

LANE COUNTY SMALL ASSOCIATION MINUTES

June 5, 2024



Meeting Time: 1:35-3:40.

Location: ODF South Cascade District Office-Eastern Lane

Board Members Present: Kate McMichael; Rick Olson; Wylda Cafferata; Gordon Culbertson; Tim Gurton; Dan Kintigh; Tom Bauman; Lauren Grand; Dan Menk

Guests: Becca Fain, Theresa Hausser

Agenda

1. Welcome and Check-in
2. Review, amend, approve Agenda
3. Review, amend, approve, April 5 and April 20, 2024 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

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- Kate McMichael called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- Gordon Culbertson moved to approve the agenda as presented, Dan Kintigh seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
- Rick Olson moved to approve the April 5 and 20th minutes as amended (Title the April 20th Minutes "Annual Meeting Minutes" in place of "Annual Business Meeting Minutes.") Tom Bauman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
- Gordon Culbertson presented the Treasurer's Report.
 - LCSWA is in good financial standing.
 - As of 6/1/2024, our balance in our checking account was \$ 27,581.24, and our CD accounts total \$15,570.81 for a total LCSWA funds of \$43,152.05.
 - Gordon reported that LCSWA has received an invoice from Forests Today & Forever for an annual contribution of \$1000. The Board agreed to wait for our budget committee to establish a budget before we approve this payment.
 - It was moved and seconded to approve the treasurer's report, and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Working Group Reports/Updates

A. Communication

- Kate reported that over 50 members responded to our postcard request for address updates. Four members have requested snail-mail only. Wylda will check the addresses

against our Lane County database, as well as reporting any differences between our database and the OSWA Little Green Light database to Rick.

- Kate distributed more business cards for board members to hand out as needed,
- Kate announced that the deadline for the next Bark is approaching. Dan Kintigh will write an article on ice-storm damage. Wylda Cafferata will write an article emphasizing that the Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year program is more of a celebration than a competition.

B. Program

- Kate reported that our Annual Meeting was a success,
 - The new by-laws were approved.
 - ✓ Gordon noted that the new by-laws have no limitation on number of Board members, and suggested we invite Malcolm Wilson to join the Board. He will contact Malcolm. Laurie Parsio and/or Don Parsio, and Anna Yarborough and/or Garrett Yarborough were also suggested.
 - ✓ Wylda moved that Becca Fain be invited to be a Board member, Tom Bauman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Becca accepted; she will be an acting board member until ratified by the membership at the next Members' meeting
 - ✓ The board agreed that new Board members should be taken out to lunch and presented with our by-laws and with our Operations Manual, once it is written, potentially after our August Board meeting.
 - The written annual report was helpful in saving meeting time.
 - The group agreed that we need a Coffee Committee for our next annual meeting.
 - The McKenzie Watershed Steward Group thanked LCSWA for participating in their survey.
- Kate noted that the Parsio Wildflower Walk, aka Tailgate Tour, was a success with +/- 20 attendees.
- John Dugan's TFOY tour is set for September 7.
 - We will finalize sub-committees to work on the tour at our August Board meeting.
 - John is concerned about parking. It was suggested to find a safe spot to park and shuttle participants to the site in vans.
 - Theresa, Kate, Wylda, Steve, and Tim will do a pre-visit tour in August.
- The Umpqua Tree School will be held September 28th.
- We are no longer planning an October Fest at the Bauman property.
- The Board brainstormed locations for our 2025 Annual Meeting. Kate reminded the Board that we have previously discussed holding it on the coast, Dave and Diane Rankin's tree farm was suggested, as well as the Boy Scout Camp south of Florence.

6. Old/In-Progress Business

A. County Tree Farmer of the Year Sign: The Board agreed that we need to have a sign for John Dugan by the time of his County TFOY tour. Lauren gave Kate a contact for a local sign maker.

B. Outreach: Kate encouraged Board members to continue to think about outreach to potential new members. Wylda will send welcome packets to our two new members.

C. Budget Committee: Gordon, Becca, and Kate will meet to work on our budget with the goal

of presenting a draft at our August meeting.

9. **New Business/Discussion:** Dan Kintigh suggested the possibility of hosting a planting party on federal land, for which he would donate 5000 trees. The Board is interested in the idea and will pursue it at our August meeting.

10. Partner Up-Dates

A. OSWA

- Gordon, Dan Newton, and Rick Zenn, representing OSWA, testified to the Board of Forestry on the advisability of a small woodland owner option to salvage storm damaged timber within riparian zones. Gordon expressed optimism on the results of the testimony.

B. Extension

- Lauren Grand is currently teaching a Master Woodland Management class. Several LCSWA members are helping with the class.
- Lauren will be teaching two classes on Management Plans at the Family Forest convention June 14th. One includes stand mapping and one on creating work plans from management plans.

C. ODF

- Dan reported that the Governor is considering Kent Curtis (Hampton Lumber) and Bob Van Dyke (Oregon Wild) as new Board of Forestry members.
- The Eastern Lane Unit of the South Cascade District is in the process of changing its work boundaries for stewardship foresters to make the work loads more equitable.
- Springfield's Small Woodland Forester Justin White is now trained.
- Fire season is fast approaching (already in place as of June 1 in Southern Oregon,) Dan advises getting any remaining pile burning done asap.

D. LFFF: Lane Families for Farm and Forest will meet July 18, location TBA.

11. Recap/Action Items: See Minutes

12. Next Meeting: August 8th at the Western Lane ODF office at 2:00 PM

13. Kate adjourned the meeting at 3:40 PM

Wylda Cafferata
LCSWA Secretary