CALIFORNIA LICENSED FORESTERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, November 20, 2021 – 9:00 am

Granzellas Hotel & Spa

Board Minutes

Joe Starr called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

Members present: George Gentry, Mark Pugsley, Matt Bissell, Bob Roderick, Jeremy Wright, Charll Stoneman, Ricky Shurtz

Members present via GoToMeeting: Ariel Thompson

Board members absent: Jason Wells

Others present: Kathleen Burr

No members attended this board meeting.

Charll Stoneman moved with a second by Jeremy Wright to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Charll Stone moved with a second by Mark Pugsley to approve the October minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – Kathleen Burr &, Mark Pugsley reported:

* Profit & Loss – Net Income $13,987.02
* Balance Sheet – Total Assets $288,734.35
* Budget vs. Actual:
  + Income – 82.36% of budget
  + Expenses – 73.91% of budget
* Managed Accounts:
  + Archaeology - $33,336.79
  + CLFA Scholarship - $31,500.82
  + Roy Richards - $10,806.80
  + Hazel Jackson - $6,648.69
* George Gentry moved with a second by Jeremy Wright to approve the financials as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
* The budget vs. actual shows voting membership income is very low. Charll questioned this number. Kathleen agreed and that there was some mistake within QuickBooks and she will research and correct.
* Archaeology will have a large loss this year due to the sub-contracted faculty, paying for all Cal Fire cadre rooms at the Gaia, and the cost of sanitation supplies. Kathleen will be reviewing with Len Nielson to try and cutdown on the costs to put on this class. The March 2022 class is full and the October 2022 class has 12 spots still open. Len will receive the financials the first of December.
* 2023 class price will need to be raised to $850 to $900 to ensure this class financial stability.
* MOU with Cal Fire is up in 2022. Kathleen will work on updating the MOU.
* The Board discussed the recent refreshers and the fact that Cal Fire designed the refresher to be a one-day version of the 5-day initial class – to look at the bigger picture. Charll said he did appreciate what they were trying to achieve and felt the content was slim.
* Bob and YG discussed the class used to be ½ a day classroom and ½ a day at a site.
* Kathleen discussed the MOU and CLFA’s role in reviewing curriculum and make suggestions. YG & Chris Dow reviewed the 5-day class’s curriculum several years ago.

Audit results:

* Joe Starr, Mark Pugsley, & Charll Stoneman reviewed the financials for the 2020 audit year. 8 random months were selected and bank statements were reviewed against checks written, deposits made, and debit card withdrawals. Debit card receipts were missing although Kathleen knew what each purchase was for. Kathleen will send Mark Pugsley the monthly bank statements. No questions arose from the audit.
* YG Gentry moved with a second by Ricky Shurtz to approve the verbal audit. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Mike Bacca’s email dated November 16, 2021 from his breakfast group regarding the new listings of Northern California Steelhead & the Upper Kamath-Trinity River Chinook. Copy of that email is attached hereto these minutes.

New Members:

* Sara Groban – Student
* Zoey Cardoza – Student
* Jacob Pass – Student
* Cameron Tavis – Student
* Joshua Zastrow – Student
* Thomas Franaszek – Student
* Josh Frankiewicz – Student

Ricky Shurtz moved with a second by Charll Stoneman to approve the new student members. Motion passed unanimously.

YG discussed his study groups and is recommending the cost of a study group should be an associate membership with CLFA. The Board thought this was a good idea.

Board of Forestry: Andrea Eggleton reported:

* BOF Forest Practice Committee 11/2/21 (no Management Committee this month)
* Removed the Botanical Resources memo from the agenda because CNRA has asked some legal questions of the Board’s attorney, so there will be a one-month delay to conduct those discussions between the agency attorneys.
* Class II-L Determination Rules 14 CCR § 916.9 [936.9, 956.9]
* There are portions of the Class II-L watercourse determination rules that will sunset at the end of next year. The EMC research found that watershed size was a better metric than width for making this determination, so the drainage area determination method is maintained, while the width determination method and the sunset clause is [proposed to be removed](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/vbrndeoh/fpc-2-a-class-ii-l-sunset-repeal-rule-text_ada.docx). Drew Coe presented the paper and [EMC findings](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/1qejel5z/fpc-2-b-emc-class-ii-l-studies-bof_ada.pdf) at the September meeting.
* Member Jani mentions that his staff at MRC/HRC and they are broadly supportive of this proposal.
* Tim Brian from CDFW – the studies justify the usage of the watershed size, but it doesn’t necessarily justify that the width factor should be removed. How many streams will this impact moving forward – CDFW believes this will be a significant reduction in streams that would be provided the Class II-L protections.
* Chiefs Hall and Huff are supportive of the proposal and feel it is backed by rigorous science. Willing to ask staff to see how many watercourses are affected from an office exercise.
* The committee has decided to invite Drew Coe back to the committee to address requested written comment from CDFW before they take it to the full board.
* Substantially Damaged language application to Southern Subdistrict of the Coast 14 CCR § 913.8
  + Currently, the rules do not have a consistent application of the substantially damaged designation in the SSC. The BOF has identified the issue in the [Initial Statement of Reasons](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/e0md2wki/fpc-4-b-draft-substantially-damaged-amendments-isor_ada.docx):

”The regulations for the Southern Subdistrict of the Coast Forest District (14 CCR § 895.1)(Southern Subdistrict) include “Special Harvesting Methods” (14 CCR § 913.8), which identifies, among other requirements, stocking and retention requirements for Timber Operations conducted within the Southern Subdistrict. These requirements are introduced in the section with the statement “[o]nly the following regeneration methods and stocking requirements shall apply in the Southern Subdistrict of the Coast Forest District.””

The problem is that the regulations for Substantially Damaged Timberlands exist within 14 CCR 1080, and the statement above therefore excludes the rules within 1080 from application within the Southern Subdistrict of the Coast. This inconsistency was not noticed until the 2020 fires in Santa Cruz brought it to light. Without this regulatory change, landowners within the Southern Subdistrict of the Coast would be required to restock timberlands after a fire within 5 years if they were stocked before the fire, which can cause undue financial burden after an emergency (the reason for the creation of the Substantially Damaged rules in the first place). [This proposal](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/2zsnrb0v/fpc-4-a-draft-substantially-damaged-amendments-rule-text_ada.docx) create consistency with the rest of the State to allow for lands to be classified as Substantially Damaged.

RPF Responsibility within Emergency Notice for FHR 14 CCR 1052.4

* The CAL FIRE exemption and emergency monitoring team reported that approximately half of the EMFHRs that they inspected had water quality issues, and CAL FIRE determined that the common thread amongst these problematic notices was that an RPF was not present an adequate number of times. A summary is provided within the [Initial Statement of Reasons](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/uchpmkl5/fpc-5-b-draft-rpf-responsibility-isor_ada.docx).
* Therefore, the committee is [proposing](https://bof.fire.ca.gov/media/mz4jsyoa/fpc-5-a-rpf-responsibility-rule-text_ada.docx) to add the RPF responsibility language for THP to this emergency notice.
* Also, CAL FIRE had concerns about the enforceability of the time period for fuel treatments, which is currently 1 year from the start of operations. The committee is furthering CAL FIRE’s proposal to change the timing to 1 year from the date of document acceptance.

Budget Review:

* The board reviewed the preliminary budget. Charll made several suggestions to balance the budget. Charll felt the budget should be balanced and that the Board needs to focus on contacting member who do not pay their dues. Charll and YG discussed what the value of CLFA membership is to members.
* YG moved with a second by Charll that Kathleen will revise the budget and resubmit to the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Education

* The Board discussed the upcoming spring workshop/annual meeting. Kathleen reviewed the three-day schedule. The brochure needs to be sent out by the first of January 2022. Charll will take the outline developed by Jason regarding the CEQA/Cumulative Impacts Resources/and other topics developed from the member survey and will develop our November workshop from this.
* The Board worked and put together a list of topics and speakers with a tentative workshop title “California – The Aftermath of Fire after the Storm”. Joe & YG will work on contacting speakers.

Outreach – Jeremy Wright – nothing new to report

* Ariel reported that the mentorship program has been expanded to all the schools and is going well.

Legislation – Joe Starr

* 2-yr THP extension bill was approved.
* Senate bill 332 - Certified Burn Boss program has been approved.

Licensing – George Gentry reported:

* Next PFEC meeting is scheduled for December 1st.

Water & Wildlife – Mark Pugsley reported:

* Pacific Martin Coastal DPS includes additional areas – mostly federal but will affect Green Diamond.

Communications – Nothing new to report

November Field Days: Kathleen Burr reported

* Kathleen reviewed the field days with the Board. She will be sending out an email requiring all attendees to bring a safety vest, hard hat, closed toe shoes and liability releases. She has confirmed with both locations on meeting spots for the tours.
* 31 attendees for Scotia & 33 for Yuba City.

Scholarships – Charll Stoneman reported:

* Charll discussed the Harold Biswell scholarship and how to reach more students and what the target group is for this scholarship. Do we want the students to work for the scholarship or could it be awarded on a merit basis? YG suggested having students submit an application and then having a three person interview each student. Each student would write a one-page application and have a Zoom interview.
* Charll will work on developing the application form.

Newsletter articles are due to Kathleen December 27, 2021.

January CLFA Board meeting will be on the 15th at Granzellas in Williams.

The Board needs to start thinking about new Board members.

CLFA Board is dark in December.

Chief Tom Porter, Cal Fire, is retiring. YG feels CLFA needs to write a letter to the Director and Governor that whoever replaces Chief Porter needs to be an RPF. The position should be filled by someone coming up through the ranks of Cal Fire as well as being an RPF. CFA plans on writing a letter of endorsement and recommending a specific individual. YG asked the Board if:

* CLFA would write a letter that recommends a RPF as the next director?
  + The Board said yes.
* Would CLFA endorse a specific individual?
* YG will write the letter for CLFA.

Jeremy Wright moved with a second by YG to end the meeting at 2:25. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Burr

Executive Director