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Comments from the Chair



Summers never go fast enough for me. I have never been a big fan of heat and humidity, and I swear it gets worse every year. I'd like to blame global warming, but it is possible it may be related to the fact that I get less tolerant of unpleasant things as I grow older. Also, my job duties require more recreation management in the summer than resource management, and while I

get a certain amount of satisfaction out of that part of my job, I usually stop having fun with that about June. And when I do get lucky enough to get in the field, all I have to deal with is the aforementioned heat and humidity as well as ticks, deer flies, horseflies, mosquitoes, and all those other things we foresters love. So, by the time September rolls around I am more than ready for cooler weather, leaf fall, dead bugs and lots of woods time! Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, we are both getting lots of enjoyable, quality time in the woods!

John Friedrich did a great job setting up the summer meeting "Central Hardwoods Oak Management." The speakers were excellent and the field trips prompted lots of good discussion. Attendance was very good, and I am sure everyone left with something new that they learned. While oak regeneration is not going to work for every landowner every time, the importance of the oak resource both economically and ecologically obligates us to have it as an option in our toolbox. Hopefully, with the help of the training sessions ISAF has offered over the last couple of years, more of us now have an idea how to tackle this challenging yet exciting topic.

Speaking of oak regeneration training, be sure to take advantage of the 2008 SIPAC Forester's Tour, titled "Sustaining Oak Forests in Indiana." Over the years, there has been a lot of research at SIPAC, some dating back to 1964 and some ongoing. Registration cost is \$20 and includes lunch. For information, contact Ron Rathfon at 812-678-5049 or ronr@purdue.edu.

Also, if you are a new consultant in Indiana or an existing one that wants to expand your customer base, you will want to get into the IFWOA Forestry Directory. It is the only published list of Indiana forestry consultants that I know of and is the best source for people looking for forestry assistance. The new directory will be going to print soon, so be sure to contact Phil Gramelspacher at 812-482-4081, or jdesk@jasperdesk.com ASAP to get listed.

And finally, ISAF lost a friend with the passing of Don McGuire. Most of the younger members probably didn't know Don, but he always supported SAF and the field of forestry. Through a donation he made a couple of years ago, we set up an endowment that allows us to increase our support for students who want to travel to the National Convention. And as recently as the summer meeting in August, we raised money for the Forester's Fund by auctioning off books and equipment that Don donated. Don will be missed, but his contributions to ISAF will be felt for years to come.

Doug Brown, ISAF Chair

LONG-TIME MEMBER PASSES AWAY

On July 14th of this year, SAF lost a good friend and long-time member when Don McGuire passed away. Don was 82 years young, and is fondly remembered by many as being a stalwart supporter of ISAF. He and wife Donna attended many of the National SAF Conventions over the years, and continued to attend ISAF meetings for many years after retiring. He was a graduate of Purdue University, and spent 36 years with the Indiana Division of Forestry. Don & Donna spent their winters in Florida since 1991 while maintaining their home in Mooresville.

Shortly before Don passed away, he donated several books and other forestry items, requesting that they be put to good use. That use came in the form of a silent auction at the August, 2008 ISAF meeting. Several hundred dollars were raised which will help fund SAF projects in the future.

Don is survived by his wife of many years as well as a daughter, two grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Indiana Society of American Foresters

Tuesday, August 26, 2008 — Executive Committee Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn Conference Center – Columbus, Indiana

Members Present: Doug Brown, Lynn Andrews, Dan Shaver, Jayson Waterman, Dale Weigel, Janet Eger, Lee Huss, Mike Gregg, Carl Hauser, Ron Rathfon, John Friedrich, Brian Gandy, Darrell Breedlove, Brad Rody, Lenny Farlee, Bill Minter, and John Stambaugh

Meeting called to order by Doug Brown at 10:00 am.

1. Approval of Minutes from Winter Meeting

Old Minutes: Jayson Waterman made a motion to approve the 2008 Spring Meeting minutes as published in newsletter, Dale Weigel seconded the motion, motion passed.

2. Treasurer's Report.

Lynn Andrews reported that the balance of the checkbook is down a little bit compared with last year.

3. Old Business

A. Committee Charters – We need action committee charters.

B. FFA Convention

- 1) Giving out candy and some sort of a give-away encourages people to stop at the booth.
- 2) Important to have a nice booth set up with interesting material available.

C. State Fair

- 1) Location – We should be there in the future, even if for just 1 day. Next to DNR booth and in Ag/Hort building would be great.
- 2) Ideas to have at the booth – Maybe slide show, video, increment borer to bore into sassafras logs to find crayon and win something, or do a short quiz. Everyone liked Dan Shaver's idea of kids using an increment borer to find a crayon.

D. Other Business?

- 1.) HASTI BOOTH: Lee Huss suggested in the future that people can apply to win a forester teaches kids about forestry for 1 day. Local foresters would need to be contacted to see who is willing to do it. Also Lee suggested developing a poster (w/SAF emblem in it) for kids – good to come out of investment. Brian Gandy said we should tap into "Green" movement. Lenny made the motion for the kid's poster and Janet 2nd, motion approved. Lee said he would make the poster with some tree leaves and identification for teachers classrooms.

4. New Business

- A. Endowment Fund guidelines – Bill Minter has set up guidelines for use of money in the Endowment Fund. More discussion of this in the Policy committee report.
- B. ISAF publication handouts
- C. National Convention – Doug Brown & John Friedrich will be going to SAF National Convention.
- D. Other?

5. Committee Reports

- A. Newsletter – Janet Eger, September 15th deadline, Janet wants pictures. \$1,100 - \$1,300/yr cost to ISAF, to produce and make the newsletter. Janet said we need to decide by January 1st how the newsletter is going to be sent out. Doug is interested in emailing the newsletter to save money.
- B. History – Brad Rody said there is not much info from mid 90's, he is setting up the archives chronologically. Brad would like to have photo archive, maybe some from Ben. ISAF needs to formalize process. Ball State has historical data place set up – fire proof, acid proof. He suggested ISAF archives could be set up to be at Ball State. Brad said probably doesn't even have 12 photos.
- C. Membership – John Stambaugh – ISAF losing some people; we were at 180, now we are at 163. Student Membership of 21 at Purdue hasn't changed much. If an ISAF member dies, a local member of ISAF should contact John Stambaugh. If you are interested in becoming a member, just go online to SAF website to become a member. SAF

wants Indiana to go for 15 new members, and to encourage people to join. Each member should ask foresters to come and invite them to be a member. Brad Rody said if we can have a forester at each of the 8 Envirothon competitions it would be good. Anybody who wants to participate contact Brad Rody, brody@dnr.IN.gov

- D. Forester's Fund – Darrell Breedlove said Don McGuire donated some books and supplies to the Foresters Fund. Donated supplies are "Flora of Indiana" \$125.00, 10 BAF prism, "Trees of Indiana" \$35.00, Old Silva compass, Forestry Handbook \$18.00, Forestry Badges, and "Shrubs of Indiana" \$95.00-\$140.00.
- E. Education – Ron Rathfon/Lenny Farlee – Ron said on October 14th Forester Meeting @ SIPAC. February 25-27th Whitetail Deer Management & Control at Holiday Inn Select in West Lafayette, hoping for good Midwest turnout. October 28-29th – Chain of Custody Certification by Purdue University, aimed at timber industry, \$400.00 www.greenwoodseminar.com.
- F. Continuing Education – Carl Hauser said the ISAF Summer Meeting, Central Hardwoods Oak Management qualifies for 7 hours. SAF website has Continuing Ed. Hours.
- G. Policy – Bill Minter set up endowment fund guidelines for use of money in account. Dale Weigel suggested we should have an endowment committee & that we should keep \$ in stock & bond funds until it gets spent. Money Market (TSI funds go here before it goes to stock/bonds funds or it is used for disbursements, very little kept in there) or cash reserve \$ is used to keep minimum amount in. Jayson brought up and most agreed that it works best if Treasurer writes checks. Endowment Fund should be spent strategically and influence public through informing. Doug suggested when final draft is ready, it should be placed in newsletter for input. Dale said that Special Projects committee should bring together proposals for \$ and Executive Committee should vote yes or no.
- H. Awards – Lee Huss said Bruce Wakeland received the Distinguished Career Awards.
- I. Fund Raising – Brian Gandy – He said the last TSI fund raiser in Perry Co. generated \$1,590. He also gave an idea to do TSI project on a small state forest project. Don Shaver had idea to do work or help on Purdue Research Projects for fund raising. Tree Planting is a good fundraiser. ISAF talked about charging double the cost-share rate when doing TSI jobs.
- J. Investment – Dale Weigel said investment has been down this year.
- K. Audit – Jayson Waterman said everything came up square.
- L. Nominating – Ron Rathfon is taking nominations for Vice Chair/Secretary positions. Mike Gregg suggested Teena Ligman as a candidate for secretary.

Jayson moved to adjourn, Brad 2nd, motion approved.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

At the Executive Committee meeting in August, as well as the ISAF Business meeting, the discussion of going to an electronic newsletter for ISAF was discussed. Many SAF Societies send out newsletters via e-mail, and it could result in a substantial cost savings for Indiana SAF. Of course, not everyone has e-mail or wishes to read newsletters in this format. The target date to switch to an electronic version of the newsletter is January, 2009. If you do NOT wish to receive the newsletter by this means, please let me know prior to that date. Also, if you have e-mail, but have not provided an address to National SAF, please do so or let me know your address. As always, I welcome your input and suggestions to improve the newsletter.

Janet Eger, Newsletter Editor

ISAF General Committee Meeting

Holiday Inn Conference Center – Columbus, Indiana

Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Before the meeting began Roger Weaver, who represents Indiana as part of his district for representation on SAF's national committee, said there will be a vote for SAF members to be a professional forester with a 4-year degree. Also he talked about the sale of the SAF headquarters property and where they are looking to relocate. He said John Moser is helping them look for a new location in the Washington, D.C. area.

Meeting called to order by Doug Brown.

1. Approval of Minutes from Winter Meeting

Old Minutes: Motion to Approve minutes as published in newsletter, Dan 1st motion and Donna Rogler 2nd, motion approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Dale Weigel said the balance is down a little bit from last year. Teena is working on list.

3. Old Business

- A. Committee Charters
- B. FFA Convention
- C. State Fair – "Year of the Tree," Lee Huss said not a lot of materials were passed out; quite a bit was brought back. However, he did say that it would be good for this group to be there in the future. Might have been better to be in Pioneer Village. Lee Huss has the ISAF display. Dan Ernst brought up idea to check with National SAF to apply for \$ through Forester Fund. Sam Bond has older version of the ISAF display.
- D. Other?
 - 1) HASTI BOOTH: Oct. 22-24th 23,000 individuals attended. HASTI cost is \$250.00 this year. Brochure Display being developed. Volunteers needed – contact Lee Huss and give him your email address. ISAF has been one of the groups that has been there the longest.

4. New Business

- A. Endowment Fund guidelines mentioned by Bill Minter, he said he new to update the guidelines and will prepare a final version of the guidelines.
- B. ISAF publication handouts
- C. National Convention – Doug Brown & John Friedrich will be going to National Convention
- D. Other?
 - 1) Indiana will be National Host of Project Learning Tree next spring (May 4-7th). Donna is interested in \$. Eagle Creek Park, Dunes, help w/plantings for Outdoor Classroom. Indiana is excited to have the meeting here.
 - 2) Dan Ernst – Call B/4 You Cut Program, the Division of Forestry re-

ceived a grant to do this. One of the big sponsors is Better Business Bureau. Dan will be setting up a steering committee. Ohio has billboards, radio clips and the Ohio SAF benefits by maintaining a list of foresters to contact who are SAF members. NWTF wants to help sponsor the program.

5. Committee Reports

- A. Newsletter – Janet Eger, September 15th deadline, Janet wants pictures and articles.
 - B. History – Brad Rody would like photos. Brad asked for when there is a changeover in elections, for past-chair to give materials to Brad.
 - C. Communications – Teena Ligman not present for the meeting
 - D. Science/Technology – Jack Seifert
 - E. Membership – John Stambaugh said all members need to recruit. In January of 2007 membership was 180, it is currently 163. ISAF goal is to pick up 15 new members. Doug Brown and John Stambaugh are ready to set up database if a SAF member passes on, let membership committee know.
 - F. Forester's Fund – Raised currently \$150.00
 - G. Education – Ron Rathfon/Lenny Farlee
 - 1) Oct. 14th SEPAC Forestry Field Tour.
 - 2) Oct. 28-29th Chain of Custody Purdue University.
 - 3) Feb 25-27th Deer Management Meeting
 - H. Continuing Education – Carl Hauser 7 hours CFE credits for this ISAF Summer Mtg. Central Hardwoods Oak Management.
 - I. Policy – Bill Minter
 - J. Awards – Lee Huss
 - K. Fund Raising – TSI Project raised \$1,590.00. Yellowwood & Morgan-Monroe has big possible TSI project in conjunction with Purdue.
 - L. Investment – May not have money to hand out next year, fund is down, stock market has been down for the year. Bill Minter has a draft policy to determine how to use funds. Members should see copy b/4 next meeting.
 - M. Audit – Jayson Waterman checked; everything is fine.
 - N. Nominating – Ron Rathfon is looking for candidates for secretary, Mike Gregg nominated Rob McGriff.
 - O. Teller's Committee – Joe Schuerman
- Janet Eger made a motion to adjourn, 2nd, meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Mike Gregg,
ISAF Secretary

HALSTEAD RECEIVES AWARD



Harry (Pete) Halstead was recently awarded the ISAF Distinguished Service Award at the August ISAF business meeting held in Columbus, Indiana. Pete has been a member of SAF for many years, and has served in several capacities supporting ISAF. In addition, he has been an active member

of his profession in other organizations, including the Greene County Foundation, Indiana Forestry & Woodland Owners Association, Indiana Forestry Educational Foundation, IHLA, etc. Pete "retired" a few years ago from a long career in industry to take up consulting work. Congratulations to Pete, and thanks for all you've done!

WAKELAND RECEIVES FELLOW AWARD

Long-time SAF member Bruce Wakeland was recently named an SAF Fellow, and was presented with his certificate by Lee Huss at the August ISAF meeting in Columbus, Indiana. Bruce has served over the years as ISAF treasurer, vice-chair, and chair as well as being a member of the Policy and Awards Committees. He is a Certified Forester as well as a Registered Forest (Michigan), and a Tree Farm Inspector. Bruce continues to be actively involved in ISAF as well as other organizations. Congratulations, Bruce!





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Foresters Tour—SIPAC, contact
Ron Rathfon**

FFA Convention, ISAF involvement

2/25-27/09

ISAF Winter Meeting, W. Lafayette

10/28-29/09

Chain of Custody Certification, Indianapolis

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Sustaining Oak Forests in Indiana

Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center (SIPAC) Foresters' Tour

October 14, 2008

Sponsored by Purdue University, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources and Indiana Society of American Foresters

The 2008 SIPAC Foresters' Tour will highlight 50 years of oak regeneration research. Older oak silvicultural studies will be revisited. New oak regeneration trials include artificial regeneration using various planting stock types and enhancing natural oak regeneration using disking. The oak shelterwood system will be demonstrated along with a comparison of methods for removing shade-tolerant midstory canopies. Invasive shrub species pose a serious threat to the health of our hardwood forests, including interfering with the establishment and development of regeneration. Bush honeysuckle and autumn olive control research results using mechanized equipment and herbicides will be seen.

Tour Schedule:

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 – 12N Overview of the early oak regeneration research. Revisit 1964 Harvest Methods Study. Clearcutting and group selection openings for regenerating oak – conditions under which they work. 1982 shelterwood and oak underplanting – 18 years following overstory removal.
- 12N – 1:30 Lunch (provided)
Lunch-time presentations on Purdue Hardwood Tree Improvement and Regeneration Center's (HTIRC) important research results and technological advances and an update on the progress of American Chestnut restoration in Indiana.
- 1:30 – 3:30 Artificial regeneration of oak in three sizes of harvest openings using four different planting stock types.
Recruiting natural oak reproduction using disking.
The oak shelterwood system and herbicide delivery methods for shade-tolerant midstory removal.
- 3:30 – 4:30 Bush honeysuckle and autumn olive control using hand clearing vs. small-scale mechanized equipment.
Late season high volume foliar herbicide applications for bush honeysuckle control



This program has been reviewed and is approved for professional CFE credits by the Society of American Foresters. Category 1-CF: 4.5



Location: The Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center is located on the north shore of Patoka Lake, midway between Jasper and French Lick in Dubois County.

Registration: \$20 covers lunch, breaks, and handouts.

Information: Contact Ron Rathfon, Extension Forester, at 812-678-5049 or ronr@purdue.edu

Mail registration by **October 6** to:
Lynn Andrews, ISAF Treasurer
1320 Poplar Street
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Registration Form for SIPAC Foresters' Tour

Name _____

Employer _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please indicate any special accommodations or dietary requests you need to participate:

Registration \$20
Please mail to Lynn Andrews by October 6.

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Pictures from Columbus ISAF Meeting

