

# **ALABAMA DIVISION SAF**

## **Conference Call Minutes**

March 9, 2010

### **I. Call to order**

Division Chair Tim Albritton called to order the conference call of the members of the Executive Committee at 9:30 a.m. on March 9, 2010.

### **II. Attendees**

The following persons participated: Tim Albritton, Brian Bradley, Kevin Guthrie, Scott Helms, Doris Jefferson, Joel Martin, Danny Norman, Rick Oates, & Ben Pinkleton

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from the conference call of Jan. 25, 2010 previously mailed to attendees were approved on a motion by Scott, seconded by Rick and unanimously approved.

### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

No Treasurer's report

### **V. Old Business**

- a) The AL Division website, [www.alasaf.org](http://www.alasaf.org), has been updated with 2010 Officers/Chapter Chairs/Committees and Brian suggested we add the minutes for Division business meetings & conference calls. The purpose is to have the minutes easily available to all members and it was noted that other SAF units list minutes on their websites. A motion to post the minutes was made by Scott, seconded by Rick and unanimously approved. **Brian will** work with Leslie Batten.
- b) Tim elaborated on an earlier idea to help the Wiregrass Chapter co-sponsor a Herbicide Workshop with the NRCS staff in Coffee County. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for Wiregrass members to get engaged in a local educational project and hopefully stimulate their chapter (they currently have no officers for 2010). Early summer is the timeframe and **Tim will** contact some members in the Wiregrass and gauge their enthusiasm.
- c) Discussion about the 2011 AL Division Annual meeting ensued; Kevin has agreed to be the Program Chair, with Joel and Tim serving on the Program Committee. Kevin suggested focusing on low-cost venues like AL State Parks, the Dixon Center or a Methodist Church facility near Andalusia. The month of May appears to be a good time and the **committee will** explore the availability of several sites and report back to the Executive Committee at the next conference call.  
Doris mentioned that the recent SESAF meeting in Auburn did not make a profit due to a failure to meet the Conference Center's room allotment thus incurring higher fees. Rick agreed to discuss the matter with Doris and approach the AU Center about the situation.
- d) Tim asked for a better understanding of the role the Association Services Group (ASG) has with the Division. Doris reported that SESAF is a client of ASG and she is the Account Executive for SESAF with assistance to the three Divisions making up SESAF (AL, GA, and FL).  
The Division can contract with ASG for specific services such as handling meeting registration or other activities. Contracts are negotiated with Charles Hall, ASG owner. The expense of Division conference calls have historically been paid by SESAF; if the cost becomes excessive, SESAF may ask each Division to pay some portion. SESAF contracts with ASG to handle their election process and since the Division elections coincide with SESAF, the costs for both are paid by SESAF.

**VI. New Business**

- a) *Future AL Division conference calls were set for 9:30 am on June 15, September 21 & December 7.*
- b) Discussed having a January meeting with the new and past Division officers to help ensure a smooth transition. If SESAF has a leadership meeting in the same timeframe, we should coordinate the two meetings. It was suggested that some of the cost of attending the meeting would be offset by the Division, as has been done in the past.

**VII. Adjournment**

Tim adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.

Minutes submitted by: Brian Bradley

Minutes approved by: [Name]