

CALIFORNIA LICENSED FORESTERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes – February 20, 2016

Humboldt State University, California

CLFA President Clayton Code called the meeting to order at 9:15 at Humboldt State University, Forestry Building, Room 103.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Robert Galliano, Nick Knipe, Jack Harvey, Kevin Conway, Stacy Stanish, & Colin Noyes

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jay Fazio, Mitch Hunt, & Jan Caster

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathleen Burr, Gary Rynearson, Bill Snyder, Grady Teasley, Lizzie Ebert, Elicia Goldsworthy, Charles Ciancio, and Charll Stoneman

HSU Students present: James Haug, Malia Ortiz, Mike Padilla, William Friedman, Kent Fulgame, Cameron Wasserman, Sonnet Russell, Frank Heide, Aaron Godman, Hannah Rolf, Karl Peterson, Edward Hunter, Lindsay Holm, James Auze, Bryce Hawley, some students did not sign in.

The board introduced themselves and their affiliations to the audience and the audience members introduced themselves to the board.

Clayton Code welcomed CLFA members in attendance and HSU students. Clayton reviewed CLFA's non-profit status, mission and primary goals; along with annual continuing education events sponsored by the Association.

Jack Harvey introduced CLFA breakfast groups and what their purpose serves. Breakfast groups are open to all members and students.

Chuck Ciancio addressed the board and commented that he is no longer a member because the association does not look after the dirt/field forester. Clayton asked what CLFA should do for the dirt/field forester? Clayton asked Chuck if he could present several action items that Chuck felt were currently important to today's 'dirt forester' and the board would try to address his concerns. Chuck presented a letter to the board.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Kevin Conway and seconded by Stacy Stanish to approve the November 14, 2015 minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Kevin Conway and seconded by Jack Harvey to approve the January 19, 2016 minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Robert Galliano

Robert reviewed the financials – CLFA is 2.5 months into the budget year with minimal expenses

to date.

- Profit & Loss – \$68,486.88 - net income
- Balance sheet - \$198,085.93
- Change of bank accounts to Wells Fargo - all signers must be present at the bank to sign new account documents. This will be scheduled for the May board meeting to be held in Sacramento.
- Clayton reviewed CLFA's reserves.

Correspondence – Clayton Code

SAF is celebrating their 100th year anniversary. Bill Snyder, SAF, addressed the board as SAF is seeking a letter of support for their organization to be nominated for the Francis H. Raymond award. SAF will merge both southern & northern into one organization. Kevin Conway discussed the benefits of the board approving this request. Stacy Stanish will write the letter of support.

Membership – Clayton Code

Diane Dealey Neill would like to become an Affiliate member of CLFA. The question was brought forth if the membership would be personal or in the name of the California Forestry Challenge – which is an organization CLFA and members support. Colin will check with Diane as to her preference and the board will vote at the March board meeting. The board discussed approving an honorary membership as an option.

Jack Harvey presented the mission of Diane's organization, to the HSU students, and the benefits to future foresters.

Kathleen would like to refund 2016 paid associate memberships to new RPFs who paid their membership for 2016 and then currently received their RPF license. Kevin Conway moved with a second by Jack Harvey to approve this reimbursement. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Report – Kathleen Burr

Kathleen reviewed the numbers in attendance for the spring conference.

Kathleen discussed the upcoming 2016 archaeology classes and the circumstances surrounding the make-up class for those RPSs who were not able to refresh last year. CALFIRE is currently requiring those RPF's attend a make-up class scheduled for April 20th at Granzella's in Williams and then attend one of the regularly scheduled refreshers that will be offered in 2016. The cost to these RPFs will be \$360.

The board recessed at noon for lunch and a question and answer period with the HSU students. The board meeting resumed at 1:35.

Forest Practice - Clayton Code

BOF has received resignations from both Kim Rodriguez and Mary Rickert.

Matt Dias is still covering both licensing and executive officer for the BOF.

Forest Practice:

- Management Committee is retooling the working forest management plan which was withdrawn due to concerns by ACL – it appears they are just addressing these concerns.
- CLFA was invited to sit in on a 1492 update – Clayton Code attended.
- Jack Harvey received a complaint from his breakfast group regarding first reviews. The issue is second reviews are being returned with numerous items that should have been addressed in the first review. This issue has been brought up by Clayton to the committee before, where questions that should be addressed in first review are not addressed until the second or third review.
- Drought mortality task force has been focused on their regulations working groups. Clayton is on the task force representing CLFA and our members - Rich Wade is representing the BOF.

Legislation – Colin Noyes

Pacific Forest Trust (PFT) is hoping to turn in legislation - authored by Assembly Member Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) – a bill to create a new funding mechanism by imposing a tax/fee on water users in the Northern Watershed to help pay for conservation easements and so-called forest restoration projects to help promote safe drinking water. PFT is calling this concept “concession-based financing” which would involve using private dollars and leveraging it with funds from identified fee payer’s in Northern Watersheds.

Currently there are 15 bills on CLFAs tracking list and Brian White added 8 more.

SB 2162 - Oak Woodland Protection Act – Chou – This bill would enact the Oak Woodlands Protection Act, which would prohibit a person from removing from an oak woodland, as defined, specified oak trees, unless an oak removal plan and oak removal permit application for the oak tree removal has been submitted to and approved by the Director of Fish and Wildlife. The bill states that a permit would not be approved if more than 10 percent of the oak canopy cover that existed on January 1, 2015 was being removed

Brian White arranged a Capitol tour - meet and greet for several CLFA Board members that was very beneficial – Clayton Code, Charll Stoneman and Larry Camp attended.

Clayton Code will testified at the joint assembly meeting in Sacramento on Monday, February 15th– California Forest Landowners will be represented by Larry Camp.

Licensing – Kevin Conway

12 new RPFs were approved in January 2016. The current test had a 76% success rate. Letters have gone to all new RPFs offering a one-year free membership with CLFA.

Wildlife & Water – Stacy Stanish

Fish and Game Commission held a meeting last week regarding the Northern Spotted Owl – recommends listing as threatened – out for 90 days to review.

Humboldt Marten – once the findings are published – it will be listed.

At the next BOF meeting Charlotte Ambrose will present the California Coastal Multispecies Recovery Plan which was developed for three salmon and steelhead species: steelhead DPS, the CC Chinook, and the NC steelhead DPS, as threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) due to the precipitous and ongoing declines in their populations. Under the ESA, a recovery plan (which is a non-regulatory document) must be developed and implemented for each threatened or endangered species. The purpose of a recovery plan is to provide a framework for the conservation and survival of the listed species [ESA section 4(f)(1)] that focuses and prioritizes threat abatement and restoration actions necessary to recover, and eventually delist, a species.

Ms. Kovacs, California Department of Fish & Wildlife will present a gray wolf recovery plan to the BOF at their next meeting.

Rumor is that the Townsends big-eared bat guidance will be forth coming.

Jack Harvey relayed an occurrence regarding the Townsends and working with Michael Baker that was resolved with a positive outcome for all involved.

Stacy discussed potential issues when one species is listed and how ultimately that listing could be to the detriment to another species – the unintended consequences. SPI and Green Diamond are finding that once Barred owls are removed – Northern Spotted Owls are re-appearing. Findings show that the female spotted owl is inter-breeding with the male barred owl – but not vice versa.

Water – nothing new - still waiting for central valley to come out with their draft waiver. Jack Harvey discussed in his area there has been some confusion on the different types of waivers and there appears to be no continuity in who requires and who does not require a waiver. Jack Harvey has invited a local water board representative to attend his next breakfast meeting to address this local issue.

Spring workshop

The board will offer student members a reduced rate of \$30 to attend CLFA workshops and seminars both current and in the future. The reduced rate is to cover food costs only.

The board has not received as many donation items for CLFAs annual reception following the spring workshop. Kathleen requested \$300 be allocated for her to purchase some raffle items. Jack Harvey moved with a second by Stacy Stanish to allocate these funds out of the general budget. Motion passed unanimously. Next year a call to the membership will go out for donation items for this fundraiser.

Fall Workshop

Two fall workshops are tentatively planned – one inland and one coastal that will focus on current issues affecting each area. The inland workshop will be located somewhere in the Burney Basin and both will be field days only. Tentative date for the inland workshop is October 7, 2016 with the topic being Post-Fire Regeneration.

Kathleen will provide prices to the board on the purchase of a portable microphone for field tours.

60 second forester – grant is secured. Contractor has been selected to create the video spots.

Outstanding Forester award

The board received three nominations this year. Each nominee was well deserving of the award for 2016. After a lengthy discussion, Kevin Conway made a motion that was seconded by Nick Knipe to nominate Lennart Lindstrand, Jr. as the 2016 Outstanding Forester. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Burr