

LANE COUNTY SMALL WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION MINUTES: October 10, 2023

Meeting Time: 1:30-4:00 P.M.

Location: ODF Western Lane Office

Board Members Present: Kate McMichael; Rick Olson; Wylde Cafferata; Gordon Culbertson; Tom Bauman; Tim Gurton; Gary Jensen; Dan Kintigh; Chuck Voltz; Dan Menk

Guests: Steve Cafferata; Becca Fain, Ian Goodwin; Theresa Hausser;

Agenda

1. Welcome and Check-in
2. Review, amend, approve Agenda
3. Review, amend, approve August 8, 2023 Minutes
4. Review and approve Treasurer’s Report
5. Working Group Reports/Updates
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Partner Updates
9. Announcements/Partner News & Notes/Other
10. Re-Cap/Action Items

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- Kate McMichael called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
 - The Board gave a special welcome to Chuck Voltz, back to Board service after recovering from a logging accident.
 - Kate introduced Ian Goodwin, our new SFO Forester.
- Rick Olson moved to approve the Agenda as presented, Wylde Cafferata seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
- Dan Kintigh moved to approve the August 8, 2023 minutes, Rick Olson seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
- Gordon Culbertson presented the Treasurer’s Report. LCSWA is in good financial standing. Our Checking Account balance as of 9/30/2023 is \$21,448.50, our CD account balance is \$15,007.59. Gordon noted that the CD interest is not reported by the bank on a monthly basis. Our net worth at this time last year was about \$800 less.

5. Working Group Reports/Updates

A. Communication

- Kate distributed the flyer, “Ten Reasons to Join OSWA.” There are two versions: bookmark style and full sheet. Both are available from Kate digitally, with the full sheet having a QR link to the OSWA Renewal Form. It was suggested that we post the flyer locally, at Wilco, Pac Forest, post offices etc. Tim Gurton will take copies when he makes Tree Farm inspections,
- Kate reminded the Board that the October issue of The Bark was distributed to our

members digitally. It was noted that the color photos are appreciated. The Board thanked Kate for her excellent assembling job.

B. Membership

- Rick informed the Board that we have 201 paid-up members in Lane County.
- Renewal notices for 2024 will be sent out from OSWA soon. The on-line registration process has been stream-lined. Some Board members have participated in the new process and report concerns that there is no mechanism for listing spouses and their contact information. Board members are encouraged to share their concerns with OSWA.
- It was suggested that we reach out to non-profit organizations that own timberland for membership in LCSWA. The Board discussed how useful it would be to have LCSWA cards that Board members could use when making serendipitous contacts.
- The Board discussed the feasibility of reaching small woodland owners county-wide who are not OSWA members. Tim Gurton described the RLID software that is quite expensive but provides data on woodland owners. LCSWA member Fred Sperry has this program and might allow us access. Lauren Grand may have this information as well. Ian Goodwin added that ODF is working on a database of small woodland owners state-wide, with the completion date not yet determined.

C. Program

- Kate reminded the Board of the busy year we have had with multiple events, and that we have all worked hard to have frequent events if not monthly events, as well as striving to increase our shared-sponsored events, as exemplified by the Steve Beda book-signing evening co-sponsored with LFFF (Lane Families for Farm & Forests.)
- Gordon conveyed OSWA's thanks for hosting the Annual OSWA meeting in September. LCSWA Board members appreciated Gordon's arranging the meeting at the Veneta Community Center and will keep it in mind for future events.
- It was suggested we have a flyer listing future events to hand out at the Seedling Sale.
- The Board discussed having a variety of events aimed at different audiences (technical forestry events; family-friendly events; neighbor-to-neighbor events etc.) There will be a brainstorming session to expand on this idea and report back to the Board at the December, 2023 meeting. Wylde will send out a doodle poll to establish a date. All Board members are welcome.
- Up-Coming Events are:
 - October 21, 9-11AM: Tool-sharing Show&Tell with Lane County Extension
 - October 24, 1-5 PM: PFA Information Session led by SFO Foresters at the Sierra-Pacific Office in Eugene.
- Future Events
 - Seedling Sale: February 3, 2024
 - LCSWA Annual Meeting in March
 - Spring Wildflower tour at the Parsio Tree Farm
 - Potential Fire Series
 - Theresa proposed a series of meeting to explain fire funding, processes, and responsibilities. She noted that with the increase of public awareness and concern over wildfires, providing this series would be a service to a wide audience.
 - Steve Cafferata suggested using Chris Cline's (ODF Eastern Lane

District Forester) expertise in the series. Tom Bauman suggested using ODF's Prescribed Fire Coordinator as well. The new Starker Chair Mark Swanson was suggested as well.

D. Seedling Sale

- Tom Bauman reported that Lindsay is in the process of finalizing orders, and that there will be more information at the December Board meeting.
- Dan Kintigh is experimenting with growing native shrubs from seed in Ellie pots, and will provide some for the seedling sale. He expressed concern over the quality of the bareroot shrubs we have been providing in recent years.

E. Tree Farmer of the Year Working Group

- Kate reminded the Board that it is not too early to be considering our 2024 candidates.
- Tim Gurton reported that he has completed several tree farm inspections for OTFS and seen some excellent tree farms, but many of the tree farmers are reluctant to consider becoming TFOY. The Board discussed reasons for this reluctance including the private nature of many tree farmers; the concern over the workload of hosting a tour; and the lack of a management plan. The Board suggested several remedies:
 - Assuring tree farmers that the Board would help plan and conduct tours
 - Assure tree farmers that there would be no cost to them involved.
 - Provide Tree Farmers with the "Ten Reasons to become a County Tree Farmer of the Year" flyer. Wylde will send Tim a copy of the flyer.
 - Include an article in the January 2024 Bark encouraging tree farmers to participate in the program.
 - Inform tree farmers of Lauren Grand's early spring Management Plan workshop.
- The Board thanked Tim for his Inspection work. It was suggested that our new SFO Ian Goodwin, and the Stewardship Foresters, recruit candidates as well.

7. New Business

A. By-Laws Update

- Kate reminded the Board that it is time to review and perhaps revise our by-laws, particularly to make sure they do not conflict with OSWA's bylaws that were recently revised.
- Wylde will initiate a review/revision and she, Becca, and Kate will work together to have a report to the Board at the December Board meeting.

9. Partner Up-Dates

A. OSWA

- OSWA is holding an Executive Retreat on October 12-13.
- OSWA is creating a 501 (c) (3) arm of the organization in order to accept tax-deductible donations
- OSWA has instituted a formal quarterly review budget process.
- OSWA is growing its Friends of OSWA program, especially to reach large landowners.

B. State Legislature

- Short session in 2024
- Roger Beyer, OSWA lobbyist, hopes that no anti-OFRI bills will be presented, given that they have failed for the last several years.
- The Watershed Bill of Rights initiative has a new name, and its proponents are

gathering signatures. LCSWA is opposed to this initiative. LFFF is also in opposition.

C. OSU Extension

- October 21 Tool Show&Tell
- October 25: Pacific Madrone Workshop hosted by Douglas SWA
- Mark Swanson, the new Starker Chair, starts work in December.

D. ODF

- Dan Menk and Ian Goodwin presented a brief summary of the new PDF Roads and Stream rules, and encourage the Board to attend the trainings held in various locations around the state, including one in Coos Bay on October 18, and one in Lane County on October 24th.
- Dan highlighted the rule requiring a RCA (Road Condition Assessment) to be submitted with every notification to harvest; and the need to file completion reports after completing work on any work on which tree farmers had submitted notifications. The Board discussed these rules.
- ODF will accept notifications for 2024 starting December 1, 2023.
- Dan encouraged tree farmers to check their stream size designations as some have been changed.
- The 2023 fire season is over.

10. Announcements

- A. October is Forest Products Month!
- B. LFFF monthly meeting series: Oct 19th: Jim Hunt from Campbell Global; Nov. 16: Jake Pelroy; Dec. 14: Victoria Fischella, Jan. 18: Social
- C. Oregonians for Food & Shelter Conference: Nov. 1
- D. OTFS Awards Celebration/Members' Meeting at Oregon Gardens: Nov. 4
- E. Family Forest Convention: June 13-15, 2024.

11. Next Meeting: December 13th at the Eastern Lane ODF Office

12. Kate adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM

Wylda Cafferata
LCSWA Secretary