

Oregon SAF Executive Meeting
Minutes recorded By Judd Lehman
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Bend, Oregon

Meeting took place at the Riverhouse in Bend, Oregon.

-Review and approve March minutes.
Revision – Money goes to the OSAF Foundation, not OSAF.
Approved

-Treasures report
Bob Thomas motion, Rick Barnes approved.

-Northwest Office
Gave Summary of upcoming issues of the Western Forester.
November issue will be put off due to the busy times during the National Convention.
Still working on the Forestry Experts Database/Working with Goerge McFaddin to get feds involved.
Chapters need to work on making switch to digital newsletters and show via state website.
Next Northwest Office meeting on June 13 – looking at strategic plan.
Budget Ok – Good advertising!
Electronic voting – Louise Murgia faces challenges to implement electronic voting.
Main challenge is that the bylaws state that officers need to be submitted by early September. Chapters will have to make sure that officers are selected early. Another challenge is that some members do not have email addresses.
National elections will be done electronically but state may not be ready for the switch by then.

-Council Report by Rick Barnes.
Visited by Chief of FS last meeting.
Has been dealing with membership issue – conflicting views within council – needing input from members.
All members will be charged 130 dollars (new) – students 35 – retire 35 – golden members still free but need to pay for hard copy of Journal of Forestry.
Rate for students who stay SAF members after graduation will be 85 dollars a year for the first five years (new).
Current chapter dues – chapters need to look and see if it is necessary to charge local dues.
Big Issue – Who should be a member? Rick needs input. Who should be a member – anyone associated with natural resources or just people who have graduated from an accredited school. If we are all encompassing, will it weaken our status as a professional society? There are currently 18 categories of members.
Bob Alverts voiced concerns with watering down the requirements (Barney agreed).

Angie DiSalvo mentioned that there is not a bunch of natural resource professionals beating on the door to get in.

Dan from Weyerhaeuser said that we could change to just 3 membership groups – professionals, associates, and students.

Paul Adams says that it is critical that SAF maintains its professional status.

John Pine voiced his concerns that members who do not have an accredited degree maintain their ability to work their way into a professional member status.

Rick stated that the certified forester program is not even in the talks to be watered down.

Jim Rombach stated concerns about possibly losing members by changing too drastically.

-Foresters' Fund split proposal – (Jim Rombach presenting). OSAF has always supported the Foresters' Fund. Funding for education is a priority. Needs have been and are growing. Thinks there is a need to acknowledge that community colleges also have programs and they should get funded as well.

Showed some excellent examples of educational things that SAF has put together.

Suggests that we take a percentage of fundraising money that typically goes to Foresters' Fund and put 50% into another fund for education. Rick voiced concerns about raising money under the Foresters' Fund and then keeping some of the money. Angie DiSalvo said that Louise Murgia said that it is ok to keep some but it must be displayed where the event is at and where tickets are sold. Jim Clarifies – that the need for this is to keep money in Oregon for local education, especially community college. Eric Kranzush voiced concerns of supporting this until OSAF sits down and strategically looks at where and how current money is going to be spent so that we can make sure we need the money more than another area of the country.

Angie DiSalvo, Steve Armitage, Jim Rombach, and Eric Kranzush are appointed to a new committee to address the question.

Ran out of time and will bring back up in September.

-Revenue fee for state conventions – Licensing Fee for chapter conferences.

No recommendations. Just a possible way to generate money instead of doing a dues increase and can help generate money for OSAF and to keep the Northwest Office out of the red. Possible way to do it, instead of a set 1000 dollar fee per event, is to have a fee of 5 dollars per person that attends the event or a percentage of net revenue. Bob Alverts mentioned that education and workshops are important and we need insure chapters ability to host events, but at the same time members need to support OSAF and Northwest office.

Consensus that the flat fee is not a good idea but revenue sharing would be supported.

Straw vote – Would you support a revenue sharing scheme for conferences? - Almost full support.

-Certification survey – Paul Adams

How do we move forward to promote and educate the public about the certified forester program? Shaun Harkins interested in what National SAF is doing to promote certified foresters. SFI being worked with as promoting SAF certified forester. Rick Barnes said that the Consulting Foresters are working hard to deal with this and that the State of Washington is looking into it. Jim Rombach says that we can be much more proactive in

are promotion of certified forestry, maybe on the website. Paul mentioned that OFRI pubs can showcase certified foresters.

-2008 Annual Meeting – Emerald Chapter Hosting.

7th, 8th, and 9th of May at Valley River Inn– worked well in past.

Question to group - Planning on starting the morning of the 7th but wants to have the dinner the next night and have the exec meeting on the 7th. John Prendergast voiced concerns that having the exec meeting in the evening would not leave enough time for it. Reminder – We want to avoid competing with annual meeting and local chapter workshops.

-2007 state convention update – Mick

Everything is set and ready to go, except there maybe a problem with the busses.

-New Business – Foresters' Fund for national convention.

National SAF is going to make 30,000 dollars available for local chapters if we can raise enough money in the Foresters' Fund. Asking for donations of raffle items.

-Fundraising.

This year has a lot of fundraising - Golf tourney, national convention, state convention. Fundraise responsibly, don't harass companies over and over, have some coordination.

-Status of the John Day Chapter.

Two chapters in the state that only show on paper. John Day Chapter has 9 members on the books and John Prendergast does not believe that they have done anything for years. How long do we carry them when they are not doing anything? Should we fold them in with another chapter not too far away so that the 9 can be better served? Bob Alverts mentioned someone to contact including Burns BLM and see if there is any chance of salvaging the chapter.

-2009 Annual Meeting

Umpqua chapter has volunteered to host the 2009 annual state meeting.

Motion by Jim Rombach, Steve Armitage second, voted yes by all.

- Coos Chapter - April workshop, alder and port orford cedar management – 50 people attended, did not make a lot of money but did make a little. Also working on a chapter policy statement on payment to counties.
- Tillamook Clatsop – been active. Classes in May with over 170 students working with OSU extension. Working on raising money for foresters fund. Submitting foresters fund proposals. Last meeting had a BLM speaker talk about WOPR. Next meeting will be looking at co-gen plant at Hampton. One new member saved as much on car insurance from GEICO as his membership.
- Jim Wick – Portland - Having someone come talk about state program for rehabilitating land.

- Bend – Mick – Past Meeting with state representative. Another with ODF forester. At each meeting they honored new golden members. Thinking about getting involved in urban forestry and coming up with a position statement.
- OSU – hope to increase membership in future and broaden prospective.
- Siskiyou – last meeting had a presentation from a returning Iraq soldier. Funding two middle school students two Magness Tree Farm. William Kraye passed away.
- Capitol Chapter – ODF employee spoke at last meeting. Had Marvin Brown come speak at a meeting. In June there is a joint meeting with the Marys Peak Chapter at the Oregon Garden. This summer they will start up foresters fund work.
- Emerald – Meeting coming up on Lidar. In June there will be a get together at a member's house. Active in planning next year's annual meeting. Plugged golf tourney.
- Umpqua – Showed a video on milling families in Douglas County. At the meeting recognized 4 golden members. April meeting had BLM manager present on planning revisions. Had Oregon Associated Loggers attend the BLM meeting. Mill tours coming up this summer. Umpqua chapter would like to help OSU students become members and will talk with David Zahler about it.
- Mary's Peak – Workshop coming up. Future meeting may be walking lower campus at OSU and looking at horticulture stuff.

-Awards, Jim R

-Policy, Paul

Forestry and Landslides position statement will expire in December. Three more that will expire next May. Mentioned some bills that are being considered.

-Science and tech

Greg Philip not present

-Education

Will have a state fair booth. They will need volunteers.

-2007 national convention

Complete program is now on website.

Still excepting posters.

-Tree Farm

Summer tour on July 7th in Monroe. 2008 national tree farm convention will be in Portland.

-Forester fund

June 15 foresters fund deadline but get in a week early. Get applications in.

-Membership

Started April with 1024 and ended with 1029.

-Certified forester

Send David info on speaking events so that he can advertise and make sure that people get their forester points.

-Oregon Natural Resource Education Fund

Have accumulated enough money to award money to high schools.

-OSAF Foundation

Has 1000 dollars of money for outreach and education, needs applications. Foundation has been successful in giving out scholarships to OSU students. Golf tourney coming up.

-Fellow nominations need to be turned into John Bell soon.

-Clark Seely and Dan Green have both put in to run for Council.

-END Minutes-

Judd Lehman

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