

Oregon Small Woodlands Association
Executive Meeting
June 5, 2007
Salem, Oregon

*Attendees: Mike Barnes, Mark Copeland, Mike Gaudern, Nancy Hathaway,
Mark Havel, Roy Hendricks, Al Thayer.*

The Advocacy Action packet was reviewed and revised for presentation to the full Board at the August meeting, at which it will be discussed and presented for adoption. If adopted, the packet will then be sent out to members. The Exec board will review the revised version and respond via e-mail.

Initial results from the survey (included with voting packet) indicate that fire insurance, as a part of membership dues and benefits is not favored. Most frequently stated comment, "no dues increase." Not all survey results are in yet.

OSWA needs to develop a fire policy. GAC will develop one for us to review.

New delivery systems are needed to disseminate information to members. Getting services from the state has become very expensive. Budgets are tight and PERS costs are built-in to guarantee higher costs.

More discouraging news: From 1980 to 2000, stumpage values are down 34%, plywood down 31%, delivered pulp down 45% as the Federal government has gotten out of timber harvesting. The East side has been particularly hard hit. Land is more valuable for home sites than as timber ground..

Update: we will work through Jim Johnson to get articles for this publication. Articles will have to be limited in length. A good start will be to get a list of OSU Forestry faculty and each person's specialty.

Mark Havel, aka Forest Dan, presented an idea for workshops, either for our members or the general public, or both. He has been successful in presentations across the USA and feels that people can get excited about forestry. In related discussions about planned OSWA workshops, we talked about titles such as: It's the Right Thing To Do (ie., planning for the next generation.)

Respectfully submitted,
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