

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Bruce ZumBahlen, President	Robert Sonnenberg
Neal Kingsley, Vice-President	John O' Reilly
James Lemmerman, Secretary	Terry Helbig
Dennis Thompson, Treasurer	

**Board Members Absent:** Barb Spears, Jerry Lenz

Other persons in attendance: Mike Riechenbach, David and Carol Cartwright

A quorum was present.

- 1 **1. Call to Order** by Bruce ZumBahlen, President at 10:07 am
- 2 a. Introductions & remarks: Bruce thought it would be good for the Board to
- 3 conduct an assessment of the Directors knowledge of policies and
- 4 procedures like other boards have done recently. Are board members up
- 5 to date on their duties? Bruce will attend a meeting of forestry leaders
- 6 hosted by the Blandin Foundation to discuss how to reach another 1 MM
- 7 acres of family forests under management as a follow up to last May's
- 8 Family Forest Conference.
- 9 b. Additions to Agenda – Land committee's report as part of Chapter
- 10 Relations.
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- 12 **2. Approval of Agenda:** Motioned by: Neal Kingsley second by: Bob
- 13 Sonnenberg carried unanimously
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- 15 **3. Approval of June 6, 2006 Board meeting minutes:** James Lemmerman
- 16 **Motion to approve June 6, 2006 board meetings minutes** by Dennis
- 17 Thompson, second by Neal Kingsley, carried unanimously.
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- 19 **4. Executive committee actions since June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting:** Bruce ZumBahlen
- 20 A collaborative meeting on cooperatives will be held Dec 1 and 2 in Ashland WI
- 21 though the majority of the Board polled was cool to the idea. Based on Director's
- 22 opinions, MFA also responded to a proposed conference for landowner
- 23 organizations in the Upper Midwest hosted by WWOA this fall would be too
- 24 ambitious. The conference will now be held next spring. The MFRP is putting
- 25 together a conference on forest productivity this winter. Bruce appointed Clair
- 26 Fetzer to represent MFA on the committee planning the productivity conference.
- 27 Itasca Woodland Committee is holding a cut to length workshop at the Grand
- 28 Rapids School Forest. Bruce approved providing a certificate of insurance for
- 29 the event. The MFA 2007 tree order form was modified to have more species
- 30 available and accept credit card payments. Discussion followed. NorthStar Expo
- 31 will be next weekend. We will not be putting an ad in the bulletin. **Motion to**
- 32 **approve Executive board's actions as presented** by John O' Reilly second by
- 33 Dennis Thompson, passed unanimously.
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35 Terry Helbig entered the meeting, 10:56 AM

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37 **5. Treasurer's report:** Dennis Thompson

38 **Motion to approve Treasurer's report** by John O' Reilly, second by Bob

39 Sonnenberg, carried unanimously.

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41 **6. Nominations for Director and Election Plans** – Bruce ZumBahlen handed  
42 out the election plans and a list of the 7 candidates seeking a seat.

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#### 44 **Committee Reports**

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46 **Communications & Education:** Mike Reichenbach

47 Agenda for 2006 was covered and discussion followed.

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49 **Motion to approve sending annual meeting registration out to MFA**  
50 **members** by John O' Reilly second by Terry Helbig, carried unanimously.

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52 Plans for 2007 Annual Meeting at Brainerd are scheduled for Arbor Day, the last  
53 weekend in April. The 2008 Annual Meeting is proposed for the Audubon of the  
54 North facility near Sandstone.

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56 **Motion to support the 2007 Annual meeting by printing "a save the date**  
57 **bookmark"** by Bob Sonnenberg, second by Terry Helbig, carried unanimously.

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59 **Membership Committee:** Neal Kingsley (in Jerry Lenz's absence) 847 members  
60 as of 8/1/2006. Retention rates have been 85 to 90%. There is a need to find  
61 new members, by different means. A committee meeting should be focused on  
62 the topic.

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64 **Chapter Relations:** Bruce ZumBahlen (in Barb Spears absence) reviewed the  
65 report. The committee met July 26. Four chapters have been officially approved,  
66 another two are pending (Metro needs by-laws and Itasca Woodland needs to  
67 apply. A meet-and-greet meeting with chapter chairs is planned at the upcoming  
68 annual meeting. The committee also needs to work more closely with the  
69 Stewardship Committee in communications with the chapters.

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71 **Land:** Bruce also covered a report on the land committee's activities. It hasn't  
72 met recently, but there has been on-going communications dealing with MFA's  
73 two conservation easements with the Grantor's representative: a MN Releaf  
74 project on the Shoreview property and a proposed amendment to the easement  
75 on the Dellwood property. MFA's retained legal counsel on the proposed  
76 amendment and advised against it. .

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78 **MFRP update:** Jim Lemmerman, report attached.

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80 **8. Adjourn at: Motioned to adjourn at 1:30 PM** by Bob Sonnenberg, second by  
81 Dennis Thompson, carried unanimously.