into proceedings that would be published.

State Reports

Maine - Ken Fergusson - very busy chapter. Best attendance ever. Goes over various things being done by Maine chapter. Mentions increase in student participation.

Green Mountain Division - Vermont - Rich Carbonetti, chair, went after legislators on different issues. Had a legislative breakfast. Have been interjecting SAF into legislature. Have reestablished and reconnected. Have been into three different committee hearings. Are being well received. Position papers etc with key talking points on web site. Summer meeting on invasive plants and winter meeting on GIS.

Granite State Division _ New Hampshire - Ian Halm - had a big party in Berlin. Goes over various items that the division has done. Sponsored training events around the state. Worked on EC book for the chapter that outlines the various position responsibilities. Very successful winter meeting.

Connecticut - Peter Connorton - success of chapter due to certain specific members; David Irvin, Joseph Barsky as chair and Gerard Milne as secretary/treasurer. Also thanks Bob Ricard. Spring meeting; session in the woods with OSHA folks. Fall meeting in Fallriver CT. Videos on Timber harvest and cutting methods study. Also logging considerations on small woodlots. Smartwood certification was discussed. Hosted southern NE forestry forum. CT Forestry centennial. CT statewide forestry plan is under way. Forestry practice laws are having effect in CT.

Rhode Island - Gregg Cassidy - Environthon competition. Sponsored walk in the forest for tenth year.

Massachusetts - Bill Rivers - We really didn't do much of anything. Key issue is if they will continue to be. We will decide to salvage it or bury it.

Tom O is back. George Frame moves to *adjourn*; second Larry Safford second; passed unanimously