

# Lane Small Woodlands Association Annual Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 7/14/2022 Meeting Time 11:30-2:30

**Meeting Place:** Bauman Tree Farm

**Board Members Present:** Gary Jensen; Dick Beers; Wylde Cafferata; Tom Bauman; Gordon Culbertson; Lauren Grand; Dan Kintigh; Dan Menk; Chuck Volz

**Guests:** Steve Cafferata; Lindsay Reaves

## Agenda Items

1. Call Meeting to order
2. Introductions
3. Review and Adopt agenda
4. Approve Meeting Minutes April 21, 2022
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjourn

### Agenda Items 1-4

- Gary called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM
- No introductions necessary
- The Board reviewed the agenda and added the Bauman 50-Year ATFS sign award ceremony. Tom Bauman moved to adopt agenda; Wylde seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Gordon moved to approve the 4/21/22 minutes; Chuck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### 5. Treasurer's Report

- Gordon reported that as of 6/30/22, we have a balance of \$38,225.86, with expenses since 4/1/22 of 742.21 that include expenses for the Kintigh tour and TFOY vests for the Salyer family.
- Gordon distributed a spreadsheet showing all LCSWA expenses and income by category for 2022.
- Gordon noted that with interest rates as low as they currently are, he saw no point in investing LCSWA funds in CDs. Board members concurred.

## **6. Old Business.**

A. Volunteer of the Year 2022: Gary reported that Lindsay Reaves received recognition at the Family Forest Convention as our LCSWA Volunteer of the Year.

B. Kintigh Tour Summary: Board members agreed that the tour of Dan's tree farm and nursery was outstanding. Gary thanked Dan and the planning team of Lauren, Kate, Theresa, and Becca.

### C. Salyer Tree Farm Tour on August 20

- Wylda announced that the Salyers are still on board for the tour.
- Lauren has opened registration through the Extension website.
- Wylda will send out an e-mail invite to our members, and mail postcards to our few members who do not have e-mail.
- Wylda will coordinate with Lauren, Becca, Kate, Theresa and the Salyers to plan the event, and contact other Board members for any needed help,
- Rick Zenn has told us that there is funding available to help pay tour expenses.
- Lindsay advised that a food handler's license would be advisable to acquire if the meal is cooked on site rather than catered.

### D. Legislative Up-Dates

- Steve Cafferata reported that there are two legislative concepts from the State Emergency Fire Fund Task Force: (1) Agreement that legislature provide \$150 million to ODF to fund expenses and make them whole. (2) Establishment of a "Smokey Day Fund" funded by increasing the revenue to the Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund (that is administered by the Emergency Fire Cost Committee), and other sources yet unnamed. The State Emergency Fire Cost Committee would also be disbanded and replaced by a new, broader-based oversight committee for the new fund. The EFCC (Emergency Fire Cost Committee on which Steve serves to represent small woodland owners) supports the first concept but not the second. Steve reported that the State is covered this year by Oregon's insurance policy with Lloyd's of London, though the deductible has increased to \$75 million. Over the past ten years, Oregon has paid \$30 million in premiums and received 60 million in benefits.
- Dick Beers explained that he expects a lawsuit over various provisions of the Private Forest Accord since many believe the accord violates Article 5 of the Constitution that prohibits seizure of private property.
- Gordon reported that a letter to the Editor in the Register Guard proposed making all private property open to the public for recreation in a flawed parallel to the Oregon Beach bill. Board members were appalled.

### E. OSU Extension Activities and Training

- Lauren reported that she just completed a webinar on "Planning a Year on your Forest" with Matt Fehrenbach of Trout Mountain Consulting Foresters and Steve & Wylda Cafferata. It is recorded and available to those who registered for the class. Others may see it by contacting Lauren for the link.
- Lauren will be offering a Tree School in Lane County in 2023.
- Other 2023 activities may include a native tree walk on the UO campus, and a log-buyers workshop. If Board members know of changes in log buyers, please let Lauren know as she keeps a list.
- Lauren is planning a training session for Master Woodland Managers so they feel more comfortable making site visits; the training will include practice in explaining and advocating for both OSWA and Tree Farm.

### F. ODF Up-Date

- Dan reported that fire season has started; it is the latest start he can remember. The crews at both Eastern and Western Lane are in place.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Summary of Annual Meeting

- OSWA's annual meeting was held in conjunction with the Oregon Tree Farm System at Family Forest Convention on June 23-25.
- Board members who attended agreed the program was outstanding with a good mixture of topics.

B. Forest Today & Forever Request for \$1000.

- Gary reported that LCSWA received the annual request for \$1000 from Forests Today & Forever.
- Members discussed donating to them, and also to ONREF and recalled that last year we contributed to both.
- Tom moved that we contribute \$1000 to both organizations again this year. Chuck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Gordon asked to be provided with an invoice from ONREF. He will write both checks.

C. Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting is set for October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at the Eastern Lane ODF office in Springfield.

D. 2023 Annual Meeting

- Board members discussed location. Dick will investigate whether the Elks Club is available.
- Travis Joseph was suggested as a speaker. Wylda will contact him.

E. Other

- Dick Beers would like to rotate off the Board in 2023.
- Gary Jensen would like to step down from the Board presidency. Potential replacements were considered.
- Wylda was authorized to purchase a jacket for Diane Kaldahl, our LCSWA Tree Farmer of the Year.
- Lindsay reported that plans for the 2023 tree sale are well underway. We are expanding our inventory of native plants. Incense cedar is desirable but hard to find. We are considering pre-ordering certain species.
- Steve Cafferata awarded a 50-Year Tree Farm sign to Tom & Lindsay as Board members applauded.

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

<p><b>Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gordon will bring bottled water to the Salyers' tour.</li> <li>• Board Members will help with Salyers' Tour as needed.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Wylda will contact Travis Joseph about speaking at our annual meeting.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Plans for Next Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 TFOY discussion</li> <li>• Plan Annual Meeting</li> </ul>