

New York Forest Owners Association, Inc.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Saturday, October, 28, 2006

ESF Campus, Syracuse, NY

Board Members Present:

Executive Committee Members: Alan White, Geff Yancey and Steve Teuscher

Board Members: Dan Cleveland, Gene Reinshagen, Harry Dieter, Dick Patton, Carl Wiedemann, Bob Manning, Frank Winkler, Mike Seager, Renee Bouplon and John Druke

Additional Participants: Executive Director, Mary Jeanne Packer, Office Administrator, Liana Gooding and NYFOA member, Hugh Canham.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Alan White.

Motion made by Geff Yancey **to adopt the minutes** of the June 3, 2006 meeting. Seconded by Gene Reinshagen. All were in favor, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

- 1 Web Site- Mary Jeanne reported that there have been 4,140 hits to nyfoa.org in the 30 days prior to the meeting. Most of the visitors to the site knew the web address. The site will continue to be updated and she encouraged chapters to submit information to be posted.
- 2 State Wildlife Grants- Mary Jeanne and Carl Weidemann met with DEC representatives Lisa Holtz and Jerry Andritz to discuss the State Wildlife Grant monies. NYFOA will be applying for '06 Planning funds. **Motion made** by Bob Manning to have **NYFOA join the Teaming with Wildlife Coalition**. Seconded by Frank Winkler. All were in favor, motion carried. A copy of the signed resolution is attached and made part of these minutes.
- 3 Annual Fund Appeal- A Fund Development Committee was formed of Renee Bouplon, Kelly Smallidge and Dana Benjamin. Mary Jeanne will be sending a fund appeal letter to them for approval.

Treasurer's Report:

- 1 Steve Teuscher presented the final **Audited Financial Statements for the Year ended 12/31/05** and gave an update on the shift from a cash accounting to an accrual system to accurately show grant monies and multi year memberships. A copy of the report is attached to and made part of these minutes.

- 2 **Motion made** by Dan Cleveland to accept the **Financial Statement** as presented by Steve Teuscher, dated 10/27/06. Seconded by Dick Patton. All were in favor, motion carried. A copy of the Financial Statement is attached and made part of these minutes.
- 3 **Motion made** by Geff Yancey to **adopt the 2007 Budget** as presented, dated 10/27/06. Seconded by Carl Weidemann. All were in favor, motion carried. A copy of the Budget is attached to and made part of these minutes. It was agreed that the reduction in Chapter payments would be reviewed at the June 2007 Board meeting.

2007 Action Plan:

- 1 **Motion made** by Renee Bouplon to **adopt the 2007 Action Plan**, subject to priority ranking by Board members. Seconded by Bob Manning. All were in favor, motion carried. A copy of the Action Plan is attached and made part of these minutes. Mary Jeanne will circulate a request to have the entire Board rank by priority the Action Plan and she will compile the results.

Policy Committee:

- 2 **Motion made** by Bob Manning to adopt the **Woody Biomass Energy Policy**. Seconded by Gene Reinshagen. All were in favor, motion carried. A copy is attached and made part of these minutes.
- 3 Carl Weidemann reported that an Invasive Insects and Diseases Policy is being formulated by the Policy Committee to be voted on at the next Board meeting.
- 4 Carl presented the Council of Forest Resources Organizations (CFRO) draft 2007 Legislative Agenda. The Board agreed to have Carl take back to the CFRO, NYFOA's concern that the list be shorter with more focus.

Additional Discussions:

- 1 Geff Yancey agreed to form a "think tank" committee to address the Master Forest Owner (MFO) program and to find out how NYFOA can help with the struggling program.
- 2 John Druke reported that the 2007 Farm Show and Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 22-24, 2007 at the State Fairgrounds. He is working with Charlie Porter (DEC) and Jamie Christensen to put together the forestry programs to be held in the DEC log cabin. John will send out a request for booth manning as the date nears.
- 3 A committee of Geff Yancey, Carl Weidemann and Dan Cleveland was formed to evaluate the Executive Director's performance. All Board members will be asked to submit comments to them for a February 2007 completion of the evaluation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liana Gooding
Office Administrator