

# Lane Small Woodlands Association Minutes: 10/6/22

**Meeting Date:** 10/6/2022 Meeting Time 1:30-4:00 pm

**Meeting Place:** ODF South Cascade District, Eastern Lane Office

**Board Members Present:** Gary Jensen; Dick Beers; Wylda Cafferata;; Gordon Culbertson; Lauren Grand; Kate McMichael; Rick Olson; Chuck Volz

**Guests:** Theresa Hausser; Becca Fain, Chris Cline, South Cascade District Forester

## Agenda Items

1. Call Meeting to order
2. Introductions
3. Review and Adopt agenda
4. Approve Meeting Minutes July 14, 2022 Meeting
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjourn

### Agenda Items 1-4

- Gary called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm
- No introductions necessary
- The Board reviewed the agenda, Gordon moved to accept it, Chuck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Dick moved to approve the 7/14/22 minutes; Kate seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### 5. Treasurer's Report

- Gordon reported that as of 9/30/22, we have a balance of \$33,849.42, with expenses since 6/30/22 of \$4376.44.
- Gordon distributed a spreadsheet showing all LCSWA expenses and income by category for 2022. Items to note since June 30, 2022 include \$2500 in donations; and 2023 tree sale deposits to Kintighs and Brooks;
- Gordon noted that interest rates are rising, and six-month US Treasury bonds are now paying 3.86. After discussion Wylda moved and Chuck seconded the motion to approve Gordon to invest \$15,000 in these bonds under the condition there is no penalty for early withdrawal except for loss of interest.

### 6. Old Business.

#### A. Salyer tour cancelation and re-schedule to Bauman Tree Farm for mini-Forest Field Day

- Gary reviewed the necessity of canceling the Salyer tour due to illness in the Salyer family, and commended Lindsay and Tom for hosting a re-scheduled tour.
- Board members felt the mini field day was well received.

#### B. Legislative Up-date

- Board members reviewed OSWA's legislative priorities as presented at the OSWA Annual Meeting on June 26. Wylda will send these to our membership.
- Gordon noted that there is a faction in the Oregon legislature who is making the elimination of OFRI a priority.
- Gary noted that more regulation of water sources may be coming down from the

federal level.

- Gordon advised that the candidate for West Lane Commissioner Ryan Cienega has small woodland owners' interests at heart.

#### C. OSU Activities

- Lauren Grand reported on several OSU Extension activities: a Master Woodland Manager training on making site-visits to be held in October; a November wreath-making, a forest-products workshop; a December workshop on reforestation after fire and potentially a session on archeology/history in conjunction with the Grande Ronde Tribe; a January on-line workshop on writing management plans; and potentially a Tree School in the spring.
- Gary expressed the Board's appreciation of all Lauren does!
- The Board discussed potential other workshops including a log-buyers panel; a hands-on workshop on herbicide applications; and an event inviting the many agencies providing help for small woodland owners to present their programs.

#### D. ODF Up-date

- Chris Cline stood in for Dan Menk who could not be present.
- Chris reported that fire season has gone well so far, with only 5 acres of Lane County burned. He credited the extra funding from the state as being a big help, as well as the hard work of his fire crews.
- Chris presented the Private Forest Accord time-line and expressed concern over the amount of training necessary to roll it out successfully. Chris is emphatic that ODF's approach to the new rules will be to pro-actively help woodland owners understand and apply the rules rather than a strictly regulatory role. The Board of Forestry will be discussing the rules at their October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, open to the public and live-streamed. Kate expressed the LSCWA's willingness to partner with ODF and OSU Extension in PFA training..

#### E. LCSWA Membership Status and Challenges

- Gary reported that Oswa is updating its Little Green Light Membership Data Base and sent us a list of Lane County members with notations on whether or not they are up-to-date on their dues, and which members will be dropped for lack of payment. Gary forwarded the list to Wylda.
- Wylda cross-referenced OSWA's list with the list we keep. There are 13 new names to add to our list and Wylda will add them. There are also 13 names of people who will be dropped. Dick volunteered to call them, and Wylda will forward those names to him.
- There are about ten names on our list that do not appear on the OSWA list at all. The Board decided to keep those names on our list for the time being.

#### F. Face-Book Page Update

- Kate suggested we change the heading from "Face-Book" to Outreach Up-date.
- Kate presented a host of ideas garnered from conversations following our LCSWA tour in August, comments from Rick Zenn at the OSWA Annual Meeting, and from the table of Douglas County exhibits at the OSWA Annual Meeting.
- Kate suggested that we change our LCSWA website from WordPress, which is free but has many undesirable features including difficulty to use, unsearchability, and inability to preview the mobile version. She further suggested we switch to Wix. It will cost us \$200 a year, but we will have our own domain so it can be searched, it

can easily link to the OSWA page, and is easy to use and edit, both for the standard and mobile site. After discussion, Gordon moved to authorize Kate to proceed with our website development on Wix, Wylda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- Kate suggested we consider designing a unique LCSWA logo, similar to those from Benton and Douglas County, to put on our letterhead, signage, stickers etc. Wylda will reach out to our members to see if anyone wants to work on design, and Kate will work on design as well, and bring ideas to our December meeting.
- Kate raised the issue of having our own signs to post on entrances to our tours, as well as for registration, parking etc. Wylda will investigate if there are extra signs we can have from the OSWA storage locker.
- Other ideas include board member name tags, lanyards, stickers, and a few bins to store basic materials. Kate offered to store materials for us. Lauren will find out how much the OSU wooden name tags cost.
- All these items will be on the agenda of our December meeting for discussion.

F. Private Forest Accord

- The Accord will be discussed at the Board of Forestry meeting October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Summary of OSWA's Annual Meeting
  - Gordon, Gary, Wylda & Steve, and Kate & T attended the Annual Meeting.
  - Attendance was light. Highlights for us were Gary's summary of our events, and introduction of OFRI's new director, Jim Paul.
- B. Mill Tour for October
  - After discussion, the Board decided that November would be a better time for a mill tour.
  - Gordon suggested we partner with Lane Families for Farm & Forest with a tour of SPI. He and Kate will explore the possibility.
- C. 2023 Annual Meeting
  - Dick announced that we are set for the Elks Club on January 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 pm.
  - It was suggested that Nicole Wood, OSWA's new president, be invited and give us an up-date on OSWA. Wylda will contact her.
  - It was suggested that Tom Snyder of NRCS be our speaker. Gordon will contact him
  - Wylda will send out a "Save the Date"
- D. Next Board Meeting: December 1, 2022 at Eastern Lane at 1:30 pm

**8. Adjournment:** Gary adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM

**Assignments**

- All Board and general members will consider potential nominees for 2023 LCSWA Tree Farmer of the Year prior to the 10/6/22 board meeting.

**Plans for Next Meetings**

- 2023 TFOY discussion
- Plan Annual Meeting
- Outreach ideas

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wylida will contact Nicole Wood about speaking at our annual meeting.</li><li>• Gary will contact Tom Synder at NRCS</li><li>• Kate will explore ideas for web page and logo</li><li>• Gordon and Kate will work with LFFF on a joint tour of SPI.</li><li>• Gordon will investigate investing in Treasury bonds.</li><li>• Wylida will send an e-mail to members to Save the Date for the annual meeting + a reminder to pay dues.</li></ul>	