

Secretary's Report, Verda Knowlton

Annual Picnic & Demonstration Day,
Informational Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2011

Due to the illness of Ken Cogan, the Annual Picnic was moved to Walt & Marie Petrick's property in Roulette township. The informational meeting was called to order by the President, Tim Pierson at 12:10 p.m., with 40 in attendance, including the following:

Officers: Tim Pierson, President, Walt Petrick, Vice President, Marie Petrick, Treasurer, Verda W. Knowlton, Secretary

Service Foresters: Stan T. Hess, Potter/McKean Co. DCNR Bureau of Forestry,

Directors: Rick Smith, McKean Co., Ken Comstock, Potter County

Guest Speaker: Dr. Bill Waltman, Potter Co. Extension Office

General Announcements:

Walt Petrick welcomed everyone to the Petrick Tree Farm. Lunch was served at 12:30 p.m. Tim expressed his appreciation for the Petrick's taking on the picnic and demonstration day on such short notice.

Tim said he was glad to see a number of new people in attendance and had everyone introduce themselves and provide a brief background on themselves. Prior to the picnic, there was a short informational meeting of the Association. After the picnic, there was a program on soils presented by Dr. Bill Waltman. Roy Knowlton will be available to answer questions about the Ground Buster lime spreader specifically developed for food plots which he brought here today.

President's Report:

August 27—Pa. Elk Viewing & Land Management:

We will visit the Pennsylvania Elk Viewing & Education Center in Bennezette, Pa. Afterward, we will go on a bus tour led by John Dzemyan, Land Manager, Pa. Game Commission, to visit areas that are not open to the public. Following a catered supper, we will go on an Elk viewing tour. The flyer will be coming out next week and is limited to 35 people.

September 18—Woodswalk At Herzog's:

Tim announced that there will be a woodswalk at Jim Herzog's property in McKean County where we will be able to see the results of a number of different forestry projects which were done over a decade ago.

October Woodswalk:

We hope to hold another woodswalk on a Sunday afternoon during the first or second week in October.

Annual Membership Meeting & Banquet:

The Annual Membership Meeting & Banquet will be held at the Fire Hall in Emporium from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the topic will be "Wind Energy & its Impact on the Forest".

NEW BUSINESS: Election Procedure:

Larry Schultz reported that a Nomination Committee has been appointed consisting of Jane Cogan, Roy Knowlton and himself. Nomination forms will be sent out by July 15th and are due back by September 1, 2011. All nominees will be contacted by the Committee to ascertain their willingness to serve. A mail ballot is required by our bylaws and will be sent out by September 14th and must be returned by October 24th; those received after that date will not be opened unless there is a tie vote. The results will be reported at the Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet.

Penn State Extension Update:

Tim Pierson reported that the Penn State Extension budget has been cut by 19 percent which will impact some programs.

Tim also reported that the Emerald Ash Borer has been just been found in one of the traps in Huntingdon County and in one of the traps in Wyoming County last week. It is now in 29 counties in Pennsylvania.

D.C.N.R. Update:

Stan Hess reported that there has been significant mortality in sugar maple trees—approximately 8 million trees have been affected.

When asked about the yellow weed seen along many roads, Stan said that it is Wild Parsnip and that you may get a rash if you cut it.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.