

**LCSWA
Minutes
Meeting of 08-29-2012
Home of Mary and Bob Brendle**

Present: Mike Barsotti, Joe Holmberg, Shirley Holmberg, Dave Bateman, Jim Merzenich, Mary Brendle, Sherm Sallee, Brad Withrow-Robinson.

Mike Barsotti ran the meeting as Tim Otis was absent.

Guests: Jody Einerson with Benton County Extension
Nate Adleman with NRCS.

Jody Einerson has been with extension for 8 years. Her title is Forestry Education Assistant. She is Brad's right hand gal. She will replace Andrea as our Activity RSVP contact.

Nate (Nathan) Adleman is the District Conservationist and Field Technician for NRCS in the mid-valley. His office is in Tangent a mile south of Highway 34 on Highway 99E across from Pickseed. Nate gave us the run down on their programs for Farm Bill Dollars. Projects are conservation driven and the current focus is on conserving water. Production projects are out. Looks like tree farmers need to participate in an annual meeting where the public expresses their interest in the types of projects to pursue. Tim Otis and Brad plan to attend this meeting representing LCSW A and Mike Barsotti and Joe Holmberg representing OTF. The deadline to apply for current program dollars is November 16, 2012.

Minutes:

Minutes of the 06-07-2012 Board Meeting were approved as written.

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.

Measure 84 (Death Tax Phase-Out)

Mike Barsotti to respond to Jim James that we thought this was a poor issue for OSWA to take a position on.

Chapter Refund to OSWA

Discussion centered on what OSWA is doing to avoid having a budget shortfall in 2013.

- Revising Budget to match revenue.
 - Membership Committee working on ways to increase membership.
 - Developed Rack? Card to promote public awareness.
 - Working on a member sign to post on our properties.
- Consensus to refund our chapter distribution for 2012.

Quarterly Bark

Jodi Einerson is the Extension Contact on getting the Bark published. Articles due by the 15th. Sherm to deliver to Jodi on the 17th. Sherm get the mailing labels through OSWA.

OSWA/OTF

Exploring going to a joint newsletter. October will be the first cut at a joint newsletter.

Goods From the Woods

Discussion:

Public Service like the Seedling Sale

Gets special wood products in front of people looking for them.

Craft items doing well.

Seedling Sale pays for the space.

Need to Educate Buyers.

Brad will convene a strategy meeting on how to move forward.

Merzenich OWC Fair and Barbecue September 15th.

Jim announced that it was happening and invited all to attend. He also passed out flyer to help advertise.

OTF Membership Demo Program

Sherm was confused on who joins. The individual or the tree farm. He had been making an annual donation. Sounded like the tree farm was the membership entity. He could have multiple properties as one tree farm as long as the ownership was the same. If the ownership changed than it was another OTF membership. Joe will pursue resolution of the issue.

Items For the Next Board Meeting Agenda.

Minutes of the 3-8-2012 BOD Meeting, Mike Barsotti.

Roll of Extension in Linn County, Brad Withrow-Robinson.

Adjourn

Mike adjourned the meeting at 9:50PM

Next Meeting

Mike and Jo Barsotti on Decemher 5th.