



ECOFA Newsletter

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ECOFA board meeting at 6:30pm on Sep 9th, 2020

ECOFA was founded to provide information to the members and the general public about multiple use management of forestland

The board met on Wed. Sep. 9th to discuss the remainder of 2020 business. Jamie Regula was not present. Our understanding is that she is working out west with wildfires. Billie Wilson did not reply to our notice and we are hoping he is well.

The board moved (because of our lack in activities) to just extend the memberships one year to 2021. So, if you were paid up into 2020 you are paid through 2021 and if you had paid ahead to 2021 that will be good through 2022.

The board decided to try and have our annual banquet in April of 2021. There should be a vaccine by that time and hopefully everything including the church group and facility will be back to normal.

Alan printed a treasury report that stated that we have a current balance of \$10,174.88. We have not incurred many expenses during this Covid period.

The board discussed meeting as a group in the near future. We cannot meet in our normal meeting room at the library safely at this time. The Norma Johnson Center has two large pavilions available, but they are not taking reservations. They are open on a first come first serve basis right now. So, we are considering some outdoor open space meetings in the near future.

On Saturday October 3rd at 10:00 AM, The Frink family has consented to host a field day at their farm. Colton who holds a forestry degree from W. Va., has been approved for a large EQIP project at Chuck and Heather's farm. Some of the work that he has done can be seen as well as what the future work that is in the plan. He said he will have some printed material and hold a discussion of the material.

The field day meeting place is on the back side of the property and not accessed from the Frink home. So, if you plan on attending the directions are from New Philadelphia take SR 39 east about 6 miles to Echo Lake road. (which is about ¼ of a mile east the Holmes Church sign). Coming from Sharrodsville you go west and just past Roswell. You can only turn north onto Echo Lake and you will travel 2 and 1/4 miles. Just before Crooks road on the right, there is a drive that passes a property at that intersection on the right. We will have signs posted at that drive. Continue down the drive passing two properties to a well road. Again we will have someone or signs to direct you.

Bring chairs and any refreshments of your own. If the weatherman is forecasting rain, then you might want to bring a fold out tent or rain gear. Please RSVP Dave Myers at 330-904-7140 if you plan on attending or have any questions.

Currently, ODNr has all the offices for service foresters closed to the public. This also applies to the other resource offices. I believe that the service foresters are allowed to do the work in the field that they normally do. If you have a need you can call or email them.

I found nothing scheduled around the state for educational seminars. However, Dave Apsley has been busy with putting webinar programs together for not only those of us in Ohio, but several neighboring states as well. Many of the webinars can be found on demand, if you have time to view them.

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Until we are able to meet at the meeting room at the Dover Library, we will be holding outdoor events or meetings and **not** on a regular basis. Please, call any of the board members with your suggestions on how we can serve our members.

Don't forget on Sat Oct 3rd the field day at the Frink farm.