

Lane Small Woodlands Association Minutes: 2/4/23

Meeting Time 11:45 AM-1:20 PM

Meeting Location: ODF Eastern Lane Office

Board Members Present: Gary Jensen; Wylda Cafferata; Tom Bauman; Gordon Culbertson; Tim Gurton; Dan Kintigh; Kate McMichael; Rick Olson; Chuck Volz; Lauren Grand; Dan Menk

Guests: Lindsay Reaves; Theresa Hauser; Steve Cafferata; Becca Fain

1. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions
2. Review and Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval and Adoption of Minutes from 1/19/2023
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Officers
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjourn

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- Gary Jensen called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM and welcomed Tim Gurton, our new Board member. Gary thanked everyone who volunteered at the 2/4/23 Seedling Sale and especially Lindsay Reaves for her expert organization and leadership.
- Gary reviewed the agenda, Gordon moved to approve, Chuck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- The minutes from 1/19/23 were approved unanimously after so moved and seconded by Kate McMichael and Gordon Culbertson..
- Gordon Culbertson presented the Treasurer's Report
 - Gordon reported that our finances have not changed since the report of 1/19/23 with an ending balance of \$34,205.22
 - Gordon suggested that we raise the price of our annual dinner meeting so that we cover expenses. The Board discussed pros and cons but no decision was reached.
 - Gordon reported that our form 990 must be filed on line and discussed the difficulties with the filing. Board members asked if all chapters must file, or if OSWA filing covers the chapters, or are the various chapters set up differently. Gordon will confer with OSWA's treasurer Suzi Armstrong and report back to the Board.
 - Gary suggested that due to Gordon's Chair-Elect position with OSWA and the concomitant responsibilities, he should be relieved of his LCSWA chapter treasurer duties, and we should seek a new treasurer.

5. Election of Officers

- Kate McMichael was nominated for President by Wylda Cafferata and seconded by Gordon Culbertson.
- Rick Olson was nominated for Vice-President by Wylda Cafferata and seconded by Kate McMichael.
- Gordon Culbertson and Wylda Cafferata agreed to remain as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.
- Upon consent from the Board, Gary Jensen called for a vote to approve all nominations, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Gary passed the gavel to Kate, and the Board thanked Gary for his service, and presented him with a certificate of appreciation. Gary noted that he is remaining on

the Board.

6. Old Business

A. Annual Meeting

- Gary noted that the meeting was successful, with 78 people attending.
- Becca suggested that we have membership forms at the meeting.
- Board members discussed the venue for the meeting, noting that the Elks Club is already crowded and if we want to grow our membership, we will need a larger space.
- The Board may consider changing to a summer annual meeting so that it can be held outdoors, and avoid the necessity of driving after dark that troubles older members. We would need to change our election cycle from January to December to July through June.
- The Board thanked Becca and Rick for their excellent job of organizing and running the raffle. The Board discussed having a silent auction, which Becca said would raise more money, but raised concerns over both lack of space and time. Board members agreed that more recognition needs to be given to those who donated to the raffle. It was also suggested that we should spread out the raffle during the meeting rather than have it all at the end.

B. Seedling Sale

- Lindsay Reaves reported it was very useful having a Seedling Committee for the first time this year.
- Lindsay noted that many people who attended this year had not been to prior seedling sales.
- Board members thanked Lindsay and Tom again for their hard work on the sale.

7. New Business

A. President's Remarks

- Kate described her role as President as that of a facilitator.
- Kate suggested, and the Board agreed, to meet every two months instead of quarterly so we would get business done in a more timely manner. It was agreed to alternate between Eastern and Western Lane ODF offices.

B. Kate suggested that we form Committees to get our LCSWA work done efficiently. The committees can meet between Board meetings and report to the board.

- Kate suggested a Tree Farmer of the Year Nominating Committee composed of Tim Gurton and Dan Kintigh with Dan Menk adding his assistance. A discussion of requirements for County TFOY was held. Wylda will send a sample nomination form to the Board members, as well as a list of Lane County OTFS Certified Tree Farmers, all of whom are eligible for nomination. Wylda noted that if we know of a tree farmer doing excellent work but is not certified, we can help with the certification process. The Nominating Committee is encouraged to reach out to OTFS Inspectors, ODF Stewardship Foresters, Extension Agents, and potentially forestry consultants for suggestions. The Committee will bring a suggestion or suggestions of who is willing to be nominated to the April LCSWA meeting.
- Kate suggested a Membership Committee. Wylda noted that the Vice-President traditionally serves a Membership Chair. Board members discussed the need for younger members. Gordon reported that OSWA has set up a "Second-Growth Committee" to recruit younger members. Dan Kintigh suggested we reach out to

the community of landowners with recreational objectives as well as those interested in harvesting timber, particularly since recreational ownership is increasingly common.

It was suggested we target events for this group.

- Kate suggested forming a Program Committee and a Communication Committee.
- Kate will write a description of the TFOY, Membership, Communication, and Program Committees. Wylda will send these out to board members and our membership.
- The goal is to have the committees in place by the April Board meeting, with the exception of the TFOY Committee which is already functioning with Tim Gurton and Dan Kintigh.

C. Legislative Update: The Board discussed HB 3019 that dismantles OFRI. OSWA is opposed to this bill and encourages members to testify against it. Wylda will forward the OSWA e-mail describing the bill to our members.

D. OSU Extension Update

- Lauren Grand reminded the group that registration is open for the Coast Tree School at Waldport March 4th. Wylda has already forwarded registration information to our membership. OSWA members receive a \$5 reduction in registration fees.
- A log buyers forum will be held February 15th at the Springfield BLM office.

E. ODF Update:

- Dan Menk reported that Justin White has been hired as the SFO (Small Forest Owner) Forester for Eastern Lane and will be working out of the Sweet Home office.
- Dan Menk informed the Board that stewardship foresters will soon receive training in the new forest practice rules (Private Forest Accord.)
- Dan added that the public comment period is open on the State Forest Management Plan.

F. Next Meeting: April 20th, 2023 from 1:30-3:30 at the Eastern Lane ODF Office is set for our next Board meeting.

Adjournment: Kate adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM

Plans for Next Meeting:

- Tree Farmer of the Year Nomination report (Tim & Dan)
- Committee Reports and/or Formation
- Event Planning
- OSU Extension and ODF up-date

