

LCSWA
Minutes
Meeting of 12-02-2014
Home of Tim & Kathy Otis

Present:

Mike Barsotti, Dave Bateman, Jonathan Christie, Shirley Holmberg, Mary Brendle, Sherm Sallee, Tim Otis, Bill Bolling, Dan Thackaberry, Jim Cota, Joe Holmberg, Brad Withrow-Robinson.

Minutes:

Minutes are approved by voice vote.

Treasurer Report: (Shirley)

Shirley reported Sherm's concern about the money in the bank account being designated for the association or the seedling sale. Shirley is still working on this, but is pretty sure savings account money is seedling sale's.

Overall concerns are:

- a) Dues are our only source of money outside of seedling sale. So, most customary expenses use up dues and usually some of the other seedling sale money.
- b) Seedling sale money needs to be recorded/budgeted/tracked separately.

Sherm (via Tim) would like to see seedling sale broken out separately in each report and income/expenses for the sale identified to that account.

Mike stated LCSWA will have to pull some money out of the savings account to cover our refund of the dues back to OSWA.

Questions remain:

How much of this money is really from seedling sale (historically), and what to do with the remaining/extra funds in this account? Is it only for education or can it be used for something else? In other words, is this account restricted?

Need to discuss this with Sherm and the board at next meeting. Put on agenda for Spring's meeting.

Bigger philosophical questions are: what "education" means to the group and what is the purpose of the seedling sale in the future?

Shirley will provide background financial data before the spring meeting. At this meeting we'll figure this all out regarding the account and the purpose for the funds.

Old Business:

Linn County Tree Farmer (Joe)

Linn County won Tree Farmer of the Year. We've had eight so far. Whoo Yoo!

Linda Butts is the outstanding tree farmer for 2014. Joe will make a sign for her.

Sign and jackets will be presented at annual meeting.

Marion-Polk county will host annual meeting with the tour included of Linn Co. winner.

Tentative Date for the tour is June 19, 2015.

LCSWA Bylaws (Mary, et al.) By section in Mike's draft:

II. Need to get an registered agent. Mike will look into this and find someone.

V. Delete "forestland in Linn County" section.

VII. Amend first paragraph to state a minimum number of director to be seven.

Change term to indicate to all directors are elected to three years terms. Two or three directors elected each year at the annual meeting.

Officers shall be selected at the board meeting prior to the annual meeting to begin term after the annual meeting when board terms begin.

VIII. Remove redundant sentence at the beginning of the paragraph
Remove "third saturday) and leave "in January . . ."

Type of "bylays" at bottom of pg 2 in VIII.

IX. Add a "past-President" officer position. Duties are to be advisory in function and attend meetings. Past president will serve only one, one-year term as an officer, without re-election.

X. Change terms to "one year" and serve a maximum of two terms in this capacity.

XI. Change to "Executive Committee shall be the officers of the board, with a minimum of three to constitute a quorum of the committee."

XIII. Delete "inure" and change to ". . . net earnings shall benefit any employee . . ."

Jonathan will send out a letter mailer with bylaws, director/officer slate, and directions to annual meeting.

Quarterly Bark (Sherm, in absentia)

Jim & Betty Denison are to be invited to Annual Meeting. Mike will invite them.

Jim asks how many articles we send to the bark? Answer is about four.

Dave will write the article for the annual meeting—about the move, silverware.

2015 Seedling Sale (Sherm again)

Who/How to get stuff on OSWA website?

Brad will include order form in the LCEA newspaper.

Goods from the Woods (Mary)

Mary distributed the brochure to be mailed to all attendees last year.

May need to change our name from “goods in the woods” to something else.

Brad discussed the copyright problem with the name.

We'll be using the phrase but not as a title.

Membership Survey (Bill)

Bill sent out the survey.

Will report next meeting.

New Business:

Annual Meeting 2015 (whole board)

Jonathan will include mailings. Dave will help form these.

Change of venue to Z-hall, bylaws, new officers chosen, director elections, etc.

Jim & Sherm were to give a talk about Scandinavian trip at the annual meeting.

Brad will reserve project, PA, laptop. Jonathan will investigate screen.

Everyone will bring their extra plates, cups, etc.

Election of New Board (whole board)

New directors may include

Timbre White

Rod Bardell

Kristi Tye

Willy Timbush

Ask Brad for more MWMs

Tim will figure out who's term is ending when.

Officers for new board:

Jim will be President.

Mike will be Past-President

Bill will be Vice-President

Jonathan will be secretary

Shirley will be treasurer

Howdy Neighbor Tour (whole board)

Will use Linda Butts tour as this. Joe & Mike will coordinate with Jim James.

Winter Term LBCC Class (Mary)

February 25th. 7-8:30. Mike is running program on forest taxation.

Woodland Information Night is now in our court.

What night? =

Monday, March 10th OR Tuesday, March 10th, 2015 at the new extension location (probable?). Brad will check availability for both days

Times = 7:00-9:00

committee to plan event = Dave & Bill & Tim.

Should contact Benton County folks.

Jim suggests having something from NRCS at the event. Possibly use our survey data?

Good of the Order:

Give suggestions for next year's tree farmer to Joe.

Try to give a short intro to each nominated officer for election. It'd be nice to know for whom you're voting. Jonathan will see how much space in the mailer for this.

Question for Sherm = Is the payment to the Linn County Fire Protection District a donation or a bill?

Brad poked fun at Sherm for not attending the meeting.

Motion—slate of officers as presented be approved.

2nd, approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting:

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday

March 3rd, 2015

Home of

Mike Barsotti

LCSWA Policies

draft 12/2014

This is just to get us started. Feel free to fill in/change/edit as you see fit and bring to next meeting.

1. Keep seedling sale monies separately accounted from general fund.
2. Seedling sale money shall be used for _____ (what designation?)
3. Officers of the board shall be picked from directors whose terms will continue the next year, or will agree to be re-elected for another three year term.
4. The vice-president is not necessarily the president-elect, but can be used in that function.