Summer Meeting Time!
Old Kinderhook July, 19-20

I know I say it every year but this year’s meeting is really going to be an awesome event. On Friday July 19 we will spend the day conducting MFPA business when committees meet and the board will convene for their annual meeting. Friday evening the fun begins with our annual membership reception. We will serve BBQ while the membership meets and greets each other while visiting with Associate members who have set up booths to market their products. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, CONTACT LAURA TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR BOOTH SPACE!

The 2019 education seminars will be different this year. There will be a combination of business development topics, industry updates, and resource related presentations that we hope will capture the interest of all of our members. The 2019 Summer Meeting brochure was mailed at the end of May and includes a detailed description of all the presentations. Please don’t miss the opportunity to take advantage of educational seminars that are specifically selected to be relevant to MFPA members.

The Summer Meeting is MFPA’s primary opportunity to raise significant money for our Political Action Committee. We do these two ways, by purchasing a $100 raffle ticket for the gun and by having an auction (both live and silent) after Saturday evening’s membership dinner. So please consider purchasing a raffle ticket and come prepared to bid on great stuff! Between now and the Summer Meeting we will be distributing pictures of the auction items that will be available for purchase. The 2020 election cycle will be very important to our industry and we need to build the PAC fund to support those that support us.

Saturday evening’s entertainment will also be very different this year, you likely won’t see Laura and I on the dance floor, which is probably disappointing to some! Josh Buffington has been spending time with me and our industry members trying to learn about the challenges of retaining and engaging employees. Josh plans to both entertain us and educate us on how we can improve our leadership skills that will translate in to meaningful results with employee retention, motivation and productivity.

Log A Load For Kids will also be front and center Saturday evening. Money will be raised for the kids during Saturday afternoon’s golf event and the evening’s silent and live auctions.

Every year I hear “testimonials” from first time Summer Meeting attenders on how much they enjoyed “finally” coming to a meeting. If you have never attended a Summer Meeting, please consider it this year, the information you will receive may make a real difference in your business, you may meet a new supplier, or you might run in to someone you haven’t seen in 25 years (I heard that last year). Old Kinderhook is a beautiful resort with many activities and opportunities for the family. I hope to see you July 19-20 at Old Kinderhook, COME JOIN THE FUN!!

-Brian Brookshire
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Well, of course this is going to be an article about the Summer Meeting...gotta get ready!!! Let’s start with the Golf Tournament. As always, the proceeds will go to our Log A Load for Kids charity…the University of Missouri Children’s Hospital. Speaking of Children’s Hospital, there will be an opportunity to bid on new paintings this year by some of the kids. The MFPA Log A Load Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, July 20 at Old Kinderhook. Tee of is 1:00pm. $100 per player. This is a 2 man scramble. If you don’t have a partner, we can work on finding you one. If you aren’t a great golfer…this is a fun tournament. If you ARE a great golfer, there is a lot of prestige to winning the tournament. The real winners though… the kids at the University of Missouri Children’s Hospital. There will also be a great Education and Technical Services Committee Meeting. Get updated on all things PTH, MFPA Logging School, and educational opportunities. Don’t forget about the Missouri Logging Council meeting. One of the topics we will be discussing will be the Master Logger program. My biggest message? Get involved. Join a committee, or at least sit in on the meetings. Learn more about our industry, and what role we can play in shaping the future. Join us for the Golf Tournament. It really is a good time for everyone involved. Sponsor something. There are still opportunities...for everything from the golf tournament to a meeting. Lastly....buy something from the auction. You will either be helping the kids for Log A Load...or be putting money towards the PAC, and helping the industry future. I know I said lastly...BUT...coming to the meeting will give you Continuing Education credit. It is never too early to start thinking about keeping your PTH Certification current. See you at Old Kinderhook!

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“Headwinds or tailwinds for the forest products industry… does it matter which way the wind blows?”

Ken Chapman – Reentry Program Manager, Missouri Department of Corrections
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We look forward to seeing the items our members contribute to the fundraiser this year!

**Live Auction.** The Saturday evening Member Dinner includes two live auctions benefiting the MFP Political Action Committee and Log A Load for Kids. MFP PAC was established to compliment the association’s legislative programs. The purpose is to financially support candidates and causes that are beneficial to industry interests. The auction held at the summer meeting is a big fund raiser for the committee. The Missouri Forest Products Political Action Committee is raffling a Henry singleshot .223 model H015-223.

**MFP PAC Raffle**

The Missouri Forest Products Political Action Committee is raffling a new Henry singleshot .223 model H015-223. The gun retails for $500. This gun has an amazingly beautiful walnut stock manufactured from Missouri lumber. We will be selling tickets for $100 and they will be sold until noon Saturday, July 20. The gun drawing will happen during the Saturday evening dinner and auction. Please consider purchasing raffle tickets to support the MFPPAC and possibly win a new Henry .223 rifle.

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

Log A Load for Kids is MFPA’s charity where loggers and wood-supplying businesses donate the value of a load of logs, or any amount, to a nearby Children’s Miracle Network affiliated hospital to be used in treating ill and injured children. MFPA holds fundraising events to supplement donations to the hospitals. Missouri woodworker and Erb Equipment Company employee, Ted Hertling will be hand crafting a live edge walnut coffee table that will be available at the Summer Meeting live auction! All proceeds support Log A Load for Kids. Paintings created by the children at University of Missouri Children’s Hospital will be at the auction again this year! We will be releasing pictures of Ted’s and the children’s work soon!

**Tricky Tray Raffle and Silent Auction.** The Tricky Tray Raffle will be back this year along with the Silent Auction. We will have many items up for grabs in both the raffle and silent auction with proceeds going to support MFP PAC and Log A Load for Kids. This year we will be raffling off beautiful straw bags handmade by the Zulu women of South Africa and Uganda. These bags will be purchased from The Heart That Gives Foundation (THTGF). THTGF assists St. Elizabeth’s Home of Angels which is located in Uganda and is home to 35 orphan children and 10 widows. By purchasing these bags for the Log A Load for Kids Auction we are able to help even more children in need! The cost of purchase of the bags goes to the orphaned children in Uganda and the proceeds made when these items are raffled off at the Summer Meeting go to the children at the University of Missouri Children’s hospital through the Log A Load for Kids charity. It’s doubly as good helping two groups of children with needs from caring adults.
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MFPA has made the hard decision to delay the 2019 Logging School for one year due to lack of enrollment. Despite our best efforts to recruit students for the 2019 Logging School we fell well short of our goal to place at least 8 students in the program. MFPA staff, industry members, and the Missouri Department of Conservation dedicated significant time and financial resources to recruiting students and only two people committed to the school.

MFPA is currently evaluating our recruitment techniques and target audiences to determine if a new direction will achieve the desired result. We are contemplating hiring a professional recruitment consultant to investigate the potential for new recruiting ideas that we have not yet implemented. We are very disappointed to delay the school but the economic realities have forced the decision.

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