

Forestry Scholarship Association

Missoula, MT – The Press Box
December, 2012, 0900 – 1200

Present – quorum met:

Cory Noordermeer – President
Eric Hoberg – President Elect
Alyssa Stewart – Secretary
Beth Dodson – Treasurer
Alex Williams – Board Chair
Ben Super – Board Member
Ken Plourde – Student Board Member
Sarah Lyngholm – Board Member
Ben Super – Board Member

John Fidler – Board Member
Scott Kuehn
Neil Simpson
Ben Chappelow
Mary Beth Chappelow
Leslie Neu
Seth Romocki
Art Hansen
John Ottman

1. Introduction of Board and Officers

2. Old & Current Business

Update on events since last meeting:

1. Homecoming BBQ at Alex & Beth's house was a success. Next year will pick a venue earlier, discussion on some different formats. Will do again next year.
2. Student Training – accomplished L280 Followership to Leadership Training, 12 students representing 7-8 student orgs participated. Two current students served as instructors.
3. Fundraising seminar – several FSA members attended, sponsored two students to that event.

Fiscal Report

1. See attached profit & loss statement.
2. *Beth will get a volunteer timesheet/cost tracker posted to the web.*

501c(3) Application is pending with the IRS

Business & Operations Plan – Cory Noordermeer

1. Need to get a plan together, some good templates on the web. Cory has been working on one, can use a hand to get it finished. Beth and Alyssa will help.
2. Would like to have draft out before next the post-Foresters Ball meeting with enough advanced time so that we can vote at that meeting.

Directors & Officers Insurance

1. Need liability insurance to protect the board/officers and the organization and access to single-event insurance.
2. Many events fall under the main sponsorship of the Foresters Ball or the Club, so those events fall under UM's insurance.
 - a. Events outside of that we need our own insurance.
 - i. Examples – S212 saw class the FSA puts on for students, FSA sponsored brunches, etc.
 - b. Students are not covered by UM when they are off university property, our policy could potentially cover them as well.

3. 1 million dollar general liability is \$1500, individual event insurance \$150-\$350 depending on scope of the event.
 - a. Should be able to pay in installments.
4. Scott will figure out if there are insurance options under the Montana Logging Association
5. Need to discuss further with insurance company and get quotes for other dollar amount policies.
Assigned to the governance and nominating committee.
6. **Concurrence among board members present that D&O insurance is needed. Will have info out to board members by January 1, 2013 for voting on specific policies.**

Conflict of Interest Policy/Form

1. Approved a conflict of interest policy at last meeting. ***Beth will snail mail forms out to board members and officers to get them completed.***

Committee Reports

1. Family Forestry Day – Neil Simpson
 - a. 10-2 Saturday at the Foresters' Ball
 - b. Eight verbal commitments from outside organizations for the event.
 - c. Ben Chappelow has been talking to FWP. Concern because that same day at the Adams Center is the Great Rocky Sports Show, but Ben has some FWP people lined up.
 - d. Instruction has been to keep things exciting and hands on.
 - e. Students have been doing the marketing for all of the events all together. Business student is working with the Ball as an intern to develop that plan.
2. Careers in Natural Resources Day (Friday afternoon before Ball) – Alex Williams
 - a. Making contacts in January.
 - b. Committees are meeting every other Tuesday evening at the Dodsons.
 - c. Contacts with schools also in January.
3. FSA Spring meeting & Brunch the Sunday mid-morning after Ball
 - a. Vote at that meeting for 2 new board members. Look for nominations prior to that, after the 1st of the year. (John & Sarah)
 - b. 2014 3-board member replacement
 - c. Officer positions are elected by the board following the election
 - d. Tentatively at the Missoula Winery
 - e. After 1st of year put out bulletin asking for nominations. Must be from the membership.
4. Scholarships
 - a. To get a named scholarship through the UM foundation, \$1000/yr commitment for 4 years.
 - b. Run through the CFC scholarships, single application. Ask that it be open to any student who contribute to CFC student orgs.
 - c. FSA would decide the recipient.
 - d. Those requirements are OK with the CFC & UM foundation.
 - e. Does not cost us to go through the UM foundation, also going through the UM foundation meets federal student aid requirements, etc.
5. Membership and Marketing Committee
 - a. Communication & Outreach
 - i. Mainly have been informal with student groups.
 - ii. How do we get our information and message out to the general public?
 - iii. Beth has made presentations with the Montana SAF and next week will present to the Montana Logging Association.
 - iv. Outreach via flyers – send to all members for them to post – add local contact for people to fill in.

- v. Need to present the FSA formally to the faculty, looking to do that post-Ball.
- vi. Forest Discovery Days

New Business

Student Interaction Opportunities

1. FSA sponsored training and education opportunities
 - a. Push for more experiential learning from the students to CFC. Students are hoping the alumni can write letters about the benefits of experiential learning/Natural Measurements Camp/etc. The students will have more info on what they need from us this Spring.
 - i. Alex Metcalf has been hired by the CFC to help coordinate experiential learning within the college.
 - b. The FSA would like to outreach more to students in other groups within the CFC (rec club, wildlife, etc.)
 - i. Wildlife Club Job Skills Day in the Spring – Ken Plourde will let us know when and what the club needs
 - c. Possible training to provide – public speaking/interview skills course. Several members expressed interest in helping with this and will coordinate with the students.
 - d. Also how to apply to different agencies, possibly at a club meeting:
 - i. Seth can help with the USAJobs portion.
 - e. S-212, Wildland Fire Chainsaws, is planned for this Spring.
2. Conclave is April 22-28
 - a. Potentially the FSA will sponsor an event
 - b. The FSA would like to sponsor the beer garden in the future, but without our paperwork going through yet, won't happen in 2013.
 - c. Woodsmen's Team needs access to firewood to complete pending orders if anyone has anything that needs cut.
 - d. FSA will have a banner at the event.
 - e. The team will need timers and judges. Also looking for a venue for the Stihl Timbersports Series, or a tent.

Elections at Spring Meeting

1. Nominations prior to the Spring meeting, there will be a nomination form on the website in the members section.
2. Elections will open electronically beforehand and physically at the spring meeting.

Forestry Alumni Association

1. Scott & Fid are both present for this discussion.
2. The Forestry Alumni Association is the last named individual association through UM, every other college goes through the UM Alumni Association. There is some thought among Alumni Association members that keeping the Alumni Association is important due to that fact. Also, there are lifetime members of that Association.
3. Events – mixer at Tower and the distinguished Alumni award
4. The Alumni Association would have to vote to integrate with the FSA, etc.
5. If we were to merge, would need to ensure that our goals and objectives are on track with one another.
 - a. The FSA is not an alumni association, so how we integrate would need to be approached carefully.

6. Concern about the availability of member information (of both associations) being given to UM. At this point, the board has said no to any requests. Unsure what public disclosure laws would require us to give as an 501c3.
7. **Scott & Fid need to outreach to the Alumni Association via snail mail/email/facebook and let them know what the current situation is with the Association and the FSA in January.** The FSA can help draft the letter.
8. How would we roll over FAA lifetime members? Possibly give them a one-year complimentary membership with the hope they would purchase membership after the year is up.

Fundraising

1. Open to all ideas.
2. **Multi-gun raffle – voted and the board decided to move forward. Alex Williams is the contact.**
3. Antler drive? Possible future decision.

Foresters' Ball

1. **This is the year where we need to make sure that alumni comes to the Foresters' Ball. When you talk to your friends, the way to support the students this year is to come to the Ball and the associated events. Even if we don't personally agree with the specific elements of the Ball plan, we need to support the students this year.**
2. Op-Ed in regional papers before the Ball.
3. Push the other events as well.
4. Ball is putting together new bylaws for the Loan fund. Students will vote this week. Any changes to bylaws are approved by students only. Approved uses of ball fund money:
 - a. Loans to individual students, short term loan 90 days or less, longer time period loans must follow federal regulations, requires approval from committee and faculty adviser.
 - b. Loans to the Ball, must be paid back in two years.
 - c. Capital improvements to the Ball no repayment required – must be useful for at least 3 Balls or more.
 - d. Operating expenses for Ball with no repayment if overbudget
 - e. Scholarships based off of dividends

Next Meeting March 24, 2012 (the Sunday after Ball)