

**Alaska Society of American Foresters**  
**Teleconference**  
**11/10/15 4pm**

**Roll Call**

- A. Cook Inlet
  - a. Ken Winterberger
  - b. Sue Rodman
  - c. Eric Geisler
- B. Dixon Entrance
  - a. Stan McCoy
  - b. Bob Durland
  - c. Rick Hauver
  - d. Dick Madden
- C. Juneau
  - a. Brian Kleinhenz
- D. Sitka
- E. Yukon River
  - a. Jeremy Douse
- F. Council
- G. NWO
  - a. Lori Rasor

**Committee Reports**

- A. Northwest Office:
  - a. Lori Rasor relayed that the Western Forester Riparian Management issue ‘on the streets’. The next issue (January February) topic is Fuel Treatment highlighted with overview article by John Bailey (Oregon State). This will be a good issue. March, April, May issue is on Political Implications related to upcoming elections. Summer issue will be Forest Management. Northwest Office is sending each State Society Chair and Chair-elect a membership newsletter which includes a list of new and renewed members. Lori attended the National Convention and staffed the Membership Booth. She relayed that they renewed 74 members. The Northwest Office meeting is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> 8:30-2:30 AK Time. Ken, Jeremy, and Sue plan on attending via the teleconference. Communication discussion is scheduled for 9:30. After lunch is the Budget discussion. Along with forwarding your Chapter election results to National please send the results to Lori and Ken. Ken will update the information for the Alaska SAF web site.
  - b. Send telecom dates and state meeting dates to Keith Blatner the District Rep.
- B. Treasurer’s Report
  - a. Ken relayed there was \$6031.69 Checking
  - b. For funds used in supporting members to attend specific SAF events i.e. National, State and Northwest Office meetings/ training, a tracking record will be established.
- C. Website:
  - a. Ken is updating the chapter pages and will be adding newly elected chapter leadership. He is also trying to get access for chapter’s members who will update their chapter’s website.
- D. Policy:
  - a. no report
- E. Investment:
  - a. no report
- F. Membership:

- G. By-Laws:
  - a. no report
- H. Fellows:
  - a. no report
- I. Science and Technology:
  - a. no report
- A. Scholarship
  - a. Sue Rodman, Bob Durland, Rick Hauver and Roger Burnside compose the Scholarship committee. Durland and Rodman had discussed pooling Scholarships. One question is the University's Forestry program. Currently there is only Forestry minor at UAF. This needs to be clarified. Discussed having a teleconference meeting after the holidays with Ann Doyle (UAF Scholarship). SAF needs to figure out what funds are being used for and do we (AKSAF) have any input.
  - b. Prior to the meeting, Sue will take charge of '**white paper**' including background (as we understand things) along with **several** questions for UAF. White paper will be shared by email. Will include information on other state society scholarship info put together by Lori Rasor.
  - c. Bob Durland mentioned that Dixon Entrance had sent a 2-page document to UAF Scholarship Foundation (signed by UAF?) that states that Dixon Entrance has a say in scholarship award. This scholarship has been in place since 1989. UAF apparently misplaced paperwork that originally set this (chapter involvement) in place.
  - d. Walt Begalka scholarship selection process has been in the spring. Three or four candidates are selected. After John Fox retired the SAF scholarships seem to have been lost.
  - e. UAF will apparently be continuing with a Natural Resources Management program.
- B. **Chapter Reports:**
- C. Cook Inlet:
  - a. Sue Rodman relayed that the Cook Inlet has held several meetings. Roger Burnside who has run the tree sale for over 8 years has agreed to handle the tree sale through 2016. The Chapter is organizing a seedling sale committee. The Chapter is looking into local seedling growing and will visit local nurseries. There is a plan to provide seedling to folks who lost homes in Sockeye Fire. Eric Geisler is heading up state meeting planning committee
- D. Dixon Entrance:
  - a. Bob Durland relayed that the Chapter discussed the scholarship fund. The Chapter election is in the process of being finalized. Upcoming events include highway cleanup, hazard trees mitigation at state park north of town, Christmas dinner and the Ward Lake Trail. The trail project may need a grant in order to proceed. They have proposed creating tree signs and brochure identifying trees along the trail.
- E. Juneau:
  - a. Brian Kleinhenz relayed that due health issues among most active member (Wayne Nicholls) the Chapter has not held any meetings. The Chapter hopes to have at least one winter meeting
- F. Sitka:
- G. Yukon River:
  - a. Jeremy Douse relayed the results from the chapter elections: Secretary – Dan Rees, Treasurer – Chris Maisch, Chair-elect – Tom St. Clair. The Chair for 2016 will be Matt Stevens - technical session (graduate student from UAF, Koyoko Okono, gave technical presentation on her thesis). New chair-elect Tom St Clair is working on developing Yukon River chapter t-shirts

**Old Business:**

A. Awards:

- A. Jeremy relayed that he had awards made at a local Fairbanks Award Company. He is distributing the awards to the recipients. The design uses the National SAF logo. Maynard has the list of recipients from previous years' awards. Once Ken receives this list, he will update the Award page on the Alaska SAF website. National SAF awards & fellow nominations are due at end of February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

A. PNW Leadership:

- a. John Walkowiak asked if Jeremy Douse would participate in a panel discussion at the Leadership Conference this February 4-6<sup>th</sup> in Washington. Jeremy requested Alaska State Society help cover some of the expense. A motion was discussed, seconded and voted. A unanimous vote: for Alaska SAF Society to spend up to \$500. These are funds that have been designated to assist members' travel expenses to attend training/ meetings for the benefit of SAF.

B. Elections:

- a. Chapters
- b. State

C. State Meeting:

- a. Cook Inlet is hosting the State Meeting this year. The State Meeting Committee is discussing location and topics. Locations under discussion include Matanuska Susitna, Talkeetna, Kenai Peninsula. Topics include: Road (continued from 2015 State Meeting, Sockeye Fire, Funny River/ Card Fire, Bio Char biomass, All Hands All Lands, USFS management. Dates under discussion are April 20-22 or 21-23.

- D. National Christmas Tree: there have been several mis-statements regarding the National Christmas Tree. To help explain, Stan McCoy agreed to help draft a short article which can be posted on the Alaska SAF website.

**Calendar of Events:**

- A. State meeting- April 2016
- B. Monthly teleconference - 2nd Tuesdays at 4
- C. NASA ABoVE - January Meeting (1/12/16)

**Next Meeting:**

- A. 8 December at 1600 - free conference call # 641-715-3580 Access Code 578-046#