

Southern California Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting/ Conference Call
March 16, 2009

Minutes

In Attendance: Gubrud (Chair), Lopez, Nickels, Fritz, Bryant, Conn, and Hanna

Officer Reports:

Chair's Report (Martin Gubrud):

Thank you everyone that participated in the Environmental Fair. The Fair was well attended and was a hit. It was a good opportunity to get forestry information out to the public.

Committee Reports:

Secretary (Conn)

The minutes for Jan. and Feb., 2009 have been approved. Motioned by Bryant and second by Doug Nickels (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).

Awards Chair (Hanna)

Hanna has a list of awards and a presentation will be made at the Spring meeting in Santa Barbara. Doug Nickels will be presented with the Fellows award.

Communications (Lopez)

The *Sundial* will be published in April.

Teller (Hanna)

The election for Chair-elect Dave Whitney has been counted and it was a landslide victory. Verification by the audit chair (J. Lopez) still needs to be done before it is official. Congratulations to Dave.

Treasurer Report (Hanna)

The budget will be up for approval at the April meeting.

Chapter Reports:

San Gabriel Chapter (Doug Nickels)

- On May 14 a meeting and dinner will be held at Camp 2 (JPL). Scott Miller has agreed to speak for the meeting. More information can be found on the SoCal SAF blog.
- A day trip of Fort Tejon is still scheduled for July 18.
- Nordoff High School (Ojai) is putting a team together to compete in an Envirathon. One of the five fields to study is forestry. If anyone would like to help contact Doug Nickels.

New Business:

Doug Nickels has been doing a wonderful job of keeping the blog site updated. The blog site is a brilliant communications tool. <http://socalsaf.blogspot.com> The blog site is going to be kept along with the SoCal SAF webpage. www.socalsaf.org

Old Business:

SoCal SAF Bylaws

Fritz Koepp has been in contact with the National office regarding accepting the new bylaws. The new bylaws will grant us greater flexibility in conducting business than our current bylaws. Also under the new bylaws, meetings and voting can be conducted via e-mail. A brief overview of the ne bylaws will be in the *Sundial* for a full copy of the bylaws contact J. Lopez.

2009 Spring meeting

A room has been confirmed at the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens on Friday April 24, 2009. Also a restaurant has been picked out, Cody's. Directions to Cody's will be provided. Dinning will be on the patio, so dress appropriately. Dinner is all on an individual basis.

A tentative schedule has been made. Friday will be spent at the Botanic Garden. Lunch is on your own. Saturday is Field trips to several fire recovery projects. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. Full schedule is attached and can be found on the blog site as well.

Lodging: Hotel accommodations are on an individual basis.

Cost: \$ 40 for registration & Sat. lunch

Location: Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

Dates: April 24 & 25, 2009

Speakers: Dr. Muller, Rob Bjorklund, Montecito Fire Protection Dept., Santa Barbara Fire Dept., Los Padres NF.

Coordinators: Todd, Whitney, and Bryant

2009 Calendar:

Next EC Meeting – April 24, 2009

SoCal SAF Spring Meeting (Santa Barbara) – April 24-25, 2009

San Gabriel Chapter Meeting/ Dinner at Camp 2 – May 14, 2009

San Gabriel Chapter Day trip to Fort Tejon- July 18, 2009

SAF National Convention(Orlando, FL) – Sept. 30 – Oct. 4, 2009

Next Meeting:

The next SoCal SAF Executive Committee Meeting will take place at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden at 10am.

Meeting adjourned at 1030 hours

Respectfully submitted by,
Samantha Conn
SoCal SAF Secretary