
All in a Nutshell

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2007 Memberships Now Due!

SCFLOA relies on the timely payment of your membership dues to cover the majority of the expenses for the organization, its events, and outreach efforts.

Executive Secretary Needed

Coordinate activities for SCFLOA

This position is STILL open! The responsibilities are being shared between the Officers and Board members. Lori Martin is spearheading the effort but she is also the President. Please let us know if you know of someone (member or non-member) who might be interested. Contact Lori Martin at 853-3020 or lorimartin@martinworks.com.

Woods Walk Review

The Woods Walk was held on March 24 at Don Birchard's farm in Birchardville. Approximately 30 people joined us for lovely but slightly brisk morning. First, we explored the Birchardville General Store. The store is no longer in operation. It's a museum of how general stores looked in the 1930s rural Pennsylvania.

Jim Kessler led the walk of a 20-plus acre parcel that was logged last fall. Don graciously shared the request for bids on the timber sale. He had hired professional forester Bob Hobbes to plan and manage the sale. Bob drafted the request for bids document. It was very interesting to see what went into the planning, bid process, and the result of the logging. Deer damage to seedling trees was evident, so Don is considering deer fencing in a few areas.

After the walk, we returned to the Birchardville General Store. Upstairs is a meeting room, which the Birchard family allowed us to use for a Forest Wildlife slideshow. An optional lunch of chili, hot dogs and drinks was available.

We charged a nominal fee for the lunch items. This is change in policy for SCFLOA. Over the last few years we have not been able to cover our expenses. The options are to forego the lunch or to charge for it. As it turned out, most of the attendees purchased lunch and seemed to enjoy it. Please provide feedback on the Walk and/or the lunch.

Picnic at Salt Springs Park

Food, Fun, and Friends

Our Picnic is on Sunday, June 24, 2007! Salt Springs State Park is beautiful 405-acre park with waterfalls and 500-year-old hemlock trees. To find out more information about the park, visit the web sites below:
www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/saltsprings.aspx
www.friendsofsaltspringspark.org

Birds of A Feather....

Fly on over and join the flock. In addition to the usual guided walk by Jim Kessler, we'll be catching and releasing wild birds. PA wildlife biologist will be demonstrating how birds are caught, counted, examined and returned to the wild.

What's Provided

As always, we'll provide the hamburgers, sausage, rolls, paper goods, condiments, water, and tea.

What to Bring

Children, a delectable dish to share, drinks (if you want something other than tea or water), folding chairs, and optionally, hiking gear. Also consider sunscreen, bug repellent, and hats.

Schedule

12:00-12:30	Arrival and set up
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:30-3:30	Activities and good conversation

Directions

Location: Franklin Forks, PA - 1.2 miles west of Route 29 on Silver Creek Road.

From I-81:

Take I- 81 to the New Milford exit (Exit 223). Turn left off of the exit ramp. Travel approx. 1 mile, to stop sign. At stop sign, turn left onto Route 11 South. Travel

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approx. 2.5 miles, to Route 706. Turn right onto Route 706. Travel about 4.5 miles to Route 29 in Montrose. Turn right (just past Lake Montrose on the right) onto Route 29 North. Travel 6.5 miles north to Franklin Forks Village. Turn left onto Silver Creek Road. Travel 1.2 miles. Turn left into the park.

From the West:

Take Route 706 East toward Montrose. Just before entering Montrose, turn left onto Route 167 North. Travel north 6.5 miles to Silver Creek Road. Turn right onto Silver Creek Road. The park is 3 miles ahead on the right. Caution: Enter the park carefully; washout has caused a dip in the road here.

For further information about the picnic, please call Jim Bralla at 756-2266, or Lori Martin at 853-3020.

2006 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Susquehanna Forest Landowners Association was held in the Lanesboro, PA, Community Center starting at 6:59 p.m. on Friday, November 16, 2006. President Dressler opened the meeting with these brief introductory remarks:

- He introduced Lori Martin, whose husband Clay who prepared the meal. She urged one and all to enjoy the exceptional meal and to take some of the meal home with them since more than enough had been prepared.
- He thanked those people who made the various elements of the meal possible.
- He noted that since this was a game dinner, there was no fixed price for the meal. Thus, he urged those adults who did not contribute game for the meal to consider a donation of \$10 per person.
- He introduced Mr. Ira Reynolds, 105 years old, who was seated at the head table.
- He explained how the rest of the evening would proceed and reminded non-members that we would be delighted to have them join using the leaflets available at the front.
- The members were urged to enjoy the feast.

The Annual Meeting was called to order at about 7:50 p.m. President Dressler then announced that more than the 15 members needed for a quorum were present and the meeting got officially underway.

1. **Minutes of the November 18, 2005 Meeting:** A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Helga Walz said that in the confusion of the morning flooding she forgot to bring the official Treasurer's Report. However, she said the amount is the same as at the recent Board meeting (\$1,425.90). This report was unanimously approved.
3. **President's Report:** This report was a summary of

4. **Proposed Bylaws Amendments:** Mr. Dressler said the Board recommended the following revisions of the Bylaws (copies available by request) for reasons of clarity and governance:
 - The Bylaws were difficult to read because the original Bylaws were set side-by-side with the 1995 Amendments. This side-by-side arrangement would be eliminated.
 - A major change would increase the number of Directors from nine to twelve and place them equally in three-year classes so that the terms of four Board members would expire each year. Thus, this year we will elect Directors to the classes of 2007, 2008 and 2009.
 - The revised Bylaws would eliminate the section on Interim Operations.
 - The new Bylaws would set a definite date for the Annual Meeting, namely, the third Friday in November.
 - The new Bylaws would clarify the duties of the Secretary/Executive Secretary.

After explaining these proposed changes, Mr. Dressler asked for a motion that these Bylaws amendments be approved. The motion was made by Mr. Bralla, seconded by Mr. Walz and unanimously approved.

5. **Nominating Committee Report:** Nominating Committee Chairman Ralph Walz submitted the names of the following persons to the Association offices indicated starting January 1, 2007. All Officers serve in these offices for terms of one year. Mr. Dressler called for nominations from the floor for any or all of the above positions. Hearing none, he instructed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for all the nominees.
6. **Comments of Service Forester Kessler:** Mr. Dressler turned the floor over to Service Forester Kessler. Mr. Kessler recognized members of the Quality Deer Management Association present invited them to briefly explain what the QDMA is and does. Mr. Kessler then awarded Forest Stewardship signs to two families that completed stewardship plans for their properties in the past year.
7. **Introduction of the Featured Speaker:** Mr. Dressler then introduced Ms. Sarah Fitzsimmons, the Northern Appalachian Regional Science Coordinator for the American Chestnut Foundation. Mr. Fitzsimmons gave a power point presentation on the work of the Foundation and answered many questions at the conclusions of her presentation.

Mr. Dressler adjourned the meeting at about 9:35 p.m.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ANNUAL PICNIC

PLACE: SALT SPRINGS STATE PARK

TIME: NOON-3:30PM

This Potluck has hamburgers and sausage provided by SCFLOA, so bring your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert. Children are welcome to attend.

HARFORD FAIR

PLACE: HARFORD FAIRGROUNDS

TIME: ALL WEEK – AUGUST 19 THROUGH AUGUST 25

Please consider helping out at our booth. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Picnic!

TIMBER SALE SEMINAR

PLACE: TBD

TIME: TBD, 2007 FROM 6:00 UNTIL 7:30PM

Learn what happens during a timber sale, who the players are, what their roles are, and what you can do to ensure that you get the best return on your timber while still maintaining a healthy forest for recreation and future harvests. Question and answer session to follow.

COLUMBUS WEEKEND BUS TOUR

PLACE: TBD

TIME: ALL DAY SAT OR SUN COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND (TBD)

Any ideas? Let us know!

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

PLACE: LANESBORO COMMUNITY CENTER

TIME: NOVEMBER 16, 6:30 PM

Format of this years meeting and dinner are being discussed. Have any comment or ideas? Let us know!



SCFLOA Board for 2006

President: Lori Martin

Vice President: Frank Dressler

Treasurer: Helga Walz

Board members through 2007: Jim Bralla, Bill Ord, Doug Gunn, and Don Birchard

Board members through 2008: Frank Dressler, Franz Fearnley, Curt Helper, and Ralph Walz.

Board members through 2009: Thomas Docherty, Helga Walz, and Lori Martin.

Board of Directors Meetings – *please join us!*

All meetings are at 7:30pm in the County Office Building. All members are invited to attend.

Jun 4, Last details for Picnic; Planning for Fair; PR for Fair and Bus Tour; Organize for Bus Tour and Annual Meeting and Dinner.

Aug 6, Last details for Fair; PR for Bus Tour; Organize for Annual Meeting and Dinner.

Oct 1, Last details for Bus Trip, and PR for Annual Meeting and Bus Trip.

Dec 4, Evaluate Annual Meeting and Dinner; Plan 2008 calendar year meetings.



Participate in the SCFLOA Membership Drive

SCFLOA is having a membership drive to reach out to forest landowners, outdoor clubs, and members of the forest products industry. If you know of someone who might be interested in becoming a member, please contact a board member or Jim Kessler. We can provide you with brochures and other information to share with your prospective member.

I'd like to pay my dues: 2006 2007 \$20 (10 acres or more) \$16.00 (less than 10 acres)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ No. of Acres: _____

Mail To:

Helga Walz, Treasurer
RR 1, Box 1133
Friendsville, PA 18818

Thank you for your membership and support!

WHAT DO MY DUES DO?

Your dues support the activities of the Susquehanna County Forest Landowners' Association, including newsletters, a spring woods walk, the annual picnic, the Columbus Day bus trip, and the annual meeting. We reach out to the community with educational efforts including a presence at the school science fairs, Dairy Days, the Harford and Wyoming County Fairs, and free forest management-related seminars. We support Woodland Resources Adventure Camp, a five-day summer camp for 12-15-year olds at Keystone College. We give an annual scholarship of \$100 for a student to attend this camp. We nominate interested members for the VIP-covets training and currently have 9 VIPs in the County.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

The need for volunteers is ever-present. We need volunteers to help setup, run, and clean up at each of our events. Donations of materials to enhance an event or a place to hold an event are welcome. Also simply spreading the word about our organization is a great help. You can drop off our brochures or event flyers at farm equipment stores, real estate offices, community bulletin boards, etc. To get copies please contact Jim Kessler or Lori Martin.

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Have you seen this? It's been sent around the Internet but it's a hoax! Get the real story at www.snopes.com/photos/animals/workmoose.asp.

Help Us Reduce Our Costs

Sign up for Email notifications

You can reduce the postage costs and efforts of volunteers by signing up to receive correspondence from SCFLOA via email. Send an email with a subject of "SCFLOA" to Lori Martin at lorimartin@martinworks.com.

Lori will add you to our email distribution list and remove you from the USPS list. You will receive a confirmation email shortly after Lori receives your request. 🌲

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