

Linn County Small Woodlands Association
Annual Meeting Notes
Saturday, January 16, 2016

Approximately 65 guests present including the young ones.

Introductions led by the President.

Scholarship Winners—presented by Katie Kohl:

Kristen Tolle and Mikaela Gosney. Neither could attend so Katie read their message into the record.

Kristen = Senior at OSU in forestry resources & business minor.

Mikaela = at OSU in natural resources & forestry minor.

Katie mentioned there are no applicants this year because students don't believe they can have a future in natural resources.

4-H award—presented by Fay Sallee:

Many 4-H members attended with parents. It's nice to see.

Presentations were on their record books. 14 4-H students did record books and were judged. Thanks were given to Laura, Ron, Mary, Bob for judging these projects.

Members who presented were:

Name	Project
Ryan	Built pine cone Christmas trees using "a real cone from a real tree."
Conner	Forestry notebook using plant press and herbarium skills.
Gabriel	Tricks for record books—photo, story, resume.
Jonathan	Assisting at the seedling sale.
Andrew	Plant card techniques as a presentation. Earned a blue ribbon at county fair
Kimberly	Educational displays showing how she made a pen. Earned Champion!
Jeremiah	Woodcarving of a "ball in a box."
Emily	Did a CREP project.
Tracy (by proxy)	Built pine cone Christmas trees such as Ryan did.

The 4-H members did a great job speaking loudly and knowing their stuff. It was nice seeing the member's projects in person.

Seedling Sale/GFTLW—Sherm Sallee and Mary Brendle:

Fay & Sherm summarized the sale for this year and asked for more volunteers. Order forms were available. Guests could be accosted at the door or just sign the clipboard.

Mary summarized the wood sale. “Come and do your Christmas shopping early.”

Door Prizes (round #1)--all names are approximations.

Prize	Sponsor	Winners
Hats & Gloves	CTC	Larry, Bill, Karen
Bluebird Box, Backscratcher	Petermans	Mike, Jonathan, Bob
Bookmarker, Salad Tongs	Bowlings (Artisan Lighting)	Shirley, Becky, Shaun
Tree Seedlings & Gloves	CTC	Andrew, Heather, Pat

Business Meeting:

Treasurers Report—Shirley Holmberg:

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.

New Directors

New directors were presented for election. No nominations from the floor.
New directors and their expiration of office are:

Bill Bowling (2019) to serve as Vice President of the board
Larry Mauter (2019)
Lee Peterman (2019)

These directors to replace expiring directors of Mary Brendle, Bill Bowling, and Jim Cota.

Motion: Slate of directors as submitted be approved.
2nd. Approved by voice vote. Unanimous.

End of Business Meeting

OSWA Report—presented by Jim James:

OSWA annual meeting (June) in Baker. Theme = Sustaining Family Forests for over 70 years.

Riparian Rules took a long time. OSWA didn't support the way they are, but they could have been a lot worse. About 1/3 of stream in Western Oregon are affected by BBCT stream definition.

New rule process is complicated. Expected to take effect after Sept of 2017. OSWA will be there. OSWA newsletter will explain specifics of Riparian rules.

OSWA was acknowledged as playing a good role in helping Board of Forestry to adopt a moderate position on these rules.

There was some discussion about the rules and the water quality changes.

Firefunding insurance policy deductible is now at \$50 million. Where will the additional \$30 million come from above the even split between the general fund and the landowners?

Membership is now 60% renewed by the first of the year. 90 day windows to pay dues until you're removed from the organization.

ATFS 70th anniversary and OSWA will help celebrate this. Jim James performs as administrator of the ATFS one day a week. Scott Hayes will be the new administrator.

Question: How does ATFS relate to AFF? American Tree Farm System is a sub-set of the American Forest Foundation. Several questions followed detailing these relationships.

Recognition of Joe Holmberg:

Joe received a loud round of applause for all the work he did (and still does) for the organization and ATFS.

Door Prizes (round #2)--

Prize	Sponsor	Winners
OSWA Sign	OSWA—Jim James	Glenda
Nightlights	Artisan Lighting	Fay, Steve, Todd, Ed, Henry
Slimline Pen	Sherm Sallee	Rowdy
ConiferOils	Merzenich & Bateman	Terry, Elaine
OTFS T-shirt	Mary Brendle	Pam, Monnie
Books	Extension	Mike, Dan
Hat	??	Debbie

Auction Items:

Nutcracker (donated by Henry)–	for \$70.00
Wood Duck Nest Box (donated by Jim)--	for \$35.00
Rustic Broom (donated by Jim)--	for \$110.00

Tree Farm Presentation Honoring Bateman's Tree Farm of the Year 2015.

Video of the Bateman tree farm was well received.

Questions abounded about the still.

They received their jackets.

NRCS = Nathan Adelman:

Support for conservation for landowners.

Current programs include oak restoration (release) cost sharing, conservation stewardship, CREP, Web Soils Survey.

Contact NRCS website for applications, or get a hold of Nathan in person. Stop by the NRCS office as well.

Good of the Order—

Bill & Brad's Yearly Calendar:

They distributed a yearly calendar for Woodland events for the year.

Brad complimented the relationship between Extension & Woodlands.

Bill reminded everyone to give him an e-mail address. Contact him at bill@artisanlight.com

Linn County Tree Farmer of the Year Candidate

Joe & Shirley Holmberg for 2016.

Katie Kohl mentioned outdoor school.

Meeting Adjourned.