

2022 SCTPA ANNUAL MEETING WAS A SUCCESS!

By Crad Jaynes, President

First and foremost, Thanks to Everyone ... sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, board members, members and guests ... for attending our 2022 annual meeting at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront held on February 25 -26.

Attendance was greater than we had anticipated (because of the lingering effects of the Covid pandemic) as over 315 people came for a great meeting

to hear informative speakers and simply be able to get back out and fellowship with friends, family and industry peers. Our meeting was a success because of the support and turnout of everyone.

Thanks to our twenty-eight sponsors and twenty-seven exhibitors for participating in our annual meeting. There were also several exhibitors who brought trucks and trailers for the outside parking lot.

Friday kicked off with the board of directors meeting with several guests in attendance. We reviewed the annual meeting, looked at the 2021 financials, received updates on state and federal legislative issues and other current issues impacting SC's timber harvesting, wood supply and timber trucking segments.

Friday evening's Welcome Reception was well attended and highlighted by a Live Auction. Four items were auctioned ... a Husqvarna 395XP Chainsaw with 32-Inch Bar, won by Bill Lominick; Stihl Extendable Pole Saw, won by John Smith, Jr.; Handmade Cedar Swing, won by Bob and Cindy Lussier; and, Handmade Coffee Table, won by Greg Hutson. Thanks to our donors, Husqvarna of Charlotte, SCTPA, Brandon Poteat and Josh Key of Beech Island



Timber and Mike Sox of Fellowship Tables and Custom Wood Products. The live auction was a fun time and raised \$7,900 for the association. DJ Mike Lockaby provided a fun evening of music for dancing and karaoke.

Saturday's General Session was filled with informative speakers. SC State Forester led off with an update about SC's forest resources, logging, forestry and economic development. Ewell Smith of Timber-Hauling.com presented this new online approach to

> help loggers save money on services and products. Derek Breedlove of Vestige highlighted how important onboard cameras and GPS systems are to enhancing truck fleet safety as well as how onboard cameras can potentially help avoid a truck accident lawsuit. Stephen Setliff, a well know defense attorney of The Setliff Law Firm, discussed the legal environment

regarding truck accidents and the predatory attorneys. Bob Lussier, President of Team Safe Trucking (TST), discussed the activities of Team Safe Trucking and how TST is assisting the forestry transportation sector with its online driver training programs.

Saturday's luncheon featured SC Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers, American Loggers Council Executive Director Scott Dane, and Rick Quagliaroli from Forestry Insurance Company of the Southeast as our featured speakers.

In the association business session, SCTPA President Crad Jaynes provided a President's report highlighting association activities. Larry Godwin of Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin reviewed the 2020 and 2021 association financials. Secretary-Treasurer Robby Crowder presented the bylaws report and an amendment to the association bylaws. The amendment was approved by the membership. Two board members, Rickey Chapman and Robby Crowder, did not running for re-election and were presented their



SCTPA Board of Directors Service plagues for their eight years of board service. Four board seats were up for election, two for new board members and two for re-election. Congratulations to Bo Bo Seckinger, Seckinger Forest Products, Inc.,

Scott Dane (r) and Hugh Weathers (l) enjoying an after lunch discussion.

and Bob Lussier, Great Woods Companies, LLC, who were re-elected to another four year term. Congratulations to Colby Crosby, Crosby Logging and Timber, Inc., and Griff Wilson, WilRidge Forestry, LLC as newly elected to serve four year terms.

Greg Hutson of Forestry Mutual Insurance Company presented their MVP Award to Kendra McKittrick of McKittrick Timber, LLC for her important work in their business.

Since there was no 2021 annual meeting, two Logger Activist Awards were presented. Jack Gaston, Jr., Gaston Logging, LLC was presented the 2020 SCTPA Logger Activist Award, and Darin Crosby of Crosby Logging & Timber, Inc. was presented the 2021 SCTPA Logger Activist Award. Congratulations to both of these professional loggers.

Next the drawings for the \$400 Gift Certificate to Ole Edgefield Butcher Shop, the Henry Big Boy XMOD 44 Magnum Rifle and the Tri-Star Viper G2 20 Gauge Shotgun were held. Congratulations to our winners, and special thanks to all for purchasing drawing tickets.

Saturday afternoon the SFI Trained Update DVD was presented by SC Forestry BMP Foresters Eric West and Andrew Williams. This workshop allowed folks to receive their 2022 SFI Trained Status.

Sunday morning concluded the annual meeting with our traditional Sunday Prayer Breakfast. Special thanks to port City Quartet for providing inspirational and faithful gospel music along with their testimonies to The Lord. After the Prayer Breakfast the Silent Auction winners were announced and meeting was adjourned.

Special thanks goes out to my family for their help at our annual meeting. The meeting couldn't be a success without these people. Thanks to my wife Brenda, sister-in-law Dee Peake, Dee's cousin Mary Rawl, our daughter Erin Jaynes Belk and SCTPA Communications Director Kathy Fudge and her husband John for all your help. Great Job!

Mark your calendar now for our 2023 Annual meeting to be February 24 – 26 at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront.

To say the 2022 annual meeting was a success is an understatement. It was a **Great Annual Meeting**. Again, THANKS to everyone for supporting, contributing and attending our 2022 annual meeting.





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WELCOME BACK! 2022 SCTPA ANNUAL MEETING





Port City Quartet



Crad and the "Commissioner"



Will Chapman Accepts Board Service Award for Rickey Chapman



Colby Crosby Accepts 2021 Logger Activist Award



Silent Auction Items

Sunday Prayer Breakfast







Robby Crowder Accepts Board Service Award



Silent Auction Child's Picnic Table

Jack Gaston Accepts 2020 Logger Activist Award

AND THERE'S MORE...



Derek Breedlove, Vestige



Live Auction Cedar Swing



TEAM Safe Trucking Rresident



Greg Hutson & MVP Award Winner Kendra McKittrick



Live Auction Coffee Table



Fun Time Choir



SC State Forester Scott Phillips





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