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Comments from the Chair



In January 2011, I made a phone call to the host of Indiana Expeditions, a science education program produced by WFYI in Indianapolis. The reason - 2011 was the International Year of the Forest and I thought Indiana Expeditions should do an episode on Indiana forests. Within a few days we had set up a meeting with a vice-president of WFYI. Sam Carman, Education Director for the Division of Forestry, took the lead on the project, and by March we had an outline of what we wanted the program to cover. It was decided early on to try to cover all aspects of forests and forestry in this program. WFYI soon realized that 30 minutes would not do justice to a program on Indiana's forests. The project went from developing an episode of Indiana Expeditions to a one-hour "Special". We had to raise some of the money to cover the cost of the project. Indiana SAF became a major contributor. Other funds came from the Forester's Fund, the Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association, the Indiana Urban Forestry Council, Indiana Arborist Association, Indiana Forestry and Woodland Owners Association, Indiana Forestry Educational Foundation, and the American Tree Farm System. No state funds were used in the development of this program.

Filming began as soon as we could get the WFYI crew together and venues scheduled. We spent the spring and summer filming as much about forests and forestry in Indiana as we could. We went to the woods, cities and parks (urban forestry), sawmills, veneer manufacturers, furniture makers, a school and a private landowner. The end result will be "Indiana Expeditions: Forests at Work." It will be premiered on WFYI on Thursday, April 26, the night before Arbor Day. Please plan on watching if you are in the WFYI viewing area.

One of the great things about working with public television is their ability to enhance and enrich the learning from a program. Their website will have a Teacher Tool Kit to accompany "Forests at Work." It will include the video in a variety of formats, vocabulary, a transcript lesson plans, and bonus video as well as related links. There are plans to get it to other PBS stations throughout Indiana. And, we are planning on getting a DVD of the program out to every school and public library in Indiana.

The WFYI project has been a fun one. Many thanks to Sam Carman for taking the lead on it, especially since I have taken on the role of District Forester for a couple of counties. I went in to forestry to learn about the woods and about the practice of for-

estry, but I really have not practiced in a very long time. I am constantly learning something new - from GIS to certification. Computers were just being thought of as a personal item when I was in forestry school, and now I wonder how we ever got through it without one! And we never talked about invasive species. Being out in the woods more has really brought this issue home to me. The panel and follow-up discussion on invasive species at the Winter Meeting a few weeks ago hopefully sparked some interest in developing a policy statement on terrestrial invasive species in Indiana. Our current "Summary of Plant Protection Regulations" focuses on keeping some forest invasives from entering Indiana (Sudden Oak Death, Thousand Cankers Disease). I believe we should place equal emphasis on some species that are in our woodlands now. We all know that they are a threat to our forests and I believe we need to focus on the potential economic impact they will have in Indiana. There are groups out there working on this issue - the Midwest Invasive Plant Network, Cooperative Weed Management Areas, The Nature Conservancy, and the Indiana Invasive Species Council to name a few. Conversely, there are also groups opposing eradication of some of these invasive species! But, I believe that Indiana SAF should take a stance on terrestrial invasive species, and I will be working with the ISAF Executive Committee on this issue this year. Personally, I would like to have more forest invader species listed as prohibited from sale in Indiana. Currently, only kudzu and multiflora rose are on that list. If you have thoughts on this issue, please let me know. For now, be safe in the woods!

Donna Rogler, ISAF Chair

PRESENTATIONS TO VIEW

For those who were unable to attend the recent ISAF winter meeting or for anyone who would like to see them again, most of the presentations made during the meeting can be viewed on the ISAF website at <http://www.indianasaf.net/index.html>.

ISAF Awards

During the Winter ISAF business meeting, the awards committee presented the Indiana Society of American Foresters Distinguished Service Award to Brian Gandy. Brian is a consulting forester with Gandy Timber Management and has served ISAF as chair. He is active with ISAF's participation in Conservation Day and has planned and attended numerous TSI and tree planting fund raising events.

Lee Huss, Awards Chair

Society of American Foresters Business Meeting – March 1, 2012

Donna Rogler called the business meeting to order at 4:00.

No minutes were taken at the summer meeting.

Old Business

Mike Saunders said his only update to the Farm Bill was that there was general sign up coming in the next couple weeks. He said he did contact the person drafting the bill and offered the support of Indiana SAF last fall. Brian Gandy said we also sent a letter to the Committee of Twelve.

Donna gave us an update on Forests at Work - the Indiana Expeditions project with WFYI. She played a trailer that was developed on the video. The TV show will premier April 26, the night before Arbor Day as a one hour special. Indiana SAF and Foresters Fund were both contributors and enough money was raised to get DVDs to every school in the state along with the development of on-line teacher resources.

New Business

Donna introduced Eric Summerfield as the new Chair Elect and Scott Reckelhoff as our on-going treasurer. Thanks and congratulations to both men and thanks to all candidates for running. Also Liz Jackson has taken on the CFE Committee Chair.

Treasurer's Report - Scott reported our income over the past year was \$30,301.28 and our expenses were \$13,823.96. Scott elaborated on a few of the expenses and income items. He then went over the 2012 budget. The proposed income for 2012 is \$11,156 and the total expenses are projected to be \$18,195. He explained he would be transferring some of our income to the investment account.

Investment Account - Dale Weigel went over these accounts. We began the year with \$160,872.57 and ended the year with \$153,563.22. We disbursed money from this account for the WFYI film and for the bandanas. There is money available for other unforeseen expenses.

Audit - Jayson Waterman reported he had met with Scott and audited the 2011 records and the audit was good.

Newsletter - Janet Eger said the deadline for the next newsletter is March 15. She thanked everyone who contributes articles and pictures. If you have anything related to forestry, please send it to her.

Nominations - Eric Summerfield said though we have just finished an election we need to be looking forward for candidates for Secretary and Vice Chair. We need nominations in place by July so we can do electronic voting this year. We noted that the executive committee already has the next couple meetings planned so the vice chair position should be easy! The Vice Chair could also go to Spokane. The theme for the conference is Silviculture.

He mentioned we are also planning to host the 2013 Leadership Academy in Indiana. An ISAF committee will be working on a site and date for a 3-day workshop.

Teller - Mike Sanders acted as proxy teller with Liz Jackson assisting. He said it went well and offered his congratulations and a round of applause.

History/Achives - Brad was not present for a report

Fundraising - Brian Gandy said we completed an extensive TSI project and received \$4,800. Jack Seifert offered us some state forest land for a TSI and planting contract. He and Brian will get with us later on when and where.

Communications - Teena Ligman reported we had an article in the last issue of the Source. We'll also have an article in the Woodland Steward on the importance of getting advice on your woodland from a professional forester who is a CF or a member of a profes-

sional organization so they stay current on issues. Lee Huss brought one of our displays and some brochures on careers in Forestry to the meeting. People were encouraged to look at the display and think of where it might be appropriate to use this display in the future to promote forestry as a career. We have a second display which Brian will take a picture of, and Teena will put an article in the next newsletter to describe how that display can be used.

Science/Technology - Jack Seifert said we missed a great presentation on wild hogs by Steve Backs. Steve has an aggressive program to get rid of wild hogs. He also talked about the HEE project, which now has five Universities involved. Lots of great research and publications that will be coming out soon. IDNR is developing an interactive website for private landowners to better interact with foresters. Jack said IDNR is also going from double intensity to single intensity with their FIA data. Donna mentioned that feedback from the summer meeting was that people would like to plan to go back in five years to see the HEE project again.

Foresters Fund - Darrell Breedlove said last year we raised \$269. He noted we had a silent auction going on in the back that would proceed through the evening and encouraged people to bid. There was also a stump-hole tournament after dinner and the winner was encouraged to donate their winnings back to SAF.

Education - Lenny Farlee said for the summer meeting he is looking at biomass and possibly meeting with the wildlife society. The location is TBD. He is also planning the Forest Pesticide program training and thinking of moving it back to the Greenfield Theater. If others have thoughts on a location, let him know. It needs to be central in the state and able to accommodate 125 people.

Membership - John Stambaugh noted SAF had rolled out the new membership program. There was a 90 day grace period before people were dropped from our rolls but it appears we have dropped from 150 members in 2011 to 126 members plus 11 students. John points out you get \$20 off your membership if you recruit a new member (for 5 years) plus the new member gets a 30% discount. He also discussed the Woodland Institute (which he is SAF's representative) and the importance of our sponsorship.

Continuing Forest Education - Liz Jackson - no comment

Policy - Bill Minter - not present

Awards - Lee Huss said he had received two very well deserved nominations for awards for distinguished service. One of the recipients was not present but the other person he wanted to recognize for his leadership in fundraising and the many other ways he had stepped up and taken in the lead in our Chapter. - The award was given to Brian Gandy.

Purdue Student Chapter - Mike Sanders reported that the students were doing some fundraising cutting firewood and may plan to go to Spokane next year for the convention. He asked Donna to come up April 15 to present a forestry ring to the one graduating senior.

Jack asked how many students were in the forestry program now. Mike said he used the number of students going to forestry camp as his barometer and they had 15 students going to camp. He thought this was comparable to other forestry schools in the country.

Sally Weeks gave a short synopsis on her new book on Shrubs and Woody Vines in Indiana. It has 1500 color pictures. Jack purchased a copy for all DNR foresters.

Janet Eger moved that the business meeting be adjourned. Dale Weigel 2nd, Motion passed.

Notes taken by Teena Ligman

INSAF Membership

Update for the Winter Meeting March 1-2, 2012

1. IN SAF by the numbers:

- July 2008 INSAF 163 (142 Members + 21 Students at Purdue)
- July 2009 INSAF 153 (137 Members + 16 Students)
- July 2010 INSAF 157 (138 Member + 19 Students)
- Nov. 2010 INSAF 148 (128 Members + 20 Students at Purdue)
- February 2011 INSAF 150 Members (132 + 18 Students)
- January 31, 2012 INSAF 126 members (115 + 11 students) *

*These numbers may rise during February and March as members make late renewal payments.

There is a 90 day grace period from December 31, 2011 to pay dues.

2. Ongoing

- Simple way to direct others to join is to go online to www.safnet.org (make sure they list you as their sponsor)
- Remind your peers to join, one on one recruitment is very effective
- Membership tries to send a welcome letter to new members and new transfers.
- Payment plan: should any member desire to pay their dues by using a payment plan, SAF offers this. Contact the national office.

3. New!

1. If an SAF member recruits a new member or reinstated member, than you receive \$20 off your membership dues and the

recruited member receives a 30% discount on their dues for 5 years, if both individuals remain members for 5 years. Does not apply to students.

2. **Partnership for Better Forests**.....this is a joint effort of SAF, ACF, and ATFS to encourage Certified Tree Farm Inspectors (CTFI) to complete inspections. A SAF member who is a CTFI can receive \$100 toward their annual SAF or ACF dues. The SAF website (safnet.org) has the details or ask me about this program.

3. Want to welcome reinstated member Thomas Bricker to INSAF!

4. Woodland Steward Institute (WSI)

- a. WSI is continually looking at ways to have more landowners receive the newsletter electronically. 98% of the budget is dedicated to producing the paper version and its distribution.
- b. WSI is financially sound for 2012 to produce 3 issues
- c. TNC has cut its annual contribution in half starting in 2012 due to across the board spending cuts at the organization. Purdue is still considering reducing its annual contribution, also due to overall spending cuts.

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Darrell Breedlove and Dave Walters concentrate on their Stumphole throwing



Brain Gandy receives the Distinguished Service Award from Lee Huss



Councilman Dave Walters & President Bill Rockwell shake hands after a rousing game of Stumphole at the March ISAF meeting



SAF Council member Dave Walters and SAF President Bill Rockwell stand with Lee Huss in front of the ISAF display and with a bandana



Doug Brown & Brian Gandy are the 2012 Stumphole Champs!



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- d. WSI is excited that it has received increased funding from the individual SWCDs during the past year.
- e. Member organization contribution amounts will remain at the 2011 level for 2012.
- f. Business card contributors have just received their request letter form the WSI president (these also remain at the 2011 level of \$300) Member organizations, including INSAF should receive their notices any time.
- g. For specific meetings, WSI Board members are now implementing tele-conference calls to “meet,” thus reducing the burden of its volunteer directors.
- h. In the foreseeable future WSI will continue with 3 issues per year. Currently about 33,000 copies are produced per issue
- i. INSAF is encouraged to submit an article or announcements. Shorter articles have a better chance of being published.

John P. Stambaugh
 INSAF Membership Chair & WSI Director

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