

OREGON SMALL WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
NOV. 4, 2005
SALEM, OREGON

Attendees: Bert Vanderwall, Stan Beyer, Mike Barsotti, Bob Shumaker, Mark Havel, Al Thayer, Dick Beers, John Poppino, Mike Gaudern, Mike Barnes, Nancy Hathaway, Ken Nicholls. Guests: Jim Paul, Paul Bell, both ODF, Scott Neilson, AFLAC.

Previous Business:

The minutes of the August 12 Board and October 7 Executive Committee meetings were approved unanimously as corrected.

Financial Report:

Lyn Boniface will start preparing OSWA tax statements. As of October 21, 2005 the deficit stands at \$2,147 as compared to last year's deficit at this time of \$14,000. Mike Gaudern thanks all who recruited the 136 new members this year.

The 2005-06 proposed budget was examined in detail. Line item #420(c) shows \$4000 income from the Annual Meeting to the State Office for services provided to put on the meeting.

Line item #564, Office admin: The temporary contract with Wally Lien's office is costing more per hour than the E.D.'s hourly pay.

Our present plan is to hire Michelle Ploeser for 16 hours per week at an hourly salary of \$25/hour (2 days/week, Monday & Friday, starting Dec. 2.) Wally Lien's office will provide back-up. Savings could be used to offset Mike Gaudern earnings decrease (\$12000).

Line item #530 (f) Kristina's 2007 buffer, contains only \$1200, but any additional savings from office admin could increase this amount (needs \$6400)

Moved and seconded that the 2005-06 Budget be accepted as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Governmental Affairs:

Jim Paul, policy manager of statewide policies on private forestland, and Paul Bell of ODF reported on issues before the Board of Forestry. On November 21 and 22, the Board will be making decisions on concepts to changes in the FPA rules, as based on recommendations from FPAC (advisory committee) in 2000. These include increasing riparian protection for small and medium Fish streams in Western Oregon, providing additional large wood in streams. If adopted, this would be the start of the formal process. The Board has also asked for alternative concepts. Even if these new rules are adopted, they will sunset in 5 years. OSWA Board members referenced the "Hinckle paired watershed" study as research that should be analyzed before any rules are put into effect. OSWA would like to re-visit the voluntary efforts of the Oregon Plan before burdening us with more and new regulations. Will more rules result in better water quality and fish passage? Or will the result be more land conversion to other uses?

Moved and seconded that we support Mike Gaudern in making a statement on proposed riparian rules to the Board of Forestry at the November meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Next GAC committee will be held in conjunction with the January Executive Committee meeting. Visit <http://www.oswa.org/calendar.html> for details.

Update Advisory:

The next Update Advisory committee will be held in conjunction with the December Executive Committee. Visit <http://www.oswa.org/calendar.html> for details.

Phipps Nursery:

It's still an OSWA priority to ensure that there's an adequate supply for all seed zones (thereby meeting state requirements for reforestation.)

AgPac:

A decision about our association with AgPac will be postponed for now until further consideration has been given to recent Agpac board and membership actions .

Oregon Tree Farm System:

OTFS is seeking independent 3rd party international certification to verify that our certification is green. PEFC is the Program for Efficient Forest Certification.

2006 Work Plan and Calendar:

Calendar will be posted on the Internet. Chapters should send in upcoming annual meeting dates as well as anything else they want posted on the web OSWA annual budget cover 30 minutes of web master time /chapter. After that Chapters will pay for time.

County Reports:

Marion-Polk: Mark Havel suggested that FFO create DVDs to promote education and information as a rallying point for landowners to get involved. FFO could present this concept to OFRI for funding.

Washington: Mailed recruitment brochures to 1700 woodland owners on the county records list.

Douglas & Clackamas: Members suggest introductory membership fee of \$50. Discussion indicated strong preference for keeping fees at current levels, but other suggestions surfaced.

Yamhill Chapter contributes \$25 toward each new membership. Two checks (from member and from chapter) are sent in together. The following year OSWA bills the member for full amount. Another suggestion was chapter seedling sales to finance this option.

OSWA analysis suggests that many new members (have been member less than 5 years) don't drop out as previously thought. Of the 156 who did not renew this year only 80 had been members for less than 5 years.

Non Dues Revenue:

AFLAC Presentation

Scott Nielson, AFLAC state coordinator, proposed to offer insurance to OSWA at special discount rates and also pay OSWA a percentage of the commission for every policy sold (approximately 10%.) This is not major medical insurance, but supplementary to help with non medical costs. AFLAC pays cash to individuals. Once OSWA buys a \$75 insurance license, specific to OSWA, we could possibly approach other major medial insurance companies for similar compensation. This could be a long-term approach to recruiting younger members to OSWA.

Moved and seconded that OSWA enter into a contract with AFLAC to provide supplementary insurance to OSWA members. Motion passed unanimously.

Shiloh contract has been re-signed. Thanks were passed to Mark Hemstreet, owner of Shilo and fellow OSWA member for this benefit.

Moved and seconded that OSWA accept contribution from OFRI for our mailing list. List to be used as described in draft board pack letter with minor corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

Future Events

Tree Farm System's Annual Meeting will be held in Portland at the World Forestry Center on November 21. Call Anne Hanschu to sign up for lunch, (503) 357-2551. Don't miss the Awards Luncheon for the Tree Farmer of the Year.

January 25, 2006, Salmon 2100, The Future of Salmon, Double Tree hotel, Lloyd Center, Portland. Contact Conference Coordinator at OSU, (541) 737-2329.

Family Forestland Symposium, April 27-28, 2007 in Corvallis.

Moved and seconded that OSWA be a part of the planning process and co-sponsor of Family Forestland Symposium. Motion passed unanimously.

OSWA has supported Gary Springer in the pool of applicants for future appointment to the OFRI Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Hathaway
November 11, 2005