CALIFORNIA LICENSED FORESTERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

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Joe Starr called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

Members present: Frank Barron, Mark Pugsley, Kieran O’Leary, Chris Dow, Charll Stoneman, Brita Goldstein, Mike Tadlock, George Gentry, & Jason Wells

Board members absent: Bob Broderick & Corrie Munger

Others present: Kathleen Burr & Andrea Eggleton

Charll Stoneman moved with a second by Frank Barron to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Chris Dow will reach out to Bob Broderick to see if his schedule still allows for him to participate on the CLFA Board for the 2022 year.

Joe Starr would like this meeting to focus on structuring committees and how meetings would function this year. Mark Pugsley would like a committee to review the newsletter and documents. Joe said this would be the executive committee’s responsibility. Joe would like to add a discussion on “revising the stocking and completion forms”.

May Minutes

* Charll Stoneman moved with a second by Brita Goldstein to approve the May 2022 minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Financials – Kathleen Burr reported

Treasurer’s Report / Executive Directors Report – Kathleen Burr reported:

* Profit & Loss – Net Income $66,512.64
* Balance Sheet – Total Assets $350,029.98
* Managed Accounts:
  + Archaeology - $22,015.27
  + CLFA Scholarship - $32,771.54
  + Roy Richards - $10,407.41
  + Hazel Jackson - $7,573.69
* Currently memberships are:
  + - Associate members – 105% of budget
    - Contributing members – 130% of budget
    - Sustaining 110% of budget
    - Voting is at 89.69% of budget
    - Currently CLFA is at 94.26% of total memberships paid to date from approved 2022 budget.
* Charll Stoneman moved with a second by Chris Dow to approve the financials as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
* Charll informed the Board that the Biswell Scholarship was increased from $1,000 which shows on the budget to awarding $1,500. This increase was previously approved by the Board.

CLFA Bank Accounts:

* Charll Stoneman moved with a second by Chris Dow to remove all current signers on the CLFA Wells Fargo bank accounts except for Kathleen Burr, Executive Director. Charll Stoneman & George Gentry will be added as signers effective June 22, 2022 on the following CLFA accounts:
  + CLFA Checking - 8792342522
  + CLFA Money Market Account - 6792485424
  + CLFA Scholarship Account - 6792485416
  + Archaeology Account - 6792485390
  + Roy Richards Account - 6792485408
  + Hazel Jackson Account - 7256245244
* Motion passed unanimously.

Memberships

* Membership – all were paid online
  + Carson Engelskinger – Associate – Sponsor YG
  + Cory Carlson – Associate – Sponsor Dennis Webb
  + Benjamin Miller – Student – Sponsor Samantha Gill

Frank Barron moved with a second by Jason Wells to approve the new members. Motion passed unanimously.

FRST – Andrea Eggleton Contract – Jason Wells moved with a second by Charll Stoneman to approve the FRST contact for 2022/2023 with a $10.00 per hour increase.

Committee Reports:

* Education Committee –
  + May conference went well. YG discussed that during the Forest Practice meeting, on this date, the topic of botany should move forward. He informed the committee that he felt the best course of action over regulation would be education and that CLFA would be the logical educator. YG says the Forest Practice Committee has been laboring over this for two years and nothing has been satisfied. CLFA would do a fall workshop on botany followed up by brown bags and local meetings in the field. The fall workshop would cover scoping and administrative issues. Charll put together a preliminary agenda. YG recommended that in the spring, various brown bags should be held. These brown bags could be centered around the breakfast groups. YG recommended finding knowledgeable CLFA members to spearhead these brown bags. Jason Wells asked if we would need to pay these people and if there would be a budget for this.
  + Charll would like see CLFA begin working on the March 2023 annual meeting now.
  + YG discussed that one of the reasons CLFA was formed was to take items out of the regulatory environment and place them into the arena of professional development via education.
* Outreach –
  + Joe reached out to Samantha Gill at Cal Poly to create more of a presence of CLFA at Cal Poly.
  + Not a whole lot from Outreach in the past.
* Communications –
  + No report
* Forest Practice –
  + Forest Practice meeting will be a separate meeting with Andrea in the future.
  + Charll feels the Spotted Owl should be monitored by this committee.
  + Site preparation conversation – YG believes Cal Fire had one particular instance that mature trees were felled in the name of site preparation. Site preparation is entitled to an exemption under statue 4584(d) and can be exempt from any or all portions of the chapter. The site preparation rules were adopted 40-years ago. Chief Huff has committed to working with CLFA on this.
* Legislation –
  + No updates
* Licensing –
  + No updates
* Water & Wildlife –
  + Bees are now considered fish according to the California Endangered Species Act.

Action Items – Joe Starr

* Joe would like each committee to review the current goals listed on the committee roster and update.
* Forest Practice –
  + Charll Stoneman will be committee chair. Joe feels every Board member should be on this committee. Chris Dow will assist and be a larger part of this committee. Frank Barron, Mike Tadlock, and Corrie Munger will also serve.
  + Frank Barron feels some of the issues this committee should follow are the Spotted Owl, uneven aged stocking standards, and site prep are important.
  + Chris Dow feels some sort of roadside exemption should be written so that the counties can use it and/or they can be put into the utility exemption as a utility right of way and give them an easier path to start clearing debris on the road edges especially where they can follow-up easier especially after the tress are cleared by the utilities. Chris Dow to provide more info here.
  + Joe Starr would like to see the stocking report and completion report become separate documents. YG explained how this could be accomplished.
  + Joe would like to see a monthly Forest Practice meeting be held between the BOF meeting and CLFA Board meeting.
    - Charll feels this is not a good idea. He feels the entire Board should have access to Andre’s full report. He feels Andrea should attend CLFA in- person meetings and be part of the extensive full day meetings and possibly this would be applicable to CLFA virtual meetings.
    - Joe informed the Board that this was more of this thought.
    - Jason agrees that committees should be meeting prior to Board meeting.
* Legislation – Jason Wells will be committee chair & Matt Green will be a member at large on this committee. George Gentry and Kieran O’Leary will serve on this committee.
  + Clayton Code is interested in sitting on several committees. Kathleen noted that Larry Camp has sat on this committee in the past and may be interested again. Joe will reach out to both Clayton and Larry.
* Water & Wildlife – Mark Pugsley will be chairman. YG and Britta will serve on this committee along with Matt Greene as a member-at-large.
* Education Committee – Britta Goldstein will chair this committee. Charll Stoneman & Frank Barron will sit on this committee.
  + The fall conference will center around Botany. Charll has put together a preliminary agenda on Botany for this conference. YG will help in soliciting speakers for this conference.
  + Joe requested Board members to begin developing ideas for the March 2023 spring conference and bring them to the July meeting.
* Outreach Committee – Chris Dow will chair this committee. Corrie Munger and Brita Goldstein will serve on this committee.
  + Outreach committee is the link with Forestry Challenge and the universities.
  + Developing the future crop of RPFs.
  + Scholarships are part of this committee.
  + Joe asked the Board to begin thinking about future Board members to serve 2023/2024.
  + Chris Dow & Charll Stoneman will work on scholarships together.
* Audit Committee – Mike Tadlock will chair this committee. Mark Pugsley, Joe Starr &  
  Frank Barron will serve on this committee
* Licensing Committee – George Gentry will chair this committee. Mike Tadlock & Brita Goldstein will serve on this committee.
* Communications committee – Corrie Munger will chair this committee. Jason Wells will serve on this committee - he feels there should be a website training which can be scheduled sometime in August.
* Archaeology Committee – Chris Dow, Kieran O’Leary & Kathleen Burr will serve on this committee.

Joe sees Forest Practice, Legislation, Education and possibly Outreach having committee meetings outside of the regular Board meeting. Joe discussed what days and times are best for the Board meetings – weekdays, evenings, during business hours. Future meetings will be discussed at the July Board meeting.

Next Board meeting will be at Granzellas on July 23rd with the audit on July 22nd.

Kathleen will update the non-paid member list and add it to the Google Drive file link. Board members will add their names to people they would like to reach out to.

Newsletter articles to Kathleen & Joe by July 25th.

George Gentry moved with a second by Brita Goldstein to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Burr

Executive Director