

**NAFSR Board of Directors
Call Meeting Notes, 12/9/15**

On the call – Jim Golden, Jack Troyer, Corbin Newman, Rich Stem, Hank Kashdan, Ranotta McNair, Darrell Kenops, Pete Griffin, Larry Payne, Tom Thompson, Ron Scott, Johnny Hodges

Johnny reported we currently have 648 members. Our bank balance is \$11,160.94

Johnny proposed a new dues structure. After considerable discussion, the Board agreed on the following –

- Annual dues will remain at \$25 per household.
- First year dues for new members will remain free.
- Dues for Golden members 80-years-old and older will remain free.
- Eliminate sustaining and contributing member categories. These members will pay \$25 per household and will be encouraged to make additional contributions.
- Associate members will now pay annual dues of \$25.
- Added a Lifetime Membership of \$250 per household.

Corbin proposed the establishment of an Advocacy Fund to help fund expenses related to support of legislation or other initiatives. He will write a proposal and circulate to the Board.

Jim requested that all Board members be provided with both long and short sleeve shirts with NAFSR logo that can be worn when making public contacts. Johnny will contact John Combes for the vendor and poll the Board on needs.

Hank – Provided an update on Wildfire Disaster Funding and Forestry Reform. He expects another CR until final agreement is reached on appropriations bills. He expects an omnibus bill where there is agreement and a year-long CR for other appropriations without agreement. Senator Murkowski is the key on the wildfire funding.

Rich discussed a letter that was drafted and sent on behalf of NAFSR (signed by Jim) on December 8 to Pat Roberts, chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry in support of HR 2647, primarily the Forest Resiliency portion of the Bill as well as the Wildfire Disaster Funding. There was a call by a number of Senators to give them support as it was progressing through the Senate and there was little time to accomplish this request. The letter was completed in about a week. This was the same support given earlier on this legislation to the House members and committees. The letter was also sent to a number of Senators directly in Alaska, Wyoming, Colorado and Montana.

Corbin discussed the McGuire Award guidelines which the committee has developed independently of the Board. The Board is ok with this.

Recreation site administration – The Tahoe N.F. is taking back administration of recreation facilities from concessionaires. There is no proposed legislation yet and we will not take a position at this time.

Jim discussed one of the items that we did not get to at our meeting in Albuquerque from the priority program of work - the long and short term restoration needs of the FS. Rich was the lead and Tom assisted in distributing the staff paper to the Board. It is a big, difficult project which will take lots of time. It was proposed and adopted as one of the priorities at the Reno meeting last year. It is a very data intensive project. Rich is at a loss of what to do next and will provide a number of questions/options for the BOD to consider as the next step. A question was also raised on how we track current priorities, either by phone call or whatever is needed, but the need is there. There are still 3 other priorities that we have not discussed since Reno.

Corbin discussed the 2016 Program of Work. What does it look like? How do we focus at a high level? Corbin will provide a list of POW proposals for 2016 to the Board for voting and prioritizing.

Corbin would like to provide an Annual Report to members to show them what we have been working on over the past year. Board members need to send some key activities that you have completed so we can add it to the report

Schedule Board calls for 2016 – February 9, May 10, August 8, November 8

Jim plans to retire as chair in spring. We need to work on a process to choose his successor.

Johnny Hodges
Secretary