

Alabama Prescribed Fire Council (ALPFC)  
Annual Meeting Business Meeting  
October 16, 2009  
Five Rivers Educational Center  
Spanish Fort, AL

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at noon by Andrew Baril
  - The main objectives of the meeting were to elect eight new Steering Committee members, discuss the possibility of gaining 501(c) 3 status.
  - 84 members present including 13 Steering Committee members
- Baril opened the meeting with prayer.
- Baril called attention to 081409 Steering Committee Meeting minutes previously approved via email, to remind the membership and Committee of motions and tasks assigned at last meeting.
- **Financial Report**
  - Checking account was opened on October 1, at Regions Bank in Sylacauga.
  - As of 10/15/09 the APFC had a \$1200 balance coming from the registration fee.
- **Steering Committee Election**
  - Baril presented *Certificates of Appreciation* to the out-going Steering Committee members
  - Special awards were presented to Lou Hyman for a career promoting prescribed fire with the AFC, and John Stivers for his work as APFC chairman in 2007-08.
  - New members will serve a two-year term.
  - Nominations:
    1. Eric Spadgenske, USFW [eric\\_spadgenske@fws.gov](mailto:eric_spadgenske@fws.gov)
    2. Mark Bailey, consultant [m Bailey@conservationsoutheast.com](mailto:m Bailey@conservationsoutheast.com)
    3. Lud Hoffman, ADEM [lch@adem.state.al.us](mailto:lch@adem.state.al.us)
    4. Dan Jackson, AFC [dan.jackson@forestry.alabama.gov](mailto:dan.jackson@forestry.alabama.gov)
    5. Daryl Lawson, AL A&M [daryl.lawson@aamu.edu](mailto:daryl.lawson@aamu.edu)
    6. Scott Layfield, USFS [slayfield@fs.fed.us](mailto:slayfield@fs.fed.us)
    7. Doug Lurie, landowner (206 Thornberry Place, Ashford, AL 36312; 334-899-7276)
    8. Dr. Salem Saloom, landowner [sawbonz@saloom.net](mailto:sawbonz@saloom.net)
    9. Kent Hanby, (alternate) consultant [kent@rxfire.net](mailto:kent@rxfire.net)
      - Motion to receive new members; Motion passed
  - New Vice Chair will come from the pool of new members.
  - APFC needs a new Secretary/Treasurer.
  - **2009-10 Steering Committee: Allen, Bailey, Baril, Devos, Ford, Hanby, Hoffman, Jackson, Langford, Lawson, Layfield, Lurie, Saloom, Spadgenske, Stivers, & Tassin**

- **501(c) 3 status discussion**
  - Questions were asked about the process and any benefits/disadvantages in gaining this non-profit status.
    - Motion to go non-profit; Motion passed/ one dissenting vote; Baril to contact IRS.
  
- **One Message – Many Voices Campaign**
  - D. Jackson explained campaign to membership
  
- **Working Group Reports**
  - No reports save the Public Relations WG
  - Discussed Demonstration Burns
  - F. Allen - two demonstration burns (Redstone Arsenal & Barbour WMA)
  - J. Stivers - set to burn on 02/06/10 in Clay County along USFS property line.
  
- **New Business**
  - The membership agreed information released to the media must be in unanimous agreement by the APFC prior to its dissemination and must be presented as an APFC announcement. Independent announcements are not to be released.
  - Keville Larson recommended Certified Prescribed Burn Managers' requirements be gradually increased to include an experience component.
  - The AL NRCS approved in 2009 an internal policy that their employees would not be permitted to perform prescribed burning.
  - Andrew Baril relinquished the APFC Steering Committee's chairmanship to Frank Allen of AL DCNR.
  
- The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.
  
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrew Baril. Thank you to Dan Jackson for use of his notes.