

Executive Committee Meeting

Washington State Society of American Foresters

October 5, 2007

WFPA Board Room- Olympia, WA

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS and MOTIONS- noted in bold in text

- I. **Opening-** Chair Doug Rushton called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Introductions were made. Attending: Doug Rushton, Nancy Peckman, Andy Perleberg, John McMahon, Zoanne Thomas, Lori Rasor, Chuck Lorenz, Don Hanley, Doug St. John, George McFadden, John Trobaugh, Bill Horn and Scott Swanson.
- II. **Agenda Additions/Changes-** include a discussion on the Fellows selection process, the WSSAF Annual Meeting agenda and an announcement pertaining to the Forester's Foundation Auction.
- III. **General Announcements-**
 - A. Forester's Foundation Auction- The annual auction will occur in Portland during the National Convention later this month. **MSC that WSSAF will donate \$100 gift certificate from Filson Clothing for the auction.**
 - B. The article *On Science* authored by Bob Dick was accepted and will be in the Journal of Forestry in the near future.
 - C. We have continued to keep the website URL of www.waforestry.org for our future use. It was **MSC to spend up to \$20/year to retain this address.**
 - D. John McMahon reported activities from around the national SAF:
 - i. John attended the Southeast US SAF annual meeting in Florida last week. It was well attended.
 - ii. A job change at the national office was announced: Doug Crandall has moved from SAF to become the legislative liaison of the USFS. Mike Mortimer will be the new policy manager on staff.
 - iii. A Climate Change task force was formed last March and has been developing a position statement. In the meantime, SAF has given public testimony at least three times on the subject. Most recently Dr. John A. Helms did an admirable job answering questions from

Senators at a September 24, 2007 hearing. His answers are available and can be used as an interim national position. It has been ratified by the officers and Council and is good for a year.

- iv. The Committee on Forest Policy worked on forest tree biotechnology and sent a draft position statement to council in September. Final action by the council on this statement should occur in December 2007.
- v. National Convention will be in Portland later this month. Early registration points to approximately 2,000 participants.

IV. **MOTION to approve the minutes** as submitted from the July 20, 2007 Executive Committee meeting was **moved by Bill Horn and second by Chuck Lorenz. Motion Carried.**

V. **Guest Speaker-** Andy Perleberg talked about the Forest Landowner Field Days held June 23rd in Cle Elum and at the Hama Hama Tree Farm during September. Both events were very successful. Andy covered a number of successful efforts and lessons learned from the events. The WSU Extension would like to have the 2008 events in the Blue Mountain area of SE Washington and somewhere on the Westside of the state in the lower Columbia area.

VI. **Annual Business Meeting for WSSAF-** will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 during the National Convention in Portland, OR. It will be held in room A104 at the Convention Center from noon-1:15PM. The agenda will include the financial report; award presentations for both the Forester of the year and chapter of the year; decide on time and place of 2008 annual meeting; announce the time and place for the 2008 leadership conference (January 25-26 in Kelso, WA); congratulate John Bergvall for his Fellow designation; and thank Pat Cummins for completing his term on the Fellow selection committee. Doug Rushton is continuing to recruit candidates for WSSAF officers for 2008.

VII. **NWO Report-Lori Rasor-** Handout

- A. Proposed Western Forester themes for 2008 were reviewed.
- B. There was a request for advertisers and printing cost donations for each WF issue.
- C. The next NWO Committee meeting is November 14th to focus on the 2008 budget.

VIII. **Committee Reports**

A. **WSSAF Foundation-** Don Hanley for Dave Yates

- i. Marketing brochure for the Foundation. Final draft was presented.
- ii. Will complete and print 1,000 brochures before the October 23rd National Convention.
- iii. There are currently 656 WSSAF members.

B. **Policy-** Bob Dick and Doug St. John (co-chairs) –

- i. Position Statements are being reviewed and updated. The committee present draft reviewed three different position papers and feel that the statements on *Active Management* and *Forest Health* can both be considered current. The statements on *Commodity Production*, *Federal Land Management*, and *DNR Trust Land Management* are still being reviewed by the committee. The statement on the *DNR Sustainable Harvest Levels* will be officially archived.
- ii. Direction was given to the committee to match the state position paper format to the national format.
- iii. The committee was also reminded to review the process in the national by-laws.
- iv. It was suggested that an additional position paper on the *Parcelization of our Forest* should be developed.
- v. New draft is being considered for *Wildfire in the Wildland-Urban Interface*, written by Dick Hopkins.

C. **Membership-** Rob Sjogren- no report

D. **Education-** Bill Horn for John Bergvall

- i. **Western Washington Fair in Puyallup-** September 7-23, 2007
 - 1. **Hands-on Activities-** went well
 - 2. **SAF Booth-** new location was very successful.
 - 3. **1,250,000 people** attended the fair this year.

4. **2nd growth tree round-** consider adding one to the display next year. Also next year we might want to have forestry **trading cards** available for the kids.

5. **Forestry Education Material-** need more handouts

E. **Foresters' Fund-** See announcement pertaining to auction earlier in minutes.

F. **Science & Technology-** George McFadden is working on the expert data base.

- i. Two genetic co-ops will be considering the climate change issue and want funding for further research on genetic response.

- ii. George is also working on LIDAR availability.

G. **Historian & Tree Farm-** Don Theoe- no report

H. **Continuing Education-** Ellie Lathrop – no report

I. **Strategic Plan-** Pete Heide- No report.

J. **Communication-** Doug Rushton asked Alicia Sullivan and Lindsey Malone of the UW chapter to look at updating the website.

K. **Forester Licensing-** Bill Horn reported that a national position statement already exists. Gretchen Nicholas of DNR has worked on using the CF designation of SAF as appropriate certification for the State.

IX. **Chapter Updates-**

A. **Longview-** Zoanne Thomas-No report

B. **South Puget Sound-** Scott Swanson

- i. September 27th- Mentoring Night at GRCC was very successful with over 58 attendees.

- ii. We have a full slate of officers for 2008

C. **SW WA-** John Trobaugh- In November and December, Nancy Peckman is working on donations for Log-A-Load for Kids.

D. **UW Chapter-** Alicia Sullivan & Lindsey Malone

E. **GRCC-** Dick Hopkins

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X. **WASAF Financial Update-** Chuck Lorenz. Handout

- A. Savings balance as of October 1, 2007 is \$4,259.00
- B. Checking account balance as of October 1, 2007 is \$13,867.50
- C. Balance of \$18,127.30 in the bank.

Motion to accept Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried.

XI. **Roundtable-**

- A. Don Hanley-Past Chair announced some serious illness issues.
- B. SW WA chapter donated a Ken Braun print to the upcoming auction,

XII. **Future Executive Committee Meetings-**

- A. **Annual Meeting- October 24th from Noon-1:15PM during National Convention in Portland.**
- B. **December 5th - Green River CC in Auburn, WA**

XIII. **Adjournment-** Meeting was adjourned at 2:46PM

Minutes are respectfully submitted by

Scott Swanson, WASAF Secretary