**CALIFORNIA LICENSED FORESTERS ASSOCIATION**

**February19, 2020 Board Meeting**

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Chris Dow called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Members Present on the call: Gwyndolyn Ozard, Harlan Tranmer, Robert Little, Jason Wells, Joe Starr, Ricky Shurtz, Tony Gomez, Ariel Thomson Roughton,  Elicia Goldsworthy, Paul Violett, Emil Mason

Members absent: Paul Violett

Others present: Kathleen Burr

January Meeting minutes – Jason wells moved with a second by Elicia Goldsworthy to approve the January minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasures report – Kathleen Burr

* Profit & Loss – Balance as of February 16, 2020 - $81,274.49
* Balance Sheet – Total liabilities & Equity - $339,644.149
* Managed Accounts:
  + Archaeology – Balance $35,218.31
  + CLFA Scholarship – Balance $29,777.98
  + Hazel Jackson – Balance $750.00 – opened in February
  + Roy Richards – Balance $11,069.17
* Kathleen will include thank you in the March newsletter to all members who have donated to the CLFA Scholarship.

Correspondence

* Thank you received from Torrie Norville, Lyme Redwood, regarding the location of the most recent RPF exam.
* John Nickelson forwarded letter sent regarding Save the Redwoods League acquisition and plans for property in southern Sierra. No response needed.
* Matt Green sent a letter regarding continuing issues with CFIP funding and requested CLFA representation at NSO workshop. CFIP to be discussed. Goldsworthy will attend on CLFA’s behalf.
  + CFIP – 2 million held back for block grant, 6 million went to CFIP.
  + CFIP topic will be on the agenda for the March meeting to be discuses at length and in person with Matt Green present. Legislative committee will have more information at march meeting

New Members:

Tony Gomez moved with a second by Elicia Goldsworthy to approve the following new members. Motion passed unanimously.

* Martin Ritchie – Associate
* Evan Light – Voting
* Charles Dethero – Voting
* Wesley Navarre – Associate
* Dean Kern – Associate
* Nicholas Smith – Associate
* Nicholas Butler – Associate
* Rick Carr - Voting

Tony Gomez will send out letter welcoming new these members.

The membership form will be added to the website ASAP.

Education

Spring Conference

* Stephanie Velasquez will not be able to present at the spring conference. Helge Eng offered Michael Richman to present on the rewrite of the archaeology procedures for Cal Fire.
* Still need a CEQA speaker, all other speakers confirmed and have accommodations if need be.
* Everyone needs to get bios and send to Kathleen.
* Outstanding Forester nominations and discussion.
  + Emil Mason moved with a second by Jason Wells to approve Frank Mulhair as the Outstanding Forester 2020. Motion passed unanimously.
  + The Board unanimously voted to present George “YG” Gentry with a Life Time Achievement Award. This will be presented during lunch on Friday if YG is able to make the conference. If not, it will be held until another appropriate time.
* CLFA & Roy Richards Scholarships need to be graded and scores returned to Kathleen so notifications can be made prior to conference.
* Board members who do not work for a company that will reimburse conference fee will have fee waived.
* Registration around 60 currently. Some students are expected to register still.
* There will be a forestry challenge student presenting during lunch on Friday.
* Kathleen will send out a reminder to members to register.
* Board members need to work on auction items for the Friday night reception.

Archaeology Course Update- Kathleen Burr

* October class is full with 11 on the waitlist. If the waitlist doesn’t make it into class they will be the first to register in 2021. Instructors too stretched for an all Cal Fire class.
* March class cost has gone up $14,000 due to multiple new speakers. We currently have a surplus, but we don’t want to deplete it. If we see these costs remaining then we will have to increase the cost of the class to cover this increase.
* Discussion of what happened with the desire to have an RPF at the class.
  + It was suggested, but received no traction. Desire for archaeologists to present the material has been emphasized. Since there are already speakers for this year’s course this is more of a long-term discussion. MOU to be renewed in 2023.

Other Education

* The Board will begin discussing the fall field days at the April Board meeting.

Water and Wildlife – Gwyndolyn Ozard

* No new info since the last newsletter article. Waiting for the FGC meeting to report new info on the Frog and Mountain Lion.

Forest Practice – no report as the BOF was dark in February.

Legislation – Jason Wells

* Senate Republican staff crafting language for a community wildfire prevention thinning exemption.
* February 21st last day for bills to be introduced for this year’s legislative session.

Communications – Ariel Roughton

* Working on developing a way for those without google accounts to access google drive. Once issue solved board documents can be stored in google drive.
* Plan on an overview of the website and tutorial at the next meeting.
* Gwyndolyn is working on New Board member guidance doc. She will send out to the Board for comments and discussion at the March Board meeting.

Elicia Goldsworthy moved with a second by Tony Gomez to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ariel Roughton & Kathleen Burr