

# LANE COUNTY SMALL ASSOCIATION MINUTES

August 8, 2024



**Meeting Time:** 2:00-4:00 PM

**Location:** ODF Western Lane Office

**Board Members Present:** Kate McMichael; Rick Olson; Wylda Cafferata; Becca Fain; Tim Gurton; Gary Jensen; Dan Kintigh; Tom Bauman; Lauren Grand; Dan Menk

**Guests:** Steve Cafferata

## Agenda

1. Welcome and Check-in
2. Review, amend, approve Agenda
3. Review, amend, approve, June meeting minutes
4. Review and approve Treasurer's Report
5. Working Group Reports/Updates
6. Old/In-Progress Business
7. New Business/Discussion
8. Partner Updates
9. Announcements/Partner News & Notes/Other
10. Re-Cap/Action Items

### 1-4

- Kate McMichael called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone, mentioning that our meeting snack came courtesy of SPI.
- Becca moved to approve the agenda as presented, Dan Kintigh seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
- The minutes from the June Meeting were approved by consensus
- Kate presented the Treasurer's Report as Gordon was on vacation.
  - LCSWA is in good financial standing.
  - As of 7/31/2024, our balance in our checking account was \$ 29,824.37, and our CD accounts total \$15,570.81 for a total LCSWA funds of \$45,395.18
  - Note that we have not yet paid contributions to LFF, FTF and ONREF .
  - On balance our funds will be +/- \$7000 greater than last year after our donations are paid.
  - Tom moved to approve the report, Gary seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### 5. Working Group Reports/Updates

- A. Membership: Rick reported that our membership remains stable at 187, although we have one or two new members each month. Wylda will continue to send Membership Packets to new members.

## B. Communication

- Kate reported that requests for the October Issue of The Bark will be sent out August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Kate is working on her editorial featuring Dick Beer's quote about caring for our dot on the earth.
- Wylda described a problem several readers had with an article in the latest Bark from Lincoln County containing virulent anti-climate change sentiment. There is concern that since it was printed, it might be taken as an official OSWA position
  - John Westall, former Bark Editor and a retired professor of Environmental Chemistry, sent Wylda a copy of the Editorial Guidelines he used, and updated them with Wylda's help for a digital version. (See attached.) They consist of three sections: essential ground rules, articles that are encouraged, and articles that are discouraged. Kate will send the guide lines to the Benton, Lincoln, and Linn County board presidents for approval and apply the guidelines to future articles. LCSWA board members voted unanimously to approve them.
  - Becca suggested that an Editorial Board be created, with one representative from each county, so that if Kate has a questionable article, she can send it to that board for review.
  - It was suggested that a rebuttal be published, but board members concluded that would draw further attention to the article. Likewise board members concluded we should not post a general disclaimer on content since most articles do represent OSWA's values.
  - Kate will write an article on the Guidelines for the Bark. Wylda will help.

## C. Tree Farmer of the Year Nominating Working Group

- OTFS is in the process of scheduling videos of each nominated County Tree Farmer of the Year to be shown at the November OTFS Members' meeting, including a video of Lane's candidate, John Dugan.
- Kate presented a sample of sign to be presented to our County Tree Farmers of the Year.
  - The sign is 18x24 inches aluminum and costs +/- \$60.
  - The Board discussed whether or not to add the Tree Farmers' names and decided against it, but to prominently include the date.
  - It was decided to provide signs for the past ten years of Lane County Tree Farmers of the Year if we can establish who they are.
  - It was decided not to provide jackets since we are providing signs.

## D. Program-Upcoming

- John Dugan's tour is September 7, 2024
  - It was decided not to set a limit on participants.
  - Kate has arranged parking at the nearby Weyerhaeuser facility.
  - Kate, Theresa, Tim, Wylda and Steve pre-toured with John and decided the tour should include a whole-group presentation on the history of the property, followed by a walking tour focusing on species diversity and ice-damage.
  - Lunches will be ordered from Great Harvest Bread Company. Wylda will inquire if morning pastries can be donated from them.
  - Kate will create a flyer with tour information to post on our website and

distribute to our membership.

- August 22 Tailgate Tour: This is a tour done in collaboration with Lane County OSU Extension at Malcolm Wilson's tree farm. Members can register with the Extension office.
- Succession Planning Workshop
  - Lauren Grand and Alicia Christensen (Douglas County Forestry Extension Agent) are planning an extensive succession-planning/Ties to the Land workshop. Our workshop will be a "teaser" for the longer one, and Clint Benz has agreed to be our LCSWA presenter, most likely in early October.
  - Board members suggest the workshop could be held at the Walterville Grange.
- Tree Planting on Federal Land
  - Kate contacted Travis Joseph of AFRC(American Forest Resource Council) who suggested two alternatives: plan our event without permission and ask forgiveness, or go through channels which might well be a cumbersome and lengthy process.
  - Board members discussed the alternatives and our conviction that planting federal land is important and that we would like to bring it to public attention in some way. It was agreed that a Fall planting event was not a good idea since Spring is a better time to plant. Kate will pursue the idea with Travis with the potential of holding an event in the Spring.
  - OSWA Annual Meeting: Kate reminded board members that the OSWA annual meeting will be held September 10-11 in Redmond. Registration is open on the OSWA website.

## **6. Old/In-Progress Business**

A. County Tree Farmer of the Year Sign: See Tree Farmer of the Year Working Group notes.

### B. Sub-Committee Status reports

- Policy & Procedures Manual: Becca, Kate, and Wylda have produced a draft, incorporating some of the material formerly in our by-laws. Kate will send it out to the Board for comments.
- Budget: Becca, Gordon, and Kate are in the process of preparing the budget.

C. Board Recruitment: This discussion will take place upon the adoption of our Policy Manual.

## **9. New Business/Discussion:**

- Silverton Property Sale Publication Request: Kate reported that LCSWA has received a request to forward a property-sale post to our membership. On the basis of Tim Gurton's real estate experience, the Board decided not to comply with the request.

## **10. Partner Up-Dates**

### A. OSWA

- OSWA has hired a lobbyist to replace Roger Beyer, who has retired. Kate is enthusiastic about her competence and that she is from a lobbyist firm that can

provide backup as necessary. She will be introduced at the OSWA meeting in September.

- The new OSWA Forest Policy Committee welcomes new members. It does not replace the Government Affairs Team.
- Members are reminded that the OSWA annual meeting is free of cost, but registration is required.

B. Extension

- Lauren Grand appreciates the collaboration with LCSWA on the Tailgate Tour August 22.
- Extension is collaborating with LCC on a fire risk-reduction workshop.
- The Umpqua Tree School is September 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open. The new OSU Extension specialists will be participating.
- The Succession/Ties to the Land workshop will be in November.
- A wreath-making party is planned for December.

C. ODF

- Kate reported that the Committee for Family Forests will be giving its annual report to the Board of Forestry on September 5 from 11:15-12:00.
- Dan Menk reported that ODF is very busy with fires state-wide, that Stewardship Forester Brian Dalley has transferred to Eastern Oregon and will be replaced, and there is general reassignments of stewardship foresters.

**11. Announcements/Partner News & Notes/Other**

- Lane Families for Farm and Forests (LFFF) will hold their quarterly meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> on the Herrick Farm in Walterville.
- OTFS has a new video on Ambassador Kit Use posted on the OTFS website filmed in the Cafferata's front yard in Lost Valley.

**12. Recap/Action Items:** See Minutes

**13. Next Meeting: October 3 at 2 PM at the Eastern Lane ODF Office**

**14. Kate adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM**

Wylda Cafferata  
LCSWA Secretary