

AL Division 2010 Business Meeting

Auburn, Alabama

February 8, 2010

I. Call to order

Chair Tim Albritton called to order the business meeting of the Alabama Division SAF at 7:50 am on Feb. 8, 2010 at the AU Conference Center.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Tim reported there was no copy of the minutes from the 2009 Business meeting to be voted upon.

III. Open issues

a) The Treasurer position was not on the 2009 Division officers' ballot; Ed Loewenstein agreed to serve an additional year; Tim asked for other nominees from the floor, hearing none, a motion was made to elect Ed as Treasurer from Katie Heath, seconded by Hugh Mobley and unanimously approved by voice vote of attendees.

b) Treasurer Loewenstein provided the Division's financial report:

Checking Account Balance at start of 2009 \$6,741.42

Checking Account Balance at end of 2010 \$6,824.55

Development Fund CD(Regions Bank) Balance \$10,200.62

Working Fund CD(Regions Bank) Balance \$5,696.70

Motion to accept the report was made by Waymon Paul, seconded by Joe Roberson, and unanimously approved.

c) Tim introduced the Division officers and then asked the Chapter Chairs or their representative to stand and make comments:

Black Warrior – no report

Cahaba - Katie Heath, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, reported they meet the 3rd Thursday of every even month and welcomed others to get on their mailing list and attend their chapter meetings.

Jubilee – no report

Longleaf – Chair Joel Martin reported they have well attended meetings (35-50 members) and are considering a mill tour later this year.

Montgomery – Chris Erwin reported they have a meeting Feb 15 and will conduct a Walk in the Forest/Earth Day project in Wetumpka this year.

Mountain Lakes – Chair Scott Helms reported the chapter has quarterly meetings and will participate in the Earth Day celebration at Hays Preserve in Huntsville.

Wiregrass – no report

Woodbasket – the chapter is working to get reorganized

A&M Student Chapter – **Chair Chantz Burks?** reported the students are preparing to go to the Forestry Conclave in Arkansas and hosted a successful conclave at Alabama A&M in 2009.

AU Student Chapter – Matt Schmidt, Faculty Adviser, reported on the students efforts to attend the 2010 conclave and participate in a Log-A-Load fundraiser this year; **student chair is Skylar Clark?**

- d) Tim addressed the need to fill Division committees and encouraged members to look at a handout of committee responsibilities and to actively support any group of interest..

IV. New business

- a) Dick Brinker stated that chapter meetings were good places to earn CFE's and the Cooperative Extension System can assist with programs;
- b) Matt Schmidt is the Division's CFE Coordinator and asked chapters to send him info on programs for CFE determination;
- c) Kent Hanby mentioned February is designated Prescribe Burning Month by the governor and a demonstration burn is scheduled; also the Prescribe Burning Council operates to promote the practice; Frank Allen is current Chair and Larry Ford is on the steering committee.
- d) It was stated that Alabama's Agriculture & Industries department has modified their rules concerning recertification points and non-forestry herbicide meetings will no longer be counted for forestry CFE's; there is a good opportunity for SAF to help organize herbicide training in the Wiregrass chapter and include Cogon grass with herbicide training programs.
- e) Tim reported on the 2011 Division Annual meeting plans; Kevin Guthrie agreed to serve as Chair; important to keep registration costs low; timing is a critical factor, considering May or June.
- f) The next SESAF annual meeting will be in Tallahassee, FL Feb. 21-23, 2011.

V. Adjournment

Tim adjourned the meeting at **8:20 am**.

Minutes submitted by: Brian Bradley

Minutes approved by: AL Division Business Meeting, May 21, 2011.