

# **New York Forest Owners Association, Inc.**

## **Minutes of the Board Meeting Friday, June 2 & Saturday, June 3, 2006 Arnot Forest, Van Etten, NY**

### **In Attendance- 6/2:**

Executive Committee Members: Alan White, President, Kelly Smallidge, Secretary and Peter Smallidge,  
Ex-Officio Member

Board Members: Dan Cleveland, Harry Dieter, Dick Patton, Carl Wiedemann, Renee Bouplon, Mike Seager,  
Dick Harrington and Bob Manning

Additional Participants: Executive Director, Mary Jeanne Packer, Office Administrator, Liana Gooding and  
NYFOA Member Ron Pedersen

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Alan White. Alan welcomed all and each member present introduced themselves. Alan stated that the focus of the meetings would be membership.

The 2006 Action Plan was reviewed and discussed. A plan for 2007 and beyond will be adopted at the Fall Board meeting to become effective January, 2007.

### **In Attendance- 6/3:**

In addition to those listed above (exception Dick Harrington not present):

Executive Committee Members: Steve Teuscher, Treasurer and Geff Yancey, Vice-President

Board Members: Gene Reinshagen

Additional Participants: Hugh Canham, Keith Laurier, Jim Ochterski and Chris Grant

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by President Alan White.

● **Motion made** by Dan Cleveland **to adopt the minutes** of the April 29, 2006 conference call. Seconded by Geff Yancey. All were in favor, motion carried.

● **Treasurer**, Steve Teuscher distributed Statements of Financial Position. A copy of his report is attached to and made part of these minutes. Reports are currently being kept on the cash basis but Steve is working toward having them in an accrual format.

**Motion made** by Geff Yancey **to adopt the Treasurer's report**. Seconded by Dick Patton. All were in favor, motion carried.

**Motion made** by Dan Cleveland **to approve the request by the Treasurer to have NYFOA credit cards (\$1,500 limit on each card) issued to the Executive Director, Mary Jeanne Packer and to Liana Gooding, Office Administrator**. Seconded by Gene Reinshagen. All were in favor, motion carried.

- **Executive Director Mary Jeanne Packer** gave her report which included:

- 1 **Web Site Update**- new site should be online next week. She thanked the Web Site Committee.
- 1 **Forest Owner Advertising**- Mary Beth Malmshemer, Editor, was not recommending additional advertising at this time for reasons of space and cost. A review of the space for ads vs. content will be looked at by the Editorial Committee and they will report back to the Board.
- 2 **FLEP and Highlands Grants Update**- Additional FLEP funding will be received 7/06 and administration continues of previously awarded funds. The Highlands Grant contract was renegotiated and includes funds to assist the Lower Hudson Chapter of NYFOA.
- 3 Mary Jeanne also reported continuing discussion with NYS DEC and Cornell Cooperative Extension on **hosting a conference for north east states forest landowner associations.**

- **Membership:**

- The **Membership Report and Summary of Mailings** were distributed and discussed. Copies of which are attached and made part of these minutes.
- Ron Pedersen presented the **Report of Membership Committee**, copy attached and made part of these minutes. Motion made by Dick Patton **to accept the Membership Committee recommendations with the additional recommendation of accepting credit cards payments from members.** Motion seconded by Renee Bouplon. All were in favor, motion carried.
- 4 **Jim Ochterski**, NYFOA Member and Cornell Cooperative Extension Regional Natural Resources Specialist and **Chris Grant**, NYFOA Member and marketing expert gave presentations to the Board. See attached- Hugh Canham Notes from Jim Ochterski Presentation.
- 5 Mary Jeanne presented draft **of new NYFOA brochure.** Minor changes such as the addition of option of using a credit card for payment will be made and it will go to print.
- 6 The Membership Committee will boil down all membership discussion from this meeting and report back to the Board with specific recommendations for action.

- **Other Business:**

7 Policy Committee:

Carl Wiedemann will replace Renee Bouplon as Chair and Additional Executive Committee Member.

Alan gave brief update of Council of Forestry Resource Organizations (CFRO) activities.

**Motion made** by Bob Manning to **adopt the Conservation Easement policy statement** (a copy of which is attached and made part of these minutes.) Motion seconded by Gene Reinshagen. 8 Board members voted yes, 4 voted no, motion carried.

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8 Standing Committees: A sign up sheet was circulated and will be reviewed and finalized by Alan and Mary Jeanne.

9 Partnerships with other forestry organizations:

Alan reported on his discussion with the **Catskills Forestry Association (CFA)**. President, Keith Laurier was present. They have discussed an exchange of newsletters but no decisions have been made.

Mary Jeanne reported on her meeting with the **Tug Hill Resources Investment for Tomorrow (THRIFT) group**. She reported some hesitation from the group on re-partnering with NYFOA. She was directed to continue to reach out to them.

10 Cornell Cooperative Extension Report from Peter Smallidge:

Peter distributed information sheets (attached and made part of these minutes) on the ForestConnect Program and on strengthening Chapter and CCE Connections.

11 IRS Group Exemption Decision:

Mary Jeanne reported on having received a 90 day extension on the pending application NYFOA has with the IRS for Group Exemption. Prior to the meeting she had distributed to each Chapter an outline of the pros and cons and asked for opinion from each chapter. Chapter representatives present were polled, no chapters were in favor of continuing the process. **Motion made** by Dan Cleveland **to no longer proceed with the IRS application for Group Exemption**. Motion seconded by Gene Reinshagen. All were in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liana Gooding  
Office Administrator