



*An Association of Small Woodland
Owners Dedicated to the Protection,
Management, Use, and Enhancement
of Oregon's Forest Resources
...and having a good time doing it*

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Greetings OSWA members, families and friends; Spring-summer 2020, May, June & July

This is how our newsletters usually start, so that's what we'll do this time too.

Usually, and I'll probably use that word a few times, our newsletter comes out at the end of the last month of the quarter, so that we are ready for the events or tours or whatever as the next quarter starts. This time we're writing well in advance of the end of April, as our first event for May was our annual meeting on the 9th. Our meeting for May 9 is canceled and we'll see how the summer goes as to when we might get together next.

So let's recap what we've been up to. In the quarter just past, we had two of three events we had scheduled; a nice presentation by **LOG BUYER, Ted Curtis** of the Santiam Weyerhaeuser mill who gave a complete view from that side of the scale shack. What do log buyers want and how can we send them the closest match possible? What do log lengths mean for the mills and the loggers; what do various defects look like and how do they affect scale; why is it important to have a good relationship with the log buyer and how does this happen; how might a forester be able to improve your results? All these and more were discussed and appreciated at the meeting. Perhaps we can have Ted back again sometime.

Then, just as things were coming to our shores and attention, we conferred among directors and decided to have the capacity crowd that had RSVP'd for the **Freres Lumber Mass Plywood Panel facility tour** decide for themselves if they felt safe to get together on the tour. The tour went as planned and our director John Hettwer wrote this about the tour. There was a maximum number of 25 people allowed on the tour, and we were real close. Rob, Kyle, and Tyler Freres were all there as guides, so we split into three groups, which worked very well. Product sales from the plant were just starting to pick up, and Tyler was concerned about the upcoming virus scare, so it is hard to tell where they are as of today. Where all of the gluing of panels is done, lengthwise and thickness, they discovered the building needs to be warm, so two years ago they added a large wall between two sections of the building keeping one side 70 degrees while the other is unheated, saving money. They did have an order for a large piece and it gives new meaning to the term 2 x 4, because it's 2 FEET by 4 FEET by way long. As we were beginning the tour there was a truckload of panels heading out, all about a foot thick, 8 feet wide, and 40 feet long, to be used as a temporary bridge, while building a permanent one.

They didn't seem to mind anyone taking pictures, probably because all of the products are patented. There are many videos on YouTube of the operation. Just type in search for Freres Lumber MPP.

And for the coming quarter, the first and quite important event we had scheduled was our annual meeting. Though this meeting is canceled due to the virus among us and we have our individual paradises to hang in, the world is in turmoil and disease.

Normally we have a speaker, some door prizes, some lousy jokes and then reports on the Markets, the treasury of our chapter and our directors elections. We run a pretty easy affair, normally, so this chapter will replace the details I just mentioned. Terry Lamers usually gives us a detailed Log Market report and I asked him to give us one that we can put in the newsletter. Instead he called me and said I can put whatever I want into the newsletter but there is nothing to report on. At the moment there is NO Log Market. Who knows when it will come back and what it will look like. Perhaps some of us have other ways to use our forests besides harvest, and now would be the time to do that.

Pat Wheeler, our secretary/treasurer and all around great keeper of the peace gives us this treasurer's report. You can see we have few expenses, enough income, and will be able to keep this up when we begin having meetings and tours again. Ours is a fun chapter in my view, as we have all sorts of events and tours and will follow any lead that is thrown our way for something to do. Please speak up if you have something in mind.

Marion-Polk Chapter 2020 Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance **\$3,458.07**

Income

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| OSWA Membership Rebate | \$1,190.00 |
| Annual Lunch Meeting Fee (2019) | \$ 90.00 |
| Total Income | \$1,280.00 |

Expenses

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| Annual Lunch Cost (2019) | \$ 176.00 |
| Quarterly Newsletters | \$ 591.98 |
| Postcard Reminders | \$ 7.00 |
| Coffee for Meetings | \$ 42.15 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 817.13 |

Ending Balance **\$3,920.94** **(Whew, we're OK)**

Our directors list has changed! After 30+ years as director, president and great benefit to our membership, **Don Duhrkopf** has decided to pass his post on to someone else. Don has been the most active, interesting and interested member and helpful fellow and has passed his directorship to **Joe Moore**. Joe is a new member of a couple years ago, when he purchased a beautiful forest property on Doan Creek Rd in the west of Polk county. Joe purchased it from yet another OSWA member Flynn Case, so you can see that our members are involved, interested and supportive of OSWA. We look forward to having **Joe and his wife Shelly** at our director meetings and involved in planning our associations actions.

So, what to do before we can get going again? **Gardening! And it is slug season.** Here is a tip to help you get your limit. Forget the beer and the poisons, which both depend on the slugs coming to it and you know how fast they can move! Instead take the battle to them. Arm yourself with a headlamp, a forked weed poker and go out after dark and get your limit. This year I started my slug harvest just about a week ago and in our good-sized garden I limited out the first night with about 80. A couple nights later I could only find about 25 and the third time out it was only 6. Now it is just once a week or so and there are very few. This is the most effective method to keep their numbers very low. All you do is cut them in half and walk on. Actually, don't forget the beer and the poisons. Keep the beer and keep away from poisons.

Tree School Webinars! As described in the recent OSWA Update, OSU Extension, Oregon Forest Resource Institute (OFRI), and the Partnership for Forestry Education are sponsoring Tree Schools Online Webinars since many Tree Schools have been cancelled because of the Coronavirus. These 1 1/2 hour Webinars will be presented every Tuesday beginning Tuesday, April 21 at 3:00 pm and run through July 28. The first webinar will focus on Managing to Keep Your Forest Healthy. One can register to participate at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/tree-school/tree-school-online-class-guide>.

Thanks for reading our newsletters, coming on the tours and to events, and we'll see you in a while.