

MAPF

Executive Committee Meeting 1/5/2012
SWSC Ludlow Reservoir Ludlow, MA

Start 5:00pm

Officers Present: Chair- Jim Kelley, Vice Chair-Leo Garneau, Recording Secretary- Mark Mueller, Corresponding Secretary - Dana Hatchigan.

Review minutes & discuss program of December 8th 2011 General Membership meeting & resulting associated tasks.

Review Dana Hatchigan's membership drive letter, make comments. Dana will rewrite and send around to Exec. Comm. to finalize by February Exec. Comm. meeting.

Discuss new group "New Massachusetts Forestry Association" pros, cons, goals, affiliation. Jim K will send to exec comm. members their meeting announcement one or all should attend to see what they are about.

Discuss proposed Agenda for March 15th meeting @ Bluebonnet Diner Northampton MA

Draft Agenda March 15th meeting times & speakers may change

2:00-2:30 Registration

2:30-3:30 Business meeting

-Treasurers Rept

-Membership Committee rept (new members or applications??). Jim K. will talk with Michele prior to our February meeting to make sure she has addressed all the online applicants & where they are at & if she can continue to do her job.

-Thank Kevin for his service as Treasurer. Take nominations from the floor for Treasurer's position. If none, need to form nominating committee.

-Inform membership of membership drive & mailing sent out.

-Inform group that the Exec committee via Leo has contacted Farm Bureau and have the information of what they charge and what they would do as an executive secretary for MAPF. Also that we are looking into this new group "the New Mass Forestry Association" & what role they may play with MAPF.

-Need to form a new BIG E committee to generate ideas. Dana is not doing it this year, thanks to her for doing it.

-Review of legislation information w/ Kent Lage.

- 3:30-4:30 Introductions and insight on DCR direction from Peter Church & Ed ?. **Jim Kelley will contact them to see if they are available & willing.**
- 4:30-5:00 Kent Lage legislative updates. **Leo will schedule.**
- 5:00-5:45 Dinner
- 5:45-8:00 Potential Speakers:
- GPS/GIS NH or MA DCR program. **Leo G. will look into both & get feed back on program, cost, and availability. Will this be one whole meeting or two meetings?**
 - Double Point Sampling from the ACF magazine. **Jim Kelley will look into this.**
 - Moose habitat and populations & relation to forestry. **Dana H. will speak with John Scanlon in regards this.**
 - Speaker on plans and progress of Palmer Biomass plant.
 - Speaker on plans & Progress of Crane biofuel plans.

Discuss proposed Agenda for May 17th meeting @ Sturbridge either Publick House or Host Hotel.

Speakers - GPS/GIS NH or MA DCR program, Double Point Sampling from the ACF magazine, Moose habitat and populations & relation to forestry.

Additional meeting topics from prior exec committee meeting below:

Potential Meeting Agenda with State Legislators (Sportsmen's clubs, Gun owners)

- Probably need to be on a Friday or Saturday to get Legislators, also may need to be short 2 hours??
- Potential topic of how clear cuts good for wildlife, and good tool for forestry.
- Potential wildlife speakers could be the same or similar to MFLA program:

- A) "The importance of Early Successional Habitats for Songbirds" David King USFS Biologist
- B) "How Mass Wildlife Manages its Woodlands to Provide Better Habitats" Tom Oshea Mass Wildlife
- C) "Implementing Prescriptions to Create Habitat Diversity on the Ground" Chuck Caron consulting forester, John Scanlon Mass Wildlife

Another person could be Scott William who was the guy from the Wildlife institute that spoke on early successional habitat and woodcock.

- Potential forestry speaker about clear cuts for silvicultural purposes geared toward legislators Bill Leak.
- Potential utilization speaker about materials from wildlife openings & forestry in general Gordon Boyce.

Schedule an MAPF Exec meeting on February 2nd.

Agenda

- Review & confirm topics, speakers, and progress for March 15th meeting.
- Review & finalize membership drive letter & planned mailing.
- Plan May 17th meeting.
- Further discuss NEW MA Forestry Assn group.

Adjourn 7:15pm