October 9, 2018 4:00PM  
Alaska State SAF Teleconference  
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Draft Minutes  

The meeting was recorded by Freeteleconferencecall.com (Northwest Office account). Minutes were typed by K Pyne (note the minutes are not verbatim).

**Attendance:**  
- Yukon River: J. Douse, J. Yarie  
- Cook Inlet: K Winterberger, R. Burnside  
- Juneau: J. Holte  
- Council: T. Hanson

**Chair of the Meeting:** J. Douse (State Chair)

**Review of the Minutes:** September Draft Minutes had not been submitted.

**Review of the Agenda:** no changes

**Announcement:**  
- Northwest Office Membership Committee: looking for a representative  
- State of Alaska Division of Forestry has several Forester vacancies in Fairbanks and in Anchorage/Mat Su.

**Northwest Office:** Per J. Douse L. Rasor is on a day off. Everyone worked hard on preparing for and delivering the National SAF Convention in Portland Oregon.  
- Northwest Office Committee meeting is in November. For 2019, J. Douse will be the Northwest Office Committee chair.  
- Oregon SAF will be sponsoring the PNW SAF Leadership Conference February 1-2 at McMenamins Edgefield Troutdate OR.  
  - **Action Item:** Since 2018 Leadership Conference had been cancelled, motion to send an Alaskan SAF member/officer to the 2019 was approved.

**Council / Board District 1 Report:** T. Hanson reported that the National SAF building soft sale did not produce a buyer. The next step is to set up an Auction. Bids for the building are due in November. T. Hanson attended the HSD meeting and a portion of the convention.

He had a teleconference call with the National SAF President D. Lewis regarding 2018 and the focus for 2019.  
- Certified Forester and how to enhance the value of the designation. Plan to work with the four-year Forestry schools to try to get SAF Forest Certification as part of the program. Some States already use SAF certification for their state licensing requirement.
• Look at consolidation of local and regional SAF. Many of the chapters are non-functional due to geographical issues. The new CEO T. Baker along with the National SAF staff plan on contacting the local units to generate interest. T. Baker has been on the phone talking with various Chapter Chairs.
• Discussion on making the Chair of the HSD as a voting member on the Board of Directors. 4. Not to soon to be compiling nominations for National awards: Field Forester, Foresters.

Committees

• **Investment Committee:** R. Burnside relayed that funds have been relocated. The Committee sent out evaluations and status reports. It has been a challenge to get folks involved in the discussion. Yukon River and Sitka Chapters have put monies into the Investment account. Have four Chapters and the State Society with funds in the account. Current $135549 (State Society 40%, Cook Inlet 60% and the other three chapters make up the remaining percent). Despite the market trend 4.5% year to date.
• **Treasurer:** K. Winterberger relayed 1598.58. The Forester funds have been sent to the Juneau Chapter for the Legislative Breakfast. Outstanding: is the reimbursement to J. Douse for the National SAF Forester Fund Raffle item. J. Douse relayed that he had purchased a pair of leather beaded gloves handmade by a Minto crafter. Note: Cook Inlet and Yukon River Chapter also brought Forester Fund Raffle items.
• **Website:** J. Douse relayed that he still needs to provide K. Winterberger with the promised items.
• **CFE:** J. Douse relayed that potential changes to the CFE program were discussed at the National SAF convention. J. Douse still needs to relay this to N. Lojewski. A review of the National CFE program showed that there is no consistency between State CFE programs. National SAF is looking at a Regional approach with a potential of a stipend for a regional CFE coordinator.
• **Workforce Committee:** M Burgett relayed to J. Douse that the next committee teleconference is 10/16. She has sent out a doodle poll and survey to the committee members.

Chapter Reports

• **Yukon SAF** – J. Douse and J Yarie relayed that the Chapter is starting up their meetings after a summer field season. Topics included setting up technical presentation, a fall silvicultural field trip and collecting firewood for future firewood sales. D. Rees is working with the local Soil and Water to include a Forestry element in the Northern Alaska producer/product program. The Chapter hopes to have a joint meeting this Fall with local Resource Management Society (UAF).
• **Cook Inlet** –R. Burnside relayed that the last meeting was in September. During May meeting the focus was on seedling sale. The dates for the Alaska SAF State meeting are the week of April 22nd. The current topic discussion is the Spruce Beetle epidemic in the Mat Su Valley. Estimate 50,000 acres have been affected. J. Moan, State of Alaska Forestry Entomologist, is checking to see if the Western State Entomology group who is also meeting in Anchorage would like to share venue/presentation and or field trips. No location has been chosen. There is a chance that National SAF members and SAF CEO may attend the meeting.
• **Juneau**: J. Holte relayed that the Chapter discussed the upcoming Legislative Breakfast. The Forester Funds check was received. A motion to accept Juneau Chapter’s topic of Forest
Resource Practices Act (FRPA) and the current Proposition 1 as on the November Ballot for the Legislative Breakfast was unanimously approved.

- **Dixon Entrance and Sitka:** were not in attendance and no report(s) had been sent to J. Douse.

**Old Business**

- Website: J. Douse will submit items to K. Winterberger for the website.
- A Forester’s opinion on Proposition One on the November Ballot: K. Winterberger submitted an opinion piece to the Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau newspapers. The letter(s) were based on information from the Board of Forester’s and Alaska SAF position paper. The Fairbanks Daily News editor relayed to Winterberger that due to the high volume of local October election articles that they had not printed the opinion piece. At the time of the October teleconference no newspaper had printed K. Winterberger’s opinion letter.
- State Society and Chapter Elections. May have a candidate for the Chair Elect for the State Society. J. Douse relayed that he will start putting the election ballot for the State Society in November. Remember that L. Rasor for the National/ Northwest Office needs to Chapter’s 2019 Officers list and contact information. With the list the new officers will have access to the SAF Leadership Central.

**New business**

- HSD Meeting: J. Douse attended the HSD meeting in Portland. He has the HSD book if anyone is interested. D. Lewis is the current President and in 2019 will be the Past President. J. McNulty the current Vice President will become the President in 2019. National Office has had a turn over. Several positions are no longer. L. Murgia and J. Barnwell are still there. After years of financial issues, this year there is a balance budget. L. Rasor has developed a State Chair and Chair Elect job description that will be posted on the SAF website. L. Murgia will assist local State SAF Societies with updating By-Laws. Alaska may wish to review the By Laws. There are various positions listed in the current By Laws that may not be needed. J. Douse also relayed that some of the State SAF Societies have had tax issues. Some of the States have lost their 501C status. K. Winterberger and R. Burnside relayed that Alaska SAF has been keeping up with the National Tax requirements. They relayed that the new National SAF Treasurer has been helpful. **Action Item:** need to check with the State of Alaska Attorney/AG office regarding 501C requirements for the State.

**Next Meeting**

**November 13th 4 pm**

- Vote National SAF Vice President (Oct 31st)
- Northwest Leadership Conference Feb. 1-2, 2019
- April 22-28, 2019 Alaska SAF State Meeting

Adjourned