

INLAND EMPIRE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS
Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2009

Welcome: Britton called the meeting to order at 10:10 am in conference room A at Rock Point III in Spokane, WA.

Attendance: **Chair** Britton Pettit; **Past Chair** Jennifer Costich-Thompson; **Executive Councilor** Kirk David; **Selkirk Chapter Chair** Ralph Cornwall; **Treasurer** Ann Abbott; District I Councilor Chuck Lorenz; **Secretary** Norris Boothe.

May 15, 2009 EC Minutes: Kirk David had submitted (via email) minutes that he took in the Secretary's absence. Jennifer moved and Ralph seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ann reviewed the Treasurer's report, indicating little change since May. \$826.50 in Society and Chapter member dues received from the national SAF office, but Ann is still trying to find out how much is due to each Chapter. Part of that amount makes up the under payment of dues from National last year, and some is from this year. The change in National's accounting system has limited their reporting difficulty until the new system is operational. A Foresters' Fund Grant in the amount of \$2950 was received for Palouse/Snake River. \$200 in donations from Golden Members was received for Western Forester subscriptions. Jennifer moved and Norris seconded to file the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- **Awards** - Britt gave Ann the Fellow Award for John Mandzak and Golden Membership certificate for Ned Pence so they can be awarded at the next Palouse/Snake River Chapter Meeting. Jennifer noted that the budget contains funds for Awards and that framing the certificates would be appropriate use of those funds. Ann will pass them along to Terry Shaw, Awards/Nominations Chair for framing.
- **Membership** – Britt passed out forms for SAF units to submit donated items for the Foresters' Fund silent auction at the National Convention. Ralph noted that he has already sent Selkirk's donation. Britt also distributed reports on membership changes for July and August, including 41 members purged for non-payment and one transfer out in August. Membership declined from 307 to 266.
- **Nominations** – Jennifer asked about nominations for Chair-Elect and Councilor and a few ideas will be explored. A new Secretary will be needed when Boothe becomes Selkirk Chair, since he should not have 2 votes.
- **Forest Policy** – Britt passed out a conference announcement sent by Jay O'Laughlin that he developed in cooperation with the Snake River and Missoula Chapters. The second conference titled Climate Change, Bioenergy and Sustaining the Forests of Idaho and Montana will be February 3-4, 2010.
- **Website** – List serves are not reliable, so notify Terry Shaw if you did not receive the Agenda. Build your own email list until we are sure the list serve is reaching everyone.
- **Fund Raising** – Ann sent Britt a list of donors so he can send thank you letters. Britt will notify National to include the \$5 dues increase adopted at the EC meeting in May.

Chapter Reports:

- **Student Chapters** – Britt sent each student chair info on the job fair at the National Convention. Palouse Snake River is hosting a joint meeting/pizza feed with the UI and WSU student chapters this month. Selkirk will do the same with SCC next month.
- **Palouse/Snake River** – see above for the first fall meeting.
- **Panorama** – Britt reports times are tough, with consultants working part time, DNR cutting jobs, but meetings will resume this fall.
- **Selkirk** – Ralph reported the chapter met 9/16, with Dennis Parent discussing a fertilizer operation on Brickel Creek near Spirit Lake. Planning for the 2010 annual meeting is going well, with help from Russ Graham and Terrie Jain from Palouse. Russ is putting together speakers for “The 1910 Fires, a Century Later”, scheduled May 20-22, 2010. The Wallace Civic Auditorium (the old high school) will hold close to 300 attendees. Two field trips will be offered twice, so we can visit both the Pulaski Tunnel and Silver Mountain Gondola for an overview. Ralph hopes to finalize plans by the end of 2009 so that registration can be opened first for IESAF, later for other SAF and finally for anyone else.

Council Update: Chuck Lorenz noted the most recent Source has information on candidates for the upcoming elections. Keep it until you vote, because the email ballot will not include biographies. The District Fellows Committee endorsed John Mandzak and Bill Horn, who are receiving Fellows Awards. Duane Evans from the Pack Forest was elected Presidential Field Forester. Two proposals for task force charters at the May council meeting were not well focused, so they were told to re-apply. SAF let the Chief Financial Officer go and contracted with an accountant to oversee the new integrated database for membership and financial records. Although early registrations for the Convention were up, low attendance is likely with the economy and travel restrictions. Council will meet in CDA in June 2010, probably to get credit for a deposit made for the cancelled Leadership Academy last spring. Chuck did pass along IESAF’s letter described in the May minutes. Ann asked whether Raymond Washington is the contact for the year end report and tax form, which Chuck confirmed.

New Business:

- **2009 National Convention Attendee** – Britt reported that Terrie Jain will attend the Convention and he will not, partially due to time constraints and partly over concerns about the HSD agenda. As Chair Elect, Terrie will represent IESAF at HSD.
- **2010 Regional Leadership Development** – Scheduled for January, 2010, Terrie Jain is on the planning committee. Oregon, Washington and Inland Empire are invited, so far. Kirk suggests inviting Alaska, since Seattle is closer to them than any other potential location.
- **2010 “Season Ender” Banquet & Silent Auction** – Britt presented the idea last meeting as a fund raiser for 2009, but would need to delay until 2010. The silent auction could include craft items made by local members and other donations. Alan Liere, a local humor writer and newspaper columnist seems interested in being the featured speaker. Jennifer noted that the Idaho Humanities Council gave Selkirk a grant of \$500 to help pay the speaker fee for Jack Nisbet at a recent annual meeting. The speech has to be open to the public, which goes along with Britt’s plan. Jennifer moved and Kirk

seconded that Britt serve as planning chair for a season ender banquet and silent auction in October or November, 2010. Motion carried.

The next IESAF EC meeting will be held 1000 to 1300 on Friday, December 4, 2009. Britt is again willing to take suggestions for other locations. Boothe noted that Terrie Jain had noted that the Moscow Forest Science Lab has teleconferencing capability. Jennifer noted that may be necessary for some potential attendees to participate.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Norris Boothe, Secretary.