

2016 KTSAF Winter Meeting

Business Meeting 1/28/16 Minutes – Sloane Convention Center, Bowling Green KY

Call to order at 1:05 p.m by Ken Smith, Chair ; approximately 35 members in attendance
Jerry Adams, KT-SAF Secretary, reviewed minutes of the 2015 summer meeting held at the Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge near Jackson, TN; motion by Stewart West to accept the minutes as read, 2nd by Doug McLaren, motion passed.

Chairman Smith reviewed the new slate of KTSAF Officers for 2016-17 as elected by membership: Kevin Tudor (KY) as Chair, Heather Slayton (TN) as Chair-elect, Jerry Adams (KY) will transition to Treasurer, and Alex Richman (TN) as incoming Secretary.

Allan Houston of KTSAF Middle TN chapter stated that plans are underway for 2016 Summer Meeting; details soon.

Treasurer Brant Miller conducted a review of the budget and expenses for 2015 and noted that the audit committee had met last night and found no discrepancies. Motion by Kevin Tudor to accept the budget review, 2nd by Alex Richman, Motion passed.

Mac McClure noted that the 2015 Winter Meeting and Silent Auction appears to be a success but will not know final tally until conclusion; meeting has nearly a \$19K budget; Chairman Smith noted appreciation of all KTSAF members in the program and planning committee efforts for this meeting. Great facility and food were commented on by the group.

Lloyd Foe reviewed report from National SAF of KTSAF membership; slight increase from 342 last summer, 353 now.

David Walters asked members that had attended SAF National Conventions in past years what they gained from the experience and encouraged all members to make efforts to do so, noting there are opportunities for leadership and professional development, and the chance to meet and mentor with other SAF members. SAF HQ has renegotiated with Louisville to host the 2019 National convention.

Allan Houston noted a full slate of names for presentation at tonights banquet; chance for members to recognize those deserving of their service and dedication to our profession; asked that all members think of those deserving in each category for next year and forward those names to him.

Committee Comments: Greg Bailey, newsletter, requested info and pictures from all members for inclusion in the newsletter. Chairman Smith noted the chapter appreciation of Greg's efforts and the great job he does with the newsletter.

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Chapter Reports : None

Organization comments:

Laurie Smith, USFS provided an update on her agency's activities.

Other:

David Merker opened discussion on potential of 2 yr term limits for officers of the organization and how that would fall in 2019 during year of National SAF convention in Louisville.

David Walters noted that SAF HQ would do much of the planning but would rely on local support for field trips, welcoming, etc. A new model was used in LA last year by hiring a local planner for much of the logistical issues. Usually a dry run of the field trips is conducted by the local chapter to iron out final details, etc.

Discussion from the floor as to pros/cons, etc regarding what state the chair is from during the year of the National meeting.

David Walters offered that he was made aware last night at the Executive Committee meeting about members not being able to pay 2016 dues by monthly debit; DW emailed SAF HQ and was informed that this was in fact true and that due to a new billing system, monthly payment debits had to be abandoned for 2016 and will hopefully be re-instituted in 2017.

Question from the floor regarding Leadership Academy for 2016; David Walters stated that there is no plan for a LA in 2016.

With no other business to conduct, a motion to adjourn made by Chris Will, 2nd by Jeff Stringer, motion passed.