

MAT Board Meeting Minutes 8-24-22 Jay's/ Gaylord, MI

Board Members present: Joe Doyle, Jim Maeder, Wes Windover, Bob Bauzin, Vaughn West, Anne Harmon, John Fowler, Charley MacIntosh,

Staff: Michelle Sears, Jason Wadaga

Guest Speaker: Brock VanOss

Meeting called to order by President Joe Doyle at 9:05

Motion to accept amended agenda by Jim Mader; support by Joe Doyle; motion carried

Minutes reviewed from last meeting with motion to accept by James Maeder; support by Vaughn West; motion carried

Treasurers report given. Final figures on Convention to be sent to everyone now that all expenses have been paid.

Presidents Report

Review of Executive meeting with Forest Board discussed

- Push is on to find ED as soon as possible with funding offer from Forest
- Tom has software that can post job on multiple sights
- Focus on membership and the UP
- Would be positive if candidate was someone with industry background

Great Northern Co-op board meeting overview from Wed

- Land in Quinasec and Escanaba with purchase agreement and now working on down payment
- Looking for more members
- Possible \$0.40 savings per gallon
- One investor of 100,000; looking for more to invest in shares
- Working on site plans, contractors, etc
- Financing with Greenstone and MEDC

Administrator Report

Convention will be in Boyne on 4-20-21 of 2023

- Will work on getting raffle tickets for large drawings earlier and try and sell more.
- Will do 600 Fish tickets and 700 Hunt tickets (have them ready by December board meeting)
- Need more member involvement for nominating award recipients. Will send out mailing request to members along with email request

- Sponsors should be contacted in July in August so that we are in their budgets for the following year instead of waiting until September.
- Need to look into venues for the next year considering Shanty Creek and Mt Pleasant as options

T-shirts will be sold at all future events for reduced price of \$15.00 (including logging congress)

7-22-22 is date of Cadillac Golf Outing.

- Michelle is to call all previous sponsors for holes
- Send info to Jason and he will get out to legislators for teams
- Approval for Accountant to come at beginning and end to help with finances to familiarize with booking of event.

Nahma golf outing is scheduled for 8-12-22

Michelle is to put together calendar of events for each month of the year where all board members can access to review and offer assistance as needed. Will send out for review and feedback.

Crane Mat Vouchers still outstanding are mostly board members. Michelle will put notice out that there are still vouchers available.

Summer spotlight for Timbertalk to be done by Aug 1st. Need ideas for member and vendor spotlight. Contact Michelle ASAP

Car needs new tires. Michelle to get quote and Wes will get quote and decide on where to have done.

Log-A-Load follow up. Mill has Press Release and didn't want anything going out until it was ready. Will be donating funds to DeVos hospital in Grand Rapids. Spoke to Mill about getting a photo OP with big check including MAT, Mill Rep, and DeVos rep. They have approval. Joe may be the one that goes since he is closest. Michelle will coordinate and get picture for publicity. Raised over 70,000

Board would like to look into doing another Log-A-Load in the lower.

Legislative Report was given by Jason Wadaga

Old Business

ML overview by guest Brock VanOss

- Looking to make it a regional program in the future with hopes to be in a position to receive federal funding

- Options for incentive to join the program (example: working on incentive program for bidding on state sales with point system for other program)
- Prefer SRI continue to run as in the past
- Talked about setting up logger committee
- Maintenance fee to be looked into
- Talked about cost of recertifications and initial recertifications and fee structure will have to be reviewed
- Talked about having ML list with the DNR for calls from land owners.
- Talked about annual ML meeting to be done at convention
- Training for the auditors and review of the payment schedule for them.
- ML is not a money-making venture but has value for the industry
- Questions addressed about possible conflict of interest as a consulting forester; discussion and issues resolved.

Discussion about board meeting attendance.

New Business

ML proposal from VanOss discussed. Will Meet with SRI to discuss take over and ensure smooth transition.

Motion to move forward with his proposal and have meeting with SRI made by Wes Windover; supported by Bob Bauzin; motion carried

John Fowler gave information on Future of Forest:

Need to consider what will happen when Tom retires which could be in the next few years

Tom requested to have copy of meeting minutes where he was given first right of refusal to purchase Forest, if it ever went up for sale. Directed Michelle to get minutes to them.

Question was asked if it was for sale. Was informed that it was up to MAT as the owners and that there had been a possible sale awhile back. When questioned why MAT wasn't made aware; discussion was brought up about what MAT does want to do with it. Question brought up on issue with Tom being able to appoint the board he answers to and if it is a good idea to continue. Recommended that Forest and MAT meet during convention. Discussion about complying with bylaws and including reports from Forest regularly at MAT board meetings.

ED hiring will move forward with funds from Forest. Will review job description for updates and board input before posting. Tuffy Burton has expressed interest in the position.

Committee was formed with John Fowler, Wes Windover, James Maeder, Joe Doyle, Anne Harmon, Bob Bauzin and Vaughn West. 1st interview by committee and then 2nd by the full board.

Camp Grayling expansion discussed and information to forwarded to board members for review. Need to be involved in comment period due to additional restrictions being placed on timber sales in the area. Comment period extended to July. Need to send info to members so

that they can comment as well. Directed Jason to put something together for organization on issues with the regulations.

MAT-GLTPA merger: Executive committee met with GLTPA and Forest Board individually. Will move forward with ED search for MAT.

Next meeting will be October 14th at Audies in Mackinac City at 10:00am

Motion to adjourn at 1:53pm by John Fowler; supported by Joe Doyle; motion carried