

Lane Small Woodlands Association Minutes: December 2, 2022

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

Meeting Place: ODF South Cascade District, Eastern Lane Office

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

Guests: Theresa Hausser; Lindsay Reaves, Steve Cafferata

Agenda Items

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

Agenda Items 1-4

1. Gary called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm
2. No introductions necessary
3. The Board reviewed the agenda, Kate moved to accept it, Gordon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
4. Wylde corrected the 10/6/22 minutes to state that LCSWA recommends Ryan Cienega for West Lane Commissioner. Kate moved to approve the 10/6/22 minutes as corrected, Chuck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Gordon reported that as of 11/30/22, we have a balance of \$33,586.51, including deposits of \$1540 (dues rebate from OSWA) and expenses of \$802.91 (payment for Quarterly Bark.) Gordon noted that we make three payments a year for the Bark.
- Gordon announced that Umqua Bank is offering 13 month CDs at a 3.7% interest rate. The penalty for early withdrawal is 3% of principle + \$25. After discussion, Gordon moved that LCSWA invest \$15,000 in these CDs, Dan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Gordon noted that LCSWA received a thank you letter from OWIT for our donation.
- Gordon reported that Forests Today and Forever requested that we increase our donation by 10-20%. After discussion, the board decided to decline the request. Gordon will communicate that to FTF.

6. Old Business.

A. Summary of SPI Mill Tour

- Kate and Theresa reported that the mill tour was successful and our partnership with Lane Families for Farms and Forests worked well. We filled two tours of 15 participants each within 48 hours of advertising the tour.
- Gordon noted that Kate and T did a super job welcoming the groups.
- Courtney Griesel, SPI's Community Outreach Coordinator, was very helpful and willing to conduct more tours as needed.

B. Status of Private Forest Accord

- Gary reported that the management structure for the new rules is being put into place. January of 2024 is the final implementation date for Small Forest Owners.
- Kate passed on the suggestion from the Committee for Family Forestlands that we no longer refer to the new rules as the PFA, but instead refer to them as the new iteration of the Forest Practice Act.
- Board members discussed various implications of the new rules for our membership.

C. ODF Up-date

- Dan Menk reported that the Fire map is being reworked, and that the complex map may take another year to complete.
- ODF is in the process of filling the new positions authorized by the new rules.
- Dan noted that there has been an uptick of notifications for stream-side logging.
- Board members discussed the differences between ODF's and USFS's firefighting strategies.

D. OSU Extension Update

- Lauren reported that the Extension office will be closed for four-six weeks for remodeling, but that she is available by phone and email.
- There will be a Workshop on Reforestation after Fire on December 13th. Wylda will send out a notification to our members. It will be offered by ZOOM or in-person.
- There will be a February Management Plan Workshop with Norma Klein on the South Coast.
- Lauren and Dan Stark are collaborating on a Tree School on March 4, 2023.
- Lauren mentioned that the Clackamas Tree School is scheduled for March 25th and a large turnout is expected.

E. Up-Date on Outreach

- Kate previewed the Webpage she has created for LCSWA. Board members were delighted and impressed with the job she has done. The site has several headings on which to click, and links to many related sites. Kate mentioned that as web master she can make changes at any time.
- Kate designed a logo that we can use on our correspondence and for name-tags etc.

- The Board discussed the advisability of paying a discounted rate for our first year, or paying for a longer period since that rate might be more advantageous in the long run. After discussion, Gordon moved to authorize Kate to spend up to \$1000

to establish the website, Wylda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

F. Membership

- Gary reported that OSWA has completed its updating of the membership list, and we have approximately 160 members.
- Wylda noted that we have more names on the data base we maintain, and suggested we keep those names on our list even though they are not technically members. The Board agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Planning for the Upcoming Annual Meeting 19 January, 2023

- Gary reviewed a draft agenda for the 2023 Annual Meeting, including the buffet dinner at the Elks Club, recognizing board members and guests, presentations by Nicole Wood (OSWA President) and Tom Snyder, NRCS), LCSWA business meeting, Recognitions, and raffle.
- Kate and Wylda will greet members and accept payment for dinner
- Kate will create name tags, using our new logo
- Becca and Rick will manage the raffle. All Board members consider contributing items. Wylda will bring some OTFS gear. Gordon will contribute wine. Dan will contribute bundles of Western red cedar,
- Gordon will make sure Nicole Wood, OSWA President and guest speaker, feels welcome and will introduce her presentation. Gary will introduce Tom Snyder's presentation
- Wylda and Steve will conduct recognitions, including Kate and Theresa as Volunteers of the Year, and three Lane County Tree Farmers of the Year (2020, 2021, and 2022)
- In the event of a COVID upswing, we may have to revert to an on-line meeting.
- Wylda will send out a flyer via snail mail to all our members, enclosed in a LCSWA Holiday Card. She will send the same flyer via e-mail to all on our data base list early in the new year.

B. Seedling Sale

- Lindsay reported on the February 4th seedling sale.
- The Seedling Sale committee includes Lindsay, Becca Fain, Dan Kintigh, Kate McMichael, and Theresa Hausser.
- Lindsay has increased the number of native shrubs from 300 to 500; has upped prices across the board but keeps in mind Mike Atkinson's intent to provide seedlings at reasonable prices.
- The sale will be at our usual location at Alton Baker Park, and will start at 8 AM. Lindsay will inform Board members of when they should arrive.

C. Quarterly Board Meeting-Election of Officers

- The Board meeting will follow the Seedling sale on February 4 and will be held at the ODF South Cascade (Eastern Lane) office.

8. **Adjournment:** Gary adjourned the meeting at 4:20 PM, whereupon the Board gathered outside the South Cascade office where Steve photographed the group for the LCSWA holiday card.

Assignments

- All Board and general members will consider potential nominees for 2023 LCSWA Tree Farmer of the Year prior to the 2/4/23 board meeting.
- Wylda will remind Nicole Wood about speaking at our annual meeting
- Wylda will design our holiday card and send to all members, and will include an annual meeting flyer in the mailing
- Gary will remind Tom Synder at NRCS
- Kate will establish web site
- Dick will collect RSVPs for annual meeting and communicate with Kate, who will create name tags.
- Gordon will invest in Umqua bank CDs.

Plans for Next Meetings

- 2023 TFOY discussion
- Officer Elections
- Plan 2023 calendar