

NORTH CENTRAL FOREST LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.
Educational Program Committee Meeting
October 14, 2010
11:00 a.m.

The Educational Program Committee Meeting was held at the home of Walt and Marie Petrick with following members present:

Tim Pierson, Co-Chair
Walt Petrick, Co-Chair
Rick Smith

Ken Comstock
Verda Knowlton

Annual Membership Meeting & Banquet:

Tim showed pictures of the Eagle chainsaw carving that will be one of the door prizes at the Annual Banquet which he received via e-mail from Lynda Pontzer.

Verda Knowlton reported that 11 members have registered thus far. She will contact Patti Fabish, Port Allegany American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, to find out if there is a cut-off date for banquet reservations.

Forest Resources Advisory Committee:

It was agreed that the NCFLA, Inc., Educational Program Committee would also serve as Tim's formal forestry resources advisory committee. Therefore, each member was required to sign a card agreeing to support Penn State's non-discriminatory policy.

2011 Calendar of Events:

Tim passed out a list of Proposed Educational Programs for 2011 and a copy of the 2009 Possible Educational Programs (copies attached). He also distributed copies of the Educational Programs & Woodwalks held by the NCFLA since 1999 compiled by Verda Knowlton as a handout for the upcoming November 20th Woodland Owners Conference. (copy attached). Tim will check his records and let Verda know if he has any additions or corrections to the list.

Walt Petrick will prepare an article for the newsletter and website encouraging members to bring any friends or neighbors to our events who might be interested in learning about our Association. Walt checked into advertising our events or placing articles about our events on "Solomon's Words"—it would be \$1.00 a day for an advertisement but the schedule of events is free.

"Understanding the Deed to Your Forestland Property"

Ken Comstock will be the presenter and suggested that we hold it in the LGI Room of the Coudersport Elementary School. Tim will contact the school for a date in January or February, 2011.

"Carbon Markets & Sequestration"

This program will be held at 6:30 pm to 8:30 p.m., in March, 2011 at the Red Fern Conference Center in Saint Marys. The presenters will be Matt Smith, Paul Roth and Mike Jacobson.

“Developing/Revising Your Forest/Wildlife Management Plan”

This workshop will be held in May and those attending will leave with a written stewardship plan for their property. Those attending should bring along their completed “Forestry & Wildlife Management Plan Landowner Information Questionnaire” which was sent out with the last newsletter. Tim will give out information on where to get soil survey and topo maps, as well as Google maps of their properties. Tim Pierson will ask Stan Hess to also be a presenter.

“Pennsylvania Elk—Viewing & Land Management”

This will be held in September, 2011 at the new Elk Visitors Center in Bennezette. He will ask John Dzemyan, Land Manager, Pa. Game Commission to be the presenter. We will tour the facility, have a picnic dinner and then view the Elk. It was decided to hold it on a Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. since at that time of the year, weekends will be crowded. We could meet at a designated location, load up the vehicles and convoy to the Visitors Center.

Woodswalk at Lynda Pontzer’s Property:

This would be an event in Elk County to be held in June. If for some reason this doesn’t work out, we could have another woodswalk at the Sagamore Hunt Club as a standby plan.

Summer Picnic:

Tim will check with Jane and Ken Cogan to see if they are willing to host the picnic again and if they could use extra help for the preparations. Marie suggested using Bill Waltman, Potter Co. Extension Office, to present a program on soils. Tim suggested having soils testing and having a backhoe dig pits in 2 or 3 locations so that we could view the different soil types. He will contact Bill Waltman.

Woodswalk at Jim Herzog’s Property:

Walt will contact Jim to see if he would be willing to host a woodswalk in August or September on his property in McKean Co.

Annual Membership Meeting & Banquet:

The Fire Hall in Emporium was suggested as the site since it is Cameron County’s turn to hold the meeting. Tim suggested “Wind Energy & It’s Impact on the Forest” as the topic with Michael Bardon, Consulting Forester as the presenter.

Additional Program Topics:

“Erosion & Sedimentation Plans”

Ken Comstock suggested holding a workshop on Erosion and Sedimentation Plans and water bars on trails, etc.

Emerald Ash Borer:

Tim said that fact sheets for private forest landowners are being prepared as well as a powerpoint presentation as a result of the meeting he attended in Ohio.

Educational Programs Survey:

Tim will be sending a questionnaire to all members asking for their educational program ideas and we will use the results of that to schedule programs for the following year.

Verda Knowlton will prepare a draft 2011 Calendar of Events and send it to the Committee members.

The Committee greatly appreciated the working lunch provided by Marie of sandwiches, fruit and a delicious homemade apple pie and ice cream.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Prepared by:

Verda Weder Knowlton
Secretary

Attachments: (3)