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to me, jimwgolden, corbinn1954, larrypayne, JNCombes

Greetings All Corbin and Johnny when we did conference calls I would that day do a summary of actions/topics and then had John Combes send it out to the Board.

So an example of that (check my draft notes from today) flows from today's call.

Date: August 26, 2015

Subject: Board Conference Call Summary Notes DLK DRAFT)

To: NAFSR Board Members & Officers

Board Member & Officers Attending: (list today's participants)

*John Combes-Secretary-Treasurer reported Checking Account of \$9,184.70 and Certificate of Deposit of \$5,141.26 Current Membership is 637.

Board Chair Jim Golden thanked all who have been representing us communicating with partners, Congress and the US Forest Service on a host of issues and subjects. Thanks to Rich Stem kick starting our NAFSR Fire Season Crisis Communication system with Board Members and Board members working with Regional Foresters for the 2015 wildfire season. He said the Forest Service is spending about \$150 million per week and we'll soon be into fire fund transfer situation. Hank and Jim said it may project to \$400 million fund transfers this wildfire season.

Decision: Corbin will do a cover letter including the recent Forest Service impact report on fire fund transfers on delivering on mission and programs. The report will be e-mailed to NAFSR Members encouraging them to work with Regional Board Members to distribute to elected and community leaders encouraging these leaders to take needed action on fire fund issue, something NAFSR has been working on for several years.

Help Needed: Jim asked for Board Members to assist in recruiting an Alaska Board Member behind retiring charter Board Member John Sandor.

Hank outlined the 3 bills in Congress dealing with Healthy Forests needs under discussion which focus on fire funding, streamlining process so more on the ground critical work can be accomplished.

Corbin and Jim appreciated the timely effort by Tom Thompson to draft a letter on a USDA Job Corps Center closure and the quick turnaround by Board Members to review and approve. Its gone to the USDA Secretary and USFS Chief Tom Tidwell. No feedback to date.

Decision: Larry Payne, Vice Board Chair recommended the August 11, 2015 suggested NAFSR By-Laws on Conflict of Interest, Non-Discrimination; Governance and Nominating Committee; Voting, Proxy's and Quorum's for Decision Making; Funds, Donations and Asset Management; and Donor Rights. The Board decided to adopt these additional NAFSR By-Laws. Jim will put in upcoming Lookout Newsletter and they will be posted on NAFSR Website.

Deadline Dates: Corbin Newman asked the Board to suggest agenda topics for our National Forest Service Reunion, Monday morning meeting, (10 am to Noon); mid day meeting with Museum of Forest Service History, Regional and local organized Forest Service retirees; and Monday afternoon NAFSR Information meeting for members and attendees by September 15. On the upcoming September 23rd Board Conference call we will take care of items needing attention and final National Reunion meeting agenda and plans including the John R. McGuire Award presentation.

Mac Gramley reported on his participation at the American Wildlife Conservation Partners meeting. An important group to stay connected to. Need to discuss designating a NAFSR rep and talk about costs/budget impacts. The Ruffed Grouse Society filed a petition for rule making to get on the on the ground habitat work done. They are meeting with R-8 and R-9 Regional Foresters this week. Jim and Corbin thanked Mac for representing NAFSR for the very important conservation coalition.

Action Needed: Corbin asked each Board Member to submit a list of their 2015 NAFSR activities. Corbin will assemble a NAFSR 2015 Annual Report to Membership and Partners.

Board Chair Jim Golden is sending out and needs Board Member review and comments within next couple of weeks on his DRAFT-NAFSR Mission, Motto and Associations Principal Beliefs and Values which Tom Thompson, Ranotta McNair and Jane Kollmeyer drafted. Would like to use this work as we communicate NAFSR focus and activities at the 2015 National Forest Service Retirees Reunion.

Corbin closed encouraging all to promote and get your colleagues to attend the upcoming reunion. That's All fore Now