

CALIFORNIA LICENSED FORESTERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes – March 3, 2016

Lions Gate Hotel, McClellan, California

CLFA President Clayton Code called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Robert Galliano, Nick Knipe, Jack Harvey, Mitch Hunt, Stacy Stanish, Colin Noyes, Jan Caster

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jay Fazio and Kevin Conway

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathleen Burr, Jason Poburko, Matt Greene

Clayton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Jack Harvey and seconded by Mitch Hunt to approve the February 20, 2016 minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Robert Galliano

Robert reviewed the financials.

- Profit & Loss – \$77,456.11 - net income
- Balance sheet - \$211,055.16
- Change of bank accounts to Wells Fargo will be handled at the May 20/21, 2016 board meeting.

Correspondence – Clayton Code

Clayton reviewed Chuck's March letters to CLFA.

Membership – Clayton Code

Jan Caster made a motion with a second by Nick Knipe to approve the following memberships – motion passed unanimously.

Karl Peterson – Student

Cameron Wasserman – Student

Sonnette Russell – Student

California Forestry Challenge – Diane Dealey-Neill – Lifetime Honorary Membership

Executive Director – Kathleen Burr

Kathleen reviewed conference budget numbers.

Archaeology 2016 classes:

- 2016 refresher class was reviewed
- Five-day full class numbers has 25 registrations with 15 paid in full.
- Make-up class for those who did not refresh in 2015 will be required to take a one-day class that will cover both 2015 & 2016. Class is scheduled for April 20, 2016.

2016 Membership Purge Timeline:

- March newsletter – will be last newsletter non-paid members will receive.
- April – board members will call non-paid members.
- May – non-paid members will be purged from membership.

Forest Practice – Clayton Code

- Clayton did not make the BOF meeting. Nothing new to report in actual board business.
- Watershed Pilot Project – under AB1492 – Russ Henley & Elliott Chasen are still in process of defining the project and selecting a watershed.
- Effectiveness monitoring committee – under AB1492 - strategic plan has been approved and they are in the process of developing study proposals – the purpose of this committee is to test the effectiveness of rule implementation.
- CALFIRE, Chris Maranto, has concerns regarding older NTMPs growth & yield modeling and over cutting. The committee discussed how this should be handled?
- Small landowner initiative – Bill Snyder, Clayton Code, Colin Noyes, Robert Galliano, Kevin Conway, Charll Stoneman, and Clare McAdams (small landowner in Humboldt County) met. Many of Bill's ideas presented where already put into effect in the modified THP. The majority of participants involved in the 'small landowner' would like to 'keep to rule changes and not legislation'. Clayton presented a categorical exemption for the small landowner. Section 1 & 2 would be in the initial study submitted to CALFIRE. CALFIRE would then determine whether or not there is a CEQA impact. If no significant impact under SEQA – work could begin immediately. CEQA should be looked at from the beginning and not mid-stream in the process.
- Bio-assessments – 1492 Funding - \$300,000 over the next three years will be spent on forested landscapes that are being managed.
- Ecological performance standards – under AB1492 – evaluating whether or not the implementation of the Forest Practice Act has met the relative intent.
- CALFIRE is on board and fully energized to develop ACELLA which would bring all agencies involved in the THP process together using online forms. Dennis Hall assured Clayton this would make it easier for all involved and not more difficult. CLFA has been assured they will be invited as a stakeholder in the process and nothing has been finalized to date.
- Cumulative Impacts – nothing new to report.

Legislation – Colin Noyes

All bills have already been introduced at this point in time. Following this CLFA board meeting – a legislative meeting will be held to discuss the upcoming legislation for the remainder of this year.

AB2146 – Patterson - 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. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

AB2029 – Dahle – The Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practices Act of 1973 prohibits a person from conducting timber operations, as defined, unless a timber harvesting plan prepared by a registered professional forester has been submitted to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The act authorizes the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to exempt from some or all of those provisions of the act a person engaging in specified forest management activities, as prescribed. This bill would make various non-substantive changes in those provisions governing exemptions for forest management activities.

Brian White is doing an excellent job for the association.

Brian White discussed CLFA looking into creating a 'political action committee' that would make campaign contributions to create a different level of 'introduction' to legislators. Legislative terms are longer and this committee could possibly assist in CLFA being more effective in the capital. This will be discussed in the annual legislative meeting directly following the board meeting.

Licensing – Clayton Code

RPF/LTO issue – at Sierra Cascade logging conference Bob McMullen scheduled a meeting with Dennis Hall and Helge Eng to discuss regulatory changes and an appeals process. Clayton Code sat down with this group. ACL is looking for clear and definitive definitions of what a LTOs and RPFs responsibilities are. LTOs do not want to receive a violation due to a RPFs inaccurate or inappropriate pre-work. LTOs are not aware of CALFIRE's chain of command regarding a violation.

Water & Wildlife – Mitch Hunt

Fish and Game commission is still short two commissioners and an executive officer.

Humboldt Marten has been officially placed on the state candidacy list.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Burr