

Southern California Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Meeting/ Conference Call
December 15, 2008

Minutes

In Attendance: Gubrud (Chair), Conn, Lopez, Nickels, Todd, Whitney, Piirto, Cridebring,

Opening Comments:

This meeting took place on Monday, 15th of December, during a heavy rain storm. Due to storm activities some phone lines were down at Pacoima.

Officer Reports:

Chair's Report (Martin Gubrud):

Marty shared some of the highlights of the SAF National Convention. There is a picture of some of the SoCal members at the convention in this month Forestry Source.

The Environmental Education Fair (EEF) is coming up soon and a roster is being created for volunteers.

Chair Elect:

Dave Whitney has volunteered to be Chair Elect. Paper ballots will be attached to the Sun Dial.

Secretary

Samantha Conn has agreed to take on the role of secretary for John Todd. John will continue as the education chair.

Committee Reports:

Awards Chair

Fellows Awards for 2009 need to be submitted by May to either John Todd or Nick Dennis.

Field Forester nominations need to be submitted by June to Julie.

Chapter Reports:

Cal Poly Student Chapter (Lenny Cridebring)

There were five students representing Cal Poly at the SAF National Conference. One student got a part time Forest Service position from contacts made at the convention.

The student chapter meetings have shown great improvements in student retention due to the speaker program implemented last year. If anyone would like speak or have a topic of discussion for the student chapter, please contact Lenny Cridebring.

New Business:

The Spring meeting will be held on April 24 & 25. The proposed area for the meeting is in Santa Barbara. This is a centralized location so that everyone may attend and that Cal Poly could assist with the meeting. Anyone with contacts in Santa Barbara should contact the committee. Committee members include: Marty Gubrud, David Whitney, John Todd, J. Lopez, Samantha Conn, Lenny Cridebring, John Bryant, and Julie Lydick.

The San Gabriel Chapter is interested on hosting a one day summer field trip to the Tejon Ranch area. The day would consist of a presentation on the development plans at Tejon Ranch and an archeology presentation.

Old Business:

2009 Calendar:

Next EC Meeting – Jan 12, 2009

Environmental Education Fair – March 14, 2009

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

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

Next Meeting:

The next Executive Committee Meeting/ Conference Call is scheduled for January 12, 2009 at 0900 hours. Communications Chair J. Lopez will provide conference call details.

Meeting adjourned at 1000 hours

Respectfully submitted by,
Samantha Conn
SoCal SAF Secretary