

Linn County Small Woodlands Association
Annual Meeting Notes
Saturday, January 18, 2014

Approximately 85 guests present.

Scholarship Winner—Katie Kohl-- Recipient gave thanks for the scholarship.

4-H presentations—Fay Sallee--Each 4-H member make a small presentation of tree identification and other nifty facts. Ten total presentation. The members were very well prepared and knew their stuff. Well done!

Seedling Sale/GFTLW—Sherm--

Sherm's own words best illustrate his mastery of working the crowd to help out with the seedling sale:

“The seedling sale is successful because of how much help you give us.”

“Where else can you take your beloved on Valentine's Day but to the fairgrounds to help set up the seedling sale.”

“I'll be passing out the sign up sheet to verify your name.”

“This is the way we make money for the scholarships. It all goes to a good cause.”

“Fay has put a lot of work into the information about the seedlings.”

Forestland Fire Protection District updating—Sherm--

Linn County is going to do a forestland classification regarding the fire protection district. County wants to appoint a committee including small woodland owners to do this work. If interested, let Sherm know.

Goods from the Local Woods—Mary Brendle--

This year for the first time, you can have a display space on the table for \$10.00. This is for people to show off their material without necessarily renting a space to sell products. Extension has forms available, or contact Mary.

Door Prizes—Aaron & Dave--

Seedlings from CTC ==Bob Brendle

Coffee Cup == Cheryl Christie

Shittake Mushroom== Haley Tye

Wilco Gift Certificate==Lon Rankin

Broom == Garrett

Tree Farm lanyard = Shawn O'Hara

Shrubs to Know Book ==Bethany Henry

Business Meeting:

Treasures Report

Information presented at the meeting has been omitted, but is available by attending a meeting or by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to:

Treasurer, Linn County Small Woodlands Association
c/o 39980 Mount Hope Dr
Lebanon, OR 97355-9426

Please allow 1 week for delivery.

Election of Officers for 2014.

New officers or those whose terms are being renewed are in **Bold**

President: Mike Barsotti

First Vice President: Jim Merzenich

Second Vice President: Mary Brendle

Director: **Dan Thackaberry** (1st year of a three year term)

Director: Jim Cota (2nd of a three year term)

Director: Bill Bollinger (2nd year of a three year term)

Secretary: Jonathan Christie

Treasurer: Shirley Holmberg

Past President: Tim Otis

Standing committees as stated.

Tree Farmer of the Year: Joe Holmberg

Education: Fay Sallee

Quarterly Bark: Sherm Sallee

Scholarships: Katie Kohl

State Fair: Katie Kohl

Programs: Aaron White, Mike Melcher

There were no nominations from the floor.

Slate of officers were approved by unanimous voice vote.

End of Business Meeting

OSWA Presentation—Jim James--

2013 was a successful year for OSWA.

Pole building bill passed.

Wildfire protection act passed.

Truffles bill passed.

OSWA grew in membership by 4%. Same goal for this year.

Linn County chapter's goal is to get to 83 members (from 80) by end of the year.

OSWA lost some money (\$13,000) last year and dipping into reserves.

Annual meeting will be Douglas county on June 26-27-28, at Seven Feathers Casino.
Special Event = Leadership Academy in Corvallis, February 22nd, 8:30-4:30. FREE!

Be aware of the following:

- DOF may update fish protection on small streams.
- Coastal Zone requirement in Clean Water Act. EPA/DEQ have allowed current forest practice rules for this. Now, EPA believes forest practice rules are inadequate and need to be changed.

NRCS = Nathan:

NRCS is to help private landowners through financial assistance via Farm Bill.

Environmental Quality & CREP programs are two examples.

Exact implementation based upon county workgroups. Contact Nathan if interested in attending these workgroups.

Door Prizes Yeah!

Essential oils == Shirley Holmbert

More Oils == Cindy Melcher

Yet more oils == Mary Brendle

Seedlings == Shawn White

Hat == Ken Crowe

Nightlight == Ann Bardel

Wilco Giftcard == Matthew Kincaid

Linn County Cups == Timbre White

Pink Ribbon == Curt Lungstrum

Pink Ribbon & Cup == Jim James

Pen made by Sherm = Norm

Shittake Mushrooms == Damien

Seedlings = Ed

Nightlight = Betty Dave

Shrubs to know book == Tracy O'Hara

Ribbon & Cup == Jim McPhearson

Seedling == Betty Udell

Seedlings = Tim Otis

Seedlings = Kirk Stutzman

Gloves & Cup = Ed Landis

Gloves, Ribbons, Cups = Ed Merzenich

Gloves & Ribbon = Pat Wheeler

Gloves & Ribbon = Donovan Hinkle

Gloves = Mrs. Kincaid

Gloves = Lisa Barazza

OSWA Sign = Jon Westall

Presentations:

Tim Otis's mine reclamation project using log stringer bridges.

Wow! \$2,000/MBF for big trees.

Joe Holmberg's Tree Farmer of the Year.

Ann & Rod Bardell were 2013's winners. Their video was sponsored by the Forest Service.

Joe presented embroidered jackets to the couple.

Brad Withrow-Robinson's Update

"The Green Sheet" is an omnibus listing of upcoming events. Read it. Know it.

Extension is getting two new position. One of these will be involved with the Cameron Tract. Details yet to be determined.

Benton County's meeting is next week.

Good of the Order—

Jim discussed the need for new members, focusing on the brochures at DOF for people filing a permit.

Howdy Neighbor Tours are designed to draw in members. Linn County's tour will be on Dave Bateman's property at a date TBA.

Jim encouraged people to get tree farm candidates to get moving.

OSWA is looking for a President-elect in June. Are you interested? Contact OSWA.

Northwest Hardwoods is sponsoring OSWA's annual meeting. Please patronize them.

Meeting Adjourned.