

Southern California Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting
Conference Call
October 31, 2007

Minutes

In Attendance: Gubrud (Chair-elect), Hanna, Koepp, Lopez, Todd (5)

Meeting called to order at 0905 hours.

Opening Comments:

The agenda and conference call arrangements were provided by J. Lopez. John Todd mentioned that the same conference call number would be needed at 0945 hours for a regularly scheduled call so SAF business would need to be completed by then.

Chair-elect Martin Gubrud reviewed the agenda and led the meeting.

Southern California Fire Update: SoCal SAF Phil McWilliams member lost his home in Modjeska Canyon as a result of the Santiago Fire. Doug Nickles is spearheading the effort to see how both National and SoCal SAF can assist.

Fall Meeting:

The EC reviewed the winter meeting details provided by John Bryant.

Friday, November 30, 2007

Marty confirmed that there is a no host mixer for SoCal SAF Members and the Cal Poly Advisory Council on Friday evening. Location and time are yet to be determined.

Saturday, December 1, 2007

0900-1500: Los Padres/SoCal SAF Seminar at Cal Poly Campus arranged by John Bryant, Doug Piirto, and Chris Dicus. Morning and early afternoon events will include updates on emerging NRM science and technology including: bioenergy, GIS, GPS, Continuing Education, Disaster Management/Homeland Security, etc.

1530-1730: SoCal SAF Executive Committee Meeting.

1800-1930: Social hour at Bryant residence. Dinner on your own.

Sunday, December 2, 2007

An optional tour may be possible on Sunday for those who might want to see central coast oak woodlands, urban/wildland interface issues, etc. Time, location, leader to be determined.

Cost: \$10.00 for SAF Members, Spouses, Students, and Friends

2008 National and State Society Elections:

During this year's elections National SAF provided an electronic voting option for the first time. Most state society members have the ability to participate in electronic voting for both SAF National and State Society elections. SoCal SAF has sixteen members that do not have electronic access and will need to vote with paper ballots. Tamara asked about coordination with National to ensure the SoCal paper votes were counted. Tamara will contact Louise Murgia to follow-up.

2008 Annual Dues:

An EC proposal to raise state society annual dues from \$6 to \$10 was voted on by our membership and passed by simple majority during our 2007 elections. Tamara recently informed Amy Ziadi at National SAF of the results of the ballot proposal. Due to the fact National SAF has not been informed of the dues increase, the annual renewal e-mail billing went out without the approved state society dues increase. However, when the annual renewal paper billing goes out, it will have the updated state society dues amount listed.

The Sundial

Shawna Meyer has not been able to participate as *The Sundial* Editor. J. offered to continue to carry the torch for *The Sundial*. He asked EC members to update previous submissions and he will work on getting a newsletter out. Any new material you might have will also be gladly accepted.

SoCal SAF 2007 Election Results:

SoCal SAF 2007 election results have been certified. Marty Gubrud was elected as Chair-Elect and he will serve as Chair for 2008. Congratulations Marty!

2007 Convention – Portland, Oregon:

Marty and Tamara attended the recently concluded SAF National Convention in Portland, Oregon. J. Lopez was scheduled to attend but had to cancel his plans due to the southern California wildfires. Both Tamara and Marty stated that it was an excellent convention with lots of good information exchanged. The consensus was that the bar has been set high for the 2008 Convention.

2008 Convention – Reno, Nevada:

J. and Tamara have been joining in on the Planning Conference Calls for the 2008 Convention. Planning is ongoing and is being led by Terry Clark from the National office. Tad Mason and Lynn Sprague will be the Co-Chairs for the convention.

Tamara attended a Planning Meeting for the 2008 Convention during the recent National Convention in Portland, Oregon. Tamara and Walt from InterMountain SAF will be coordinating the Forester's Fund activities during the upcoming convention.

If you want to volunteer to assist during the Convention, please contact Tad Mason of Northern California SAF.

Marty will be attending the 2008 Convention Planning Meeting in Reno, NV on February 1 and 2, 2008. Other SoCal SAF members may also attend.

Other:

We need to flush out more details on the Winter Meeting and possibly have another conference call – hopefully John Bryant and Ron Morrow can join in. All agreed we need to get out an announcement to publicize the event. J. Lopez said he would send out an announcement through his e-mail network.

Meeting adjourned at 0939 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Todd, Secretary
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