



2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION FINALLY OVER!

At 6:00 PM Friday, May 18 the 2018 Missouri legislative session came to a conclusion. Many, including MFPA staff and lobbyists, breathed a big sigh of relief to put the tumultuous 2018 session behind us and hopefully get beyond the constant turmoil at the Capitol. Over the next two weeks the Missouri House of Representatives will be meeting to review alleged misconduct by Governor Greitens to determine their next steps, which may or may not include impeachment proceedings. Given all the distractions of the 2018 session, MFPA was able to pass the majority of our legislative issues.

The Wood Energy Tax Credit (WETC) was appropriated at \$1,000,000 thanks to big support from Senator Dan Brown, Senator David Sater, and Senator Mike Cunningham. The WETC is one of only three tax credits remaining in the state's budget bills.

The local log truck and local log truck tractor plate definition was changed to allow trucks to pull a trailer that has up to three axles. No changes in weight restrictions were made to existing law; everything is the same other than the ability to add a third axle. The bill also prohibits specified commercial motor vehicle safety inspections on the shoulder of highways with posted speed limits in excess of 40 miles per hour except on entrance and exit areas where there is adequate room to safely perform such inspections.

Missouri's forest cropland law, administered by the Missouri Department of Conservation, was modified to eliminate the yield tax on forest landowners who are enrolled in the program. The prior law required landowners to pay a 6 percent yield tax on timber sold while enrolled in the program. Eliminating the yield tax will hopefully encourage landowners to manage the timber they have enrolled in the program.

Disappointingly, we were not able to pass legislation to define the forest products industry as agriculture for the purposes of county planning and zoning. We were successful in getting the bill voted out of committee and to the House floor for full debate. On the final days of session our bill was attached, or bundled, with others that were not a priority for passage. We regret that we didn't get this bill passed, but we are committed to getting it done next year.

We encourage you to view SB 773 and SB 884, which contain important changes to Missouri's tax code. SB 773 outlines a new calculation of taxable income by disallowing any inter-company transactions between corporations that file a consolidated income tax return. SB 884 reduces the corporate income tax rate from 6.25% to 4.0% for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

All bills passed by Missouri's General Assembly now go to Governor Greitens and he will determine whether or not to sign or veto the legislation. That decision must be made by July 15, 2018 and if they are signed they go into law on August 28, 2018.

We want to thank Shannon Cooper and Nancy Giddens for their hard work during this unprecedented 2018 legislative session.

-Brian Brookshire, Executive Director

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County: Camden

Tree and Log Scaling Workshop

PTH Continuing Education Opportunity

MAY 31, 2018

8:30am - 4pm

Near Kirksville, MO

The Missouri Logging Council is offering an opportunity to learn more about scaling and grading trees. Standing trees will be marked, and scaled. The trees will then be cut, skidded, and bucked for length and grade. Foresters, Consulting Foresters, and Loggers can compare volume scaled in selected trees to the actual volume yield once the tree has been cut and bucked in to log form. Tree grades such as stave, sawlog, tie, or scragg will be discussed for each tree and then actual volume for each grade will be tallied for the logs that are bucked from the tree. This will be a great refresher to estimate the volume of standing timber and logs. It will also be a good time for foresters and loggers to discuss techniques. Bring your tree and log scaling tools and data recorders for a woods session.

Participants will also be given Continuing Education credit.

Everyone will meet at the MDC Office in Kirksville at 8:30am.

The office is located at: 3500 S. Baltimore St, Kirksville, MO 63501

No fees are charged so bring your lunch.

CERTIFICATION & EDUCATION



Mark McCarthy



Long time readers of the newsletter know there are 3 subjects I really enjoy writing about...1) PTH Class...2) Get your Continuing Education credits...and 3) Log a Load for Kids. Over the next few months, there will be a few great opportunities to help with 2 of those. If you enjoy shooting sports or enjoy helping kids...I suggest participating in the Skeet Shoot in Ozark on June 15. First shot is set to take place at the Ozark Shooters Complex just south of Springfield. The cost is \$100 and comes with a free lunch. It's a great event, and everyone has a good time. When you are helping Log A Load, there are no losers. If you enjoy golfing...or helping kids, consider playing in the Annual Log A Load Golf Tournament held during the MFPA Summer Meeting. Things will be changing a little for this year. First, the tournament usually held on Sunday will be held SATURDAY, July 21. Tee off at 1:30 (after a great Education session) at Old Kinderhook. Of course there will be some prizes...ranging from longest drive to balls lost in the water or sand. Again, there are no losers. The point of the tournament isn't to serve as a potential site for a PGA stop. It's for the fun of it. Bring your partner, pick one at the meeting...or participate in a brand new twist...Lottery Partners. For a \$10 donation, your name will be placed in a container, and then drawn out for partners. It sounds like a great way to meet new people, spend time with old friends, who knows, maybe even get paired with a ringer. I hope you notice that I didn't ask if you were a good golfer...because, there are no losers. Awards will be presented during the banquet Saturday night. If you haven't golfed in the tournament before, this is the year to do it. If participating just isn't enough, there are sponsorship opportunities for both the Skeet Shoot, and the Golf. Come on and be a part of it. Keep an eye on the newsletter, your e-mail, the MFPA website for more information on specifics. Oh...before I sign off...there is still the second subject...if you participate in the Golf Tournament, you might as well come a little early and attend some of the MFPA Summer Meeting. Take a look at the schedule, the meeting truly has something for everyone. If you have never been to a Summer Meeting, this is a great chance for a first time. Good speakers, great programs, and some networking with your peers. Sign up for the Summer Meeting, sign up for the Golf Tournament, sign up for the Skeet Shoot, registration is available now. Support our industry...bring a friend. If you have any questions, feel free to call our office (573-634-3252) or mark@moforest.org. I might as well hit the third subject as well. In the next few months, we will be planning the locations for next year's PTH classes. If you any thoughts or ideas on locations...let us know. Thanks for helping the kids.

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MFPA Summer Meeting and Missouri Logging Council

Upcoming Events at the 2018 Summer Meeting

The Missouri Logging Council (MLC) will be gathering for a Business Meeting on Friday during the Annual Summer Meeting at Old Kinderhook in Camdenton, MO. The MLC will be discussing current events, governmental affairs, Master Logger Program and membership updates. This event will take place during breakfast Saturday, July 21st from 6:30am to 7:45am. Fill a plate at the breakfast buffet and join in on the MLC Meeting! Detailed agenda to follow.



Let's get together with the Missouri Logging Council and play a round of golf while raising money for Missouri Children's Hospitals! Funds raised through the golf outing goes to Log A Load for Kids. The Log A Load for Kids program raises money for treatment and research associated with children's health. 100% of the funds are donated to Missouri's Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.



This event will take place at Old Kinderhook Saturday, July 21st as part of the Annual Summer Meeting. Tee Time is 1:30pm. Contact Mark for more information at mark@moforest.org or 573-634-3252.

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SUMMER MEETING - TIME FOR A CHANGE

We are changing the format of the Summer Meeting for 2018! Saturday will begin with the breakfast buffet and Missouri Logging Council (MLC) meeting. Immediately following breakfast and MLC, the General Education Session will begin at 8:00am in the Hearth Room. After we hear from our exciting line up of speakers during the General Education Session members are invited to build a sandwich at the sandwich bar for lunch. Grab your sandwich and head to the Golf Club for the Log A Load for Kids Golf Tournament. Yes, we will be golfing on Saturday this year! Enjoy the afternoon on the golf course and support Log A Load for Kids. If you or your family aren't golfing, take the afternoon to explore and savor the Lake of the Ozarks with either the amenities offered through Old Kinderhook or other opportunities in the area like Ha Ha Tonka State Park or Bridal Cave. The MFPA Membership Meeting will be held Saturday evening with dinner at Old Kinderhook. The Membership Reception will begin at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm. During the Membership Meeting we will conduct business of MFPA, award the Logger of the Year, announce golf winners, conduct PAC and Log A Load for Kids fund raiser auctions and raffles. We will announce the winner of the MFP PAC Benelli M2 American 12 Gauge Shotgun. Tickets are available today through 7pm Saturday, July 21st. See below for more information. Tricky tray raffle and the silent auction items will be available for bidding supporting the Missouri Forest Products PAC and Log A Load for Kids, as well as a live auction. We will have two items available for bidding during the live auction. The Missouri Forest Products Political Action Committee is auctioning two knives from NHB KnifeWorks. NHB KnifeWorks is a local culinary knife maker located in Maplewood, Missouri. The knife handle is hand-crafted using Missouri hardwoods. One knife handle will be made from walnut and the other white oak. Each knife retails for around \$400 and will be auctioned separately. Log A Load for Kids is auctioning a hand crafted live edge table created by Missouri woodworker and Erb Equipment Company employee, Ted Haertling. Look for pictures of these items in the near future! After the auctions and raffles, please stay for a mixer with fellow MFPA members and music. We plan to have activities for the kids to enjoy outside on the property of Old Kinderhook after dinner including bounce houses and a sundae bar.

MFP PAC Raffle



The Missouri Forest Products Political Action Committee is raffling a new Benelli M2 American 12 Gauge Shotgun. The gun model number is 11134 - 12Ga and the description includes a 3" chamber, invector chokes, 28" barrel, and the blades camo pattern. The gun retails for \$1000. We will be selling tickets for \$100 and they will be sold until 7:00pm Saturday, July 21. The gun drawing will happen during the Saturday membership meeting and you do not need to be present to win. Please consider purchasing raffle tickets to support the MFPPAC and possibly win a new Benelli M2.

Contact Beverly at 573-634-3252 or Beverly@moforest.org to purchase a ticket.

SUMMER MEETING SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

Support your association by sponsoring a meeting or event at the
2018 Summer Meeting

(Get your sponsorships in early to be recognized in the Summer Meeting Agenda)

FRIDAY

Committee Meeting Refreshments	
Forest Health	___ \$200
Education & Technical Services	___ \$200
Governmental Affairs	___ \$200
MFP PAC	___ \$200
Board of Directors Meeting Refreshments	___ \$200
3 Co-Sponsors \$200 each	
Welcome Reception Exclusive Sponsor	___ \$1500
Or 3 Co-Sponsors \$500 each	___ \$500

SATURDAY

Missouri Logging Council Board and General Membership Meeting	___ \$200
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Membership Continental Breakfast	___ \$300
3 Co-Sponsors \$300 each	
General Session Exclusive Sponsor	___ \$1200
Or 6 Co-Sponsors \$200 each	___ \$200
General Session Breaks	___ \$250
2 Co-Sponsors \$250 each	
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Or 5 Co-Sponsors \$200 each	___ \$300
Log A Load for Kids Golf Tournament	See Page 4

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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MFPA LOGGING SCHOOL UPDATE



Fred Smith



The MFPA Logging School will start its Spring/Summer 2018 session on May 30th and will run for 10 weeks ending on August 3rd. There's still space available if you know someone, especially high school seniors who are graduating, who has an interest in learning the logging vocation please have them contact me. The Logging School also likes to have visitors, so if you're in the Poplar Bluff area please plan on visiting the school and meeting the students. If your visit is in late June or July, you can watch them in action!

The Fall 2018 session will start on September 5th and run through November 9th. This session is also open for registration. Registration can be done online at <http://moforest.org/logging-school/> or by calling me at 573-619-4494.



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