

Lane Small Woodlands Association Quarterly Minutes: 4/21/22

Meeting Time 1:30 PM-3:30 PM **Meeting Location:** Eugene Elks Club Annex

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

Guests:; Theresa Hauser; Steve Cafferata; Kevin Currans; Brent & Shirley Hennings

1. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions
2. Review and Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval and Adoption of Minutes from 2/5/22
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Adjourn

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- Gary Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM
- Gary reviewed the agenda, Tom Bauman moved to approve, Kate McMichael seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
- The minutes from 2/5/22 were approved unanimously after a motion by Kate Michael and a second by Chuck Volz.
- Gordon Culbertson submitted the Treasurer's report in writing as he could not attend the meeting due to a conflict with the OFRI Board. As of March 31, 2022, we have a balance of \$38,968.07. Gordon noted that the 990-N e-postcard form has been filed with the IRS, and that the 2022 rental for our PO Box has been paid.

5. Old Business

A. Kintigh Tour

- The Tour will be from 9-2 on June 11.
- Participants will be divided into two groups: a woods tour group and a nursery tour group. After a **welcome talk (Wylda)** the groups will divide, and halfway through the morning switch so both groups get both parts of the tour.
- The woods tour will include a contrast of thinning strategies, planting densities, vegetation management, and some hands-on tree measurements.
- Box lunches from WINCO will be served at noon, with a vegetarian option from another venue.
- Volunteers will provide activities for children in attendance. KOG may have some coloring books for our use. **Kate will contact OWIT to see if they have other children-oriented materials we can use.**
- Dan suggested that Mark Gourley be a speaker at a future LCSWA event to discuss fall planting.

B. Summary of Seedling Sale

- Tom Bauman reported that he and Lindsay request a committee be formed to discuss the 2023 Seedling Sale. **Dan Kintigh requested the meetings be virtual and volunteered for the committee. Kate McMichael and Wylda Cafferata also volunteered.**
- Tom requested that in 2023, the February Board meeting not be held at the site of the sale, since it is difficult to hear at that location. Other Board members added that a warmer site for the meeting would be preferable.

C. Legislative Up-Dates

- Gary reported that the most important outcome of the 2022 legislative session was putting the Private Forest Accord into law. A discussion of the Accord was deferred to later in the agenda.

D. OSU Extension Activities

- Lauren Grand announced a May 2nd Workshop put on in conjunction with the Fire Team Smoke-Ready Committee; a Workshop on Stream Crossings: Bridges and Culverts, put on by Jon Souder at the Bauman Tree Farm on May 21; the Starker Lecture Capstone Panels on May 10; the Kintigh Tour on June 11; A Forestry Field Day at Pleasant Hill Highschool May 13th (3:30-1 PM); and a Workshop on how to plan for a year on a tree farm in conjunction with Trout Mountain Forestry and including presentation by Steve and Wylda Cafferata on a actual plan in July.
- **Volunteers are needed for the Pleasant Hill Forestry Career Day (to proctor groups) and the Kintigh Tour (working with children.)**

E. ODF Up-Date

- Dan Menk reported ODF will have three fire teams in 2022, and that training has begun. The 2022 fire season is predicted to be dire.
- ODF is early in the budget process, but it is likely that District assessments will be higher than last year.

F. LCSWA Membership Status and challenges

- Dick Beers reported that we are down about 30 members.
- We have five new members since January, and Dick sent welcome e-mails to them and invited them to attend Board meetings.

G. Social Media Up-date

- Kate McMichael reported that we have a sizable following on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and that our web page is being used. She encourages us to refer to our "social media" presence rather than just our Facebook page.
- Kate requested we form a committee to come up with a Social Media plan, including themes, to give direction to postings. **Gary Jensen and Lauren Grand volunteered to work with Kate.**

H. OSWA status

- Gary reported that OSWA has been in a state of some turmoil due to the change in executive directors.
- Rick Zenn is the current Executive Director.

6: New Business.

A. Private Forest Accord

- The group discussed the impact of the PFA on small woodland owners.
- Many members felt the “secret” process used to write the Accord was undemocratic, while others felt that the non-disclosure statements signed by the writers of the Accord was the only way the Accord could have been written.
- Some felt that the Accord is a very bad deal for small woodland owners, while others believe that if we did not have the Accord, restrictions on forestry activities would be far worse.
- Gary Jensen suggested that members contact Ben Deumling, the small woodland owner representative on the Board of Forestry, with concerns, because the rule-making process that implements the Accord is in progress.
- **Wylda will send out information on the PFA to Lane County SWA members.**

B. Salyer/Leiman Tree Farm Tours Summer 2022

- Wylda reported that the Salyers are willing to hold the tour on their tree farm in August, either on the 13th or the 20th. The Board selected the 20th, for a morning tour with lunch to follow. **Wylda will inform the Salyers.**
- Tree Farmer of the Year vests have been ordered for the Salyers family. The Board approved funding the six vests.
- Wylda reminded the Board that Sarah Leiman is hoping to have her tour in September. She prefers to order her own vest, and we will have it embroidered.

C. Lane County Tree Farmer of the Year for 2022

- Steve Cafferata suggested that we nominate Diane Kaldahl to be our 2022 County Tree Farmer of the Year. She was recommended by Norm Michaels, and the nominating committee concurs with the nomination. Board members agreed to the nomination by consensus.
- **Gary Jensen and Tom Bauman will visit with Diane on her tree farm. Gary will fill out the required paperwork, which is due June 1, 2022.**

D. LCSWA 2022 Volunteer of the Year

- Board members unanimously selected Lindsay Reaves as our Volunteer of the Year.
- **Kate McMichael will send Gary photos to submit to Dave Ehlers, who is planning the Awards session of the June Family Forest Convention.**

E. Next Board Meeting: The next LCSWA Board Meeting will be on July 14, 2022.

Adjournment: Gary adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM

Plans for Next Meeting:

- Continuation of 2022 Events planning
- Complete planning Tour of Darrick & Shannon’s tree farm.

Assignments

See bold-font sections of Minutes

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