

Linn County Small Woodlands Association
Annual Meeting Notes
Saturday, January 21, 2017

Minutes taken by Jonathan Christie.

Approximately 75 guests present including the young ones.
Introductions all around.

Scholarship Winners—presented by Katie Kohl:

Two winners, but neither can attend. Letters from each read to the meeting.

Michaela = at OSU in forestry resources. Trying to get a job in forestry. Looking forward to a career in Forestry related to sustainability.

Justin = at OSU/LBCC dual enrollment. Will take some time off and work on working as a wildland firefighter.

Both were willing to help with the seedling sale.

4-H award—presented by Fay Sallee:

Fourteen members of the 4-H club had projects. Most were able to attend. “covered clovers” 4-H club. These are forestry-related projects.

Each 4-H member told what they learned as part of the projects in temporal order of the 4-H year.

Andrew = Forestry management on Sherm’s tree farm. He demonstrated a pruner.

Andrew (#2) = Trail maintenance tools. He demonstrated certain tools.

Gabriel = Centerpieces using forestry products such as moss, lichens, and some cones.

Matthew = Wreaths using a wire frame and clippings. These are sold.

Josh (& Jacob) = Using a plant press to preserve plants.

Elizabeth = Forest animals. Everyone’s favorite was the squirrel.

Jacob = Working at the tree seedling sale.

Kaiden = Learning about invasive species

Emily = Collecting “broadleaf” plants and pressing wildflowers. Record books.

Jonathan = Development of a plant record book information.

Ryan = CREP program.

Matthew = (in for Nathan) = Linn Co. Search & Rescue.

4-H members gave a special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Brendle and Rankin and to OSWA.

Fay distributed awards to each member.

Seedling Sale/—Bonnie Marshall:

February 4th is the sale; February 3rd is set-up. If Fay hasn’t contacted you yet, she will.

Transition is going well.

85 pre-orders have come in already. They continue to come in.
We're on track and on budget.

Local Forest Products Expo —Mary Brendle--

Mary reminded people about the local wood products expo in conjunction with the seedling sales.

Door Prizes #1

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

Slate of new board members presented to membership.

Motion: Slate of new directors as submitted be approved.

2nd. Approved by voice vote. Unanimous.

Directors as approved, term expires, and duty on board

Shirley Holmberg (exp. 2018)	Treasurer
Jim Merzenich (2018)	Past-President
Henry Wolthius (2018)	
Bill Bowling (2019)	President
Lee Peterman (2019)	Vice President
Larry Mauter (2019)	
Jonathan Christie (2020)	Secretary
Bonnie Marshall (2020)	Seedling Chair
Dan Thackaberry (2020)	

End of Business Meeting

Linn Forest Protection Association—Jim & Sherm

Sherm discussed the history and funding of the forest deputy.

Rodney David is the forest deputy. He spoke briefly to the group and fielded questions.

Locked behind gates is common. He was “given the bucket of keys” to assist with this idea. :-)

Current trends:

Lack of respect for law enforcement

Lower amount of Meth trash
Lower amount of marijuana grows
Lots of abandoned cars, littering, and trash.
Target shooters are a problem mainly due to different rules for different landowners.

He patrol over 400k acres.

OSWA Presentation—Jim James--

Award presented to Fun Forests for 2010 Western Region ATF winner.

"We got time to do it right."

Award for Volunteer of the year awarded to Katie Kohl.

OSWA Newsletter will address most of the key points touch on tonight.

Main issues for OSWA this year is:

Riparian Rules

Marbled Murelets rule

2017 Legislature. DOF took a hit in the Governor's budget.

Annual Meeting in Florence this year. At the casino.

Membership dues are due in January

Retention is about 92%. Last year we maintained but didn't grow.

No questions from the floor.

Door Prizes #2:

Auction Items:

Keynote Presentation:

2016 TFOY video of Joe & Shirley Holmberg

Presented with artisan broom.

NRCS = Dan Olson

Trying to serve many forest land owners for conservation projects:

EQUIP is conservation strategies developed locally.

Oak Habitat Enhancement has been the main aspect of this.

New strategy will focus on forest diversity and fuels reduction.

Conservation Stewardship for conservation practices.

Auction Items:

Memorial Fund was established for members who passed away. These auction items will go for this fund.

Oregon serving set made by Bill Bowling = \$75.00 to Jim James

Wood Duck nest made by Jim Cota = \$60 to ????

Broom made by Broom Magic = \$130.00 to ????

Good of the Order—

Brad Withrow-Robinson's Update

Blue sheet of paper is the “half-year calendar” of upcoming events.

Get on the list; get involved; get information; get better.

Woodland Cooperative needs wood!

Jim Merzenich recognized as MGM outstanding volunteer.

Meeting Adjourned.