

Oregon Small Woodlands Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Salem, OR 97301
September 26, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Scott Hanson, Dave Schmidt, Jim Schreiber, Lena Tucker, Mike Kroon, Mark Dreyer, Scott Hayes, Dale Cuyler, Audrey Barnes, Rick Barnes, Dick Courter, Jim Johnson, Joe Holmberg, Gary Jensen, Marsha Carr, Mike Barsotti, Roger Beyer, Jen Rains, and Jim James

Welcome and Call to Order - Scott Hanson welcomed participants.

Review and Approve Agenda - Board meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

Administrative Business

Approval of Board call minutes

Action Items:

Minutes from the June 26, 2014 Board meeting and September 4, 2014 Board call were reviewed and unanimously approved as presented

Election Results

Jim reported the election results verified by the Executive Committee. Rick Barnes was elected for the president-elect position and Mike Barnes was elected as the vacant 2nd vice president position. Bill Potterf has resigned his position as 2nd vice president on the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee has appointed Dick Courter to replace him.

Action Items:

The Board approved the appointment of Dick Courter to complete the term of Bill Potterf.

Membership Report

Jim reported on the year to date membership status. OSWA started the year with 1452 members and has retained 91% of those members. Membership grew by 3% this year and currently stands at 1491 memberships. Forty one new members have been added during the five Howdy Neighbor tours in 2014. Nancy Hathaway has resigned as chairperson of the Membership Committee. OSWA is looking for a volunteer to chair the Membership Committee. Jim James may need to fill that role until someone volunteers.

Woodlands Carbon

Woodlands Carbon is working with the Pinchot Institute on a CIG grant.

Smoke Management Issue

Jim Schreiber discussed CFFA position on the slash burning regulations of Clackamas County dealing with restrictions on slash burning near urban areas. Columbia and other Counties have a similar problem. OSWA will get involved in this issue by communicating with ODF and DEQ.

Year – to – Date Financials

Jim James reported on the current financial picture. Douglas Chapter donated their share of the revenue from the annual meeting. Several chapters have elected to donate all or part of their rebates to the state office. It now appears the 2013/2014 Budget will not show a loss as previously predicted, but will fall short of the profit projected in the original budget to rebuild

the organization's cash reserves reduced in the 2012/2013 fiscal year. Directors suggested staff look at ways to reduce costs including finding an alternative conference call line.

Action items:

Staff will contact OFRI to see what they use for conference calls.

Chapter Reports

Chapters provided updates on their current activities. Many chapters completed their summer tree farmer tours and annual meetings.

Partner Reports

Partners provided updates on their current activities. ODF fire season was long and continuous. Fire teams were deployed 12 times and there were many human caused fires. ODF will be hiring a seed geneticist. E-notification is ready to go live on October 1 and training is still available to landowners. Committee for Family Forestlands (CFF) is hosting a tax symposium in January at OSU. Notices will go out in the newsletter and in a mailing this fall. The committee is also seeking a chairman to replace acting chairman. OSU Extension hired two new extension agents who started in August in Klamath Falls and Central Oregon. A Master Woodlands Manager coordinator was also hired to start November 3. OSU is also engaged in several workshops; wildlife program, tax symposium, and leadership academy. OTFS is revising standards to be implemented in 2015. OTFS will move their audit year to 2015 and will work with Price Waterhouse Cooper to complete it.

Committee Reports

Water Quality Committee (WQC)

Jim reported that the plan to present recommendations about additional riparian protections on forest streams to the Board of Forestry at its November meeting has been delayed while the Board and ODF look at different options. Options will include variable retention, no touch buffers, and an alternate practice option. ODF is now planning to provide recommendations to the Board of Forestry at its April 2015 meeting. OSWA continues to be engaged on this issue with ODF, Board of Forestry, OFIC, and the EQC. Resolving this issue satisfactorily is a high priority for OSWA.

Annual Meeting Committee

The 2015 annual meeting is scheduled for June 18-20. It will be hosted by the Marion/Polk County chapter. Saturday's event will be a Family Forest Fair, similar to the Clackamas Tree School. Thursday will be the Day at the Capital Board meeting and Friday will have the annual membership meeting and possible tours.

Membership Committee

The membership committee needs a new chairman to lead and develop strategies for 2015.

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)

Roger Beyer reported on the 2015 legislative priorities for OSWA. Water issues will be big during the 2015 session. Add pesticide use to monitor during the legislative session.

Action Items:

Motion was unanimously passed to approve the legislative priorities with the addition of monitoring pesticide use.

Work Plan Report

Jim reviewed the 2013/2014 accomplishments and 2014/2015 work plan activities.

Action Items:

The 2014/2015 work plan was approved as presented.

2014/2015 Budget Report

Jim reviewed the 2014/2015 draft budget options including the need to fund a full time Executive Director to address the many important regulatory and legislative issues facing OSWA in 2015. Directors thoroughly discussed options for revenues, meeting member service expectations and increasing association expenses.

Action Items:

The Board approved a 2014/2015 budget that maintains existing member services and with a membership dues increase of \$5/year for the 1-15 acre category and \$10/year for the 16-70 acre and 70+acre membership categories. This will allow the Executive Director to work full time as needed. Revenues will be monitored by the Executive Committee. Jim will continue to work 4 days a week until the Executive Committee directs him to full time based on adequate revenues to cover the additional expenses.

Calendar of Events

A Calendar of Events for 2014/2015 was presented to the Board. Some dates could change as circumstances change. Directors asked staff to send calendar revisions each time there is a change.

Action Items:

Board approved the calendar of events.

Other Business

Port Blakely Scholarship Program

Jim discussed the scholarship program. It has been advertised for the children or grandchildren of OSWA members who are juniors or seniors attending a natural resource science college. No scholarship applications have been received to date. The deadline is October 10th. If there are not enough applications, the requirements could be changed to include sophomore and freshman students. The Scholarship Committee will determine how best to allocate the \$10,000 donated by Port Blakely.

With no further business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jen Rains

Office Manager