

Alabama Prescribed Fire Council  
Meeting Minutes: May 30, 2007  
1:00 p.m. Clanton, AL

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Kent Hanby.
- Plan for the day was stated as discussing the organization/re-organization of the Alabama Prescribed Fire Council.
- The main objective of the meeting was to develop a scoping committee.
  
- Presentation by Mark Melvin, Conservation Management / Education Technician, Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center, President Georgia Prescribed Fire Council, National /International Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils
- The presentation highlighted the National/International Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils and the Georgia Prescribed Fire Council.
- Topics addressed include the following: reasons for creating a council, creation of by-laws, objectives of the council, development of the scoping and steering committees, sources of information (education programs, brochures, and web pages), accomplishments of established councils, and future initiatives.
  
- There was a motion to discuss stake holder groups in an effort to start the development of the scoping committee.
- Stake holder groups were organized into five classifications including: private landowners, government (state and federal), NGO (non-government organization), industry, and academics.
- There was a discussion of what would be the appropriate number of representatives from each stake holder group in the scoping committee.
- The group decided not to limit private landowner participation and to have at least one member of each stake holder group serve on the scoping committee, with the ability to have two representatives if there was an interest.
  
- There was a motion by Kent Hanby to divide the attendees into the stake holder groups and select representatives for the steering committee.
  
- The meeting was reconvened by Kent Hanby when all groups acknowledged the representatives were selected.

- Scoping Committee Members are as follows:
  - Private land owners: John Stivers, Consultant, Talladega  
Paul Langford, private land owner, Pensacola
  - Government: Jim Jeter, AFC, North Port  
Scott Layfield, USFS, Talladega
  - NGO: John McGuire, Longleaf Alliance, Montgomery  
Keith Tassin, TNC, Birmingham
  - Industry: Larry Ford, Westervelt, Brent
  - Academics: Andy Baril, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Talladega
- Duties of the steering committee are to develop a draft of the organizational structure, mission statement, bylaws, and steering committee.
- The group decided to meet again when scoping committee has completed its task.
  - Kent Hanby will receive emails from the scoping committee and distribute the information to the group.
- Before the meeting was adjourned each attendee introduced him/herself and described his/her background or interest in the fire council.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. for scoping committee to meet.
- Minutes submitted by John Gilbert