

Notes of NAFSR Conference Call, August 9, 2016

Larry Payne opened the meeting. Most of the Board Members were on.

Larry welcomed Jim Caswell as our new Chair.

Jim thanked everyone for our confidence in him. Advocates shared leadership. Feeling a little overwhelmed at the moment trying to catch up and getting up to speed. Likes the Program of Work approach and thinks we need to zero in our priorities and not get overwhelmed. Has always been a supporter of the USFS.

Financial Report: Johnny sent out a very comprehensive report that will be sent out to all Board Members instead of going over it in the Conference call. NAFSR can now do credit cards. Also the website name will be changed.

Executive Director's Report: In spite of a lot of travel Corbin is attempting to keep up.

Legislative Update: Hank Kashdan stated it has been a quiet time, does not see a lot coming up of concern other than the budget issues. There was a brief dialogue re transfer of public federal lands to the states. Hank stated we need to stay alert, but does not see anything happening with this.

Response to Bruce Courtright: NAFSR has decided that we would not sign on, Bruce needs to be notified. The big problem was the way it was written (is there any thought given to help Bruce with what is needed as an awful lot of work has gone into this effort).

American Wildlife Conservation Partners: Corbin wanted to make sure we got a copy of the AWCP Position.

New Website: Ken White a number of years ago stepped up and took on the task of the website, got it up and running, but NAFSR decided it was time to be more professional. The new website is awesome. Larry Payne called Ken, explained what we were doing and thanked Ken profusely for his service and offered him a Lifetime Membership in NAFSR. Ken pointed out the website needs to be managed, what goes on it and what comes off. He also found NAFSR a better service provider.

Annual Meeting Location: Corbin has laid out several alternatives for the week of October 24th or the week of October 31. Decision was the week of October 31 in Albuquerque. Corbin will have lead. Several Board Members could not make the week of October 24th or the 31st. Only Mike Rogers could not make the week of October 31, remainder of

Board available for the 31st. The chosen dates are in conflict with the National SAF Convention. At the annual meeting we will chose firm dates for future calls and meetings.

Transitioning to a New Administration: During the course of his travels Corbin managed to come up with the outline of a good Transition Plan that a number of Board Members reviewed and liked. The Board decided to proceed with Corbin's plan. Corbin asked Hank Kashdan about the timing of putting together a Final Plan. Hank suggested we take time at the meeting to craft an approach, but we need to focus on the outcome of the Elections, who the President will be and who holds the House and the Senate as this will define our ultimate strategy.

Fire Info Network: Mike Rogers deferred to Rich, the original creator of the process, who stated we need to leave it as it is. Members always have the option of deleting the message if they do not want to look at it. Corbin added that this is a good way to keep RF's thinking about keeping retirees in the back of their minds on both Fire and other issues. It was agreed to leave the process as is.

NAFSR Priorities: Larry stated he did not have the priorities put together in Reno in front of him but stated Forest Restoration needs to stand as a priority. Rich Stem stated we have about six of them and a lot of good work has been done on two of them. We blew through a review of these items in last year's meeting in Albuquerque, but really did not have the time to do them justice. Darryl stated we need to have these priorities as the first item of business at our upcoming meeting in Albuquerque. There was a lot of discussion around the priorities in the Plan of Work. Larry asked if Corbin or Darryl; could send out a list of the priorities we agreed upon in Reno to the Board. Decisions need to be made about proceeding with some of them or dropping some of them. Corbin will send out the list. Those people that have the lead on priorities need to give Corbin an update before the annual meeting.

Mac asked that we keep the next FS Reunion in the forefront with our Membership as the date is rapidly approaching.

Notes submitted by Mike Rogers.

Notes sent to Larry Payne, Corbin Newman and Johnny Hodges for review.