

# Lane Small Woodlands Association Quarterly Minutes: 2/6/2021

**Meeting Time 9:30-10:30 AM** Meeting Location: Alton Baker Park, Eugene

**Board Members Present:** Gary Jensen; Wylde Cafferata; Tom Bauman; Gordon Culbertson; Rick Olson; Chuck Volz; Dan Menk;

**Guests:** Becca Fain; Steve Cafferata; Theresa Hauser; Kate McMichael; Richard Boyles

## Agenda Items

1. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions
2. Chapter Business
3. Treasurer Update/Report
4. Election of Officers
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Adjourn

<p><b>2. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gary Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.</li><li>• Gary introduced Theresa Hauser and Kate McMichael, our Volunteers-of-the Year</li><li>• Gary reviewed the agenda and it was adopted by unanimous consent.</li></ul>
<p><b>3. Chapter Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gary reviewed the agenda and it was adopted by unanimous consent.</li><li>• Minutes from the January 20, 2021 annual meeting were approved by unanimous consent.</li></ul>
<p><b>4. Treasurer Update/Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gary announced that Mike Atkinson will not continue as treasurer this year, and that Gordon and Gail Culbertson will take over as co-treasurers. It was moved and seconded that Gordon and Gail be appointed treasurers; the motion passed unanimously.</li><li>• Gordon presented the treasurer's report as given to him by Mike Atkinson. The ending balance for all LCSWA accounts as of 12/32/2020 is \$27,898.47, which is down from the previous year due to our one-time \$5000 donation to the Oregon Natural Resource Education Fund. Gordon reported that our organization is in good financial shape.</li><li>• It was noted that we need two board members to be authorized to sign checks for the organization. Wylde Cafferata moved that President Gary Jensen and Treasurer Gordon Culbertson be authorized to sign checks for LSCWA, Chuck Volz seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.</li></ul>

**5. Election of Officers:**

- Gary Jensen announced that he is willing to continue to serve as President, that Dick Beers will continue as Vice-President, and that Wylda Cafferata is willing to continue as Secretary. He moved that this slate be accepted, Tom Bauman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Gordon and Gail had previously accepted the nomination for Treasurer. In accordance with our by-laws, these terms of office last for one calendar year.

**6. Old Business**

**A. OSU Extension and Programs:**

- Gary reported that Lauren Grand, OSU Extension Forester, will be returning from her maternity leave in March and we will welcome her back, as OSU Extension is our valuable partner.
- Theresa and Kate reported that the OSU Extension Services for Lane County are up for renewal in the next general election. They serve on the renewal committee, and welcome others to join that committee.

**B. Future LCSWA Activities**

- Gary reported that OSWA's annual meeting will be in Lane County. Currently it is planned for a virtual meeting on July 23, 2021. He, Gordon and Gail, and Wylda and Steve represent LCSWA on that committee. The Tree-farm tour usually associated with the annual meeting is planned to be held face-to-face on August 21. There will be responsibilities for our chapter at these events, and details will be reported as they become established.
- The possibility of holding other virtual events this year was discussed briefly. When Lauren returns from leave, we will work with her to plan another virtual tree farm tour, possibly of Sarah Leiman's tree farm, since she is our 2020 Tree Farmer of the Year, and/or a tour of Theresa and Kate's McKenzie property that was affected by the Holiday Farm Fire.
- Tom reported that Lindsay is working with Eugene Weekly to create more publicity for LCSWA.

**C. ODF Up-date**

- Dan Menk reported that ODF will be hiring an additional stewardship forester for the Eastern Lane District (Springfield), as well as a fire specialist.
- The BLM potential withdrawal from Oregon's Complete and Coordinated Fire Protection System was discussed with concern. Negotiations are underway and it is hoped that the BLM will not withdraw, since the checkerboard ownership of BLM and private land makes a unified approach to their protection vital.
- Dan reported that opening the ODF office for LCSWA meetings is not contemplated at this time due to on-going concerns over the COVID virus.
- Dan reported that ODF keeps a list of contractors that LCSWA members can use, but that they are disallowed from recommending any particular contractors, and that the list consists only of contractors who ask to be placed upon it. He suggested that LCSWA consider constructing their own list of trusted contractors.

**7. New Business.**

**A. Discussion of definitions for the term, "Working Forest."**

- Wylde reported that the keynote address for OSWA's annual meeting centers on a definition of the term, "working forest." This is a commonly used term but may carry different meanings among people who use it.
- Wylde is taking notes on different meanings to pass along to the keynote speaker. She asked that board members give the term some thought and send her their ideas on the subject.

**B. Social Media & LCSWA**

- Kate reported that she has re-established our Facebook page, and posts notices on it sharing news from sister organizations such as OFRI, OWIT, OSU Extension, and WOWnet. As an example, OWIT's Virtual on-line silent auction is February 20-27, 2021, with a "live" auction February 20-27.
- Kate has started a Facebook bulletin board where LCSWA members can exchange ideas in a chat format.
- Kate has established a Twitter account and we are gaining an increasing number of followers.
- Gary thanked Kate and Theresa for expanding our community presence.

**8. Future Board Meetings:** Gary announced that our next Board meeting will be in April, 2021. Depending on the weather, it will be virtual or potentially held at the Bauman Tree Farm.

**9. Adjournment:** Gary adjourned the meeting at 10:35.

**Assignments**

- Gary, Becca, Steve and Wylde will continue to work on a draft brochure for realtors to distribute.
- All Board members will consider potential new board members.
- All Board members will consider potential nominees for 2021 LCSWA Tree Farmer of the Year.

**Plans for Next Meetings**

- Annual Meeting Plans
- 2021 Tree Farmer of the Year Selection
- Virtual Tour planning.
- Contractor list discussion