

August 31st, 2017

Linn County Chapter Oswa Board minutes

Meeting of Aug. 31, 2017

Host: Bob And Mary Brendle residence, Sweet Home

Attendance: President Bill Bowling, Bonnie Marshall, Dan Thackaberry, Lee Peterman, Mary Brendle, Jim Merzenich, Henry Wolthius, Larry Mauter, Joe Holmberg, Sherm Sallee.

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by board President Bill Bowling

Minutes: Minutes from the June 1, 2017 board meeting approved with three corrections. Bonnie Marshall in attendance at meeting, Sherm Sallee in attendance at Robert Mealey committee meeting; Jim Merzenich made motion to add a fifth scholarship this year on a one-time basis. Motion to approve Henry Wolthius, second Bonnie Marshall

Treasures Report

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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

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Seedling Sale Budget: Bonnie Marshall delivered seedling sale budget for 2018. Budget was modified at meeting to show \$5,000 for college scholarships for this year. Proposed budget has profit of \$425.00. Motion by Dan Thackaberry, second Lee Peterman to approve treasurer's report and seedling sale budget as corrected.

Old Business

Annual Picnic: Discussion of annual picnic included possible change of event timing based on Aug. 12 weather. Fifteen to 20 people attended this year. Sherm Sallee said the event is usually lightly attended. Improved e-mail notification could increase attendance, it was noted

Articles for Bark and Other Publications. Sherm Sallee noted new Bark editor Rich Clark is looking for copy by Sept.15. Articles from chapter include picnic follow-up (Sherm), Forest Protection Assoc. (Sherm), Tree Farmer of the Year (TFOY) follow (Jim Merzenich), Broom Magic tour (Jim) and president's message (Bill Bowling).

TFOY: Henry Wolthius reported on July 8 event. OSWA exec Jim James worked diligently with TFOY recipients Ivan and Rebecca Wolthius. Turnout was close to 50 people with about a dozen newcomers. Jim Merzenich reported three new members were signed up to the Linn county chapter. Day's events included site tours, discussions and grilled food.

Robert Mealey Committee Update: Bill Bowling reported that chapter plans with the city of Sweet Home are "at impasse at the moment". Bowling said the chapter will not give up the project and said the site next to city hall would be ideal for the Mealey memorial. Mary Brendle reported the city is lacking a vision for the park property and both planning commission and city council support is currently lacking for the Mealey project. Brendle said one option for the board would be use the Mealey funds for books and tours for the Sweet Home high forestry classes. Henry Wolthius suggested teaming with the city's Rotary Club might be an option. Wolthius urged board to keep the project on the table. He will discuss plans with new city planner.

Membership committee: Jim Merzenich noted chapter membership has held steady at about 100. Three new members were added at TFOY event and only two past members failed to renew. Merzenich and Larry Mauter to continue to contact new members through oswa or Linn Co real estate lists.

Upcoming events: Lee Peterman previewed "What your watershed for council can do for you" set for Sept. 27 in Tangent. A second tour is the Birdhaven Tour (wildlife rehabilitation project) set Oct. 7 Joe Holmberg noted the state TFOY event is Saturday Oct. 21 at Oregon Garden. Activities include tree tour, pine demonstration and TFOY award.

New business

Interim secretary: Bill Bowling announced board secretary Jonathan Christie has a continuing educational conflict with board meeting schedule. Larry Mauter said he will be happy to fill in as interim secretary.

Angela Hochreiter (Dave Bateman's daughter): Bill Bowling reported that Dave's daughters are looking for Doug fir seedlings for 120 acres.

OSWA website: Lee Peterman sat in on conference call with state oswa people on updated state site. Our chapter can use the website to post upcoming events. Site also contains data and officers' list that we can update.
Contact webmaster@oswa.org.
Window for changes to site and events is 10 days max. In discussion, Joe Holmberg agreed to contact Albany tech person about creating chapter site. Bill Bowling had noted one chapter has its site linked to state oswa site.

Chapter TFOY suggestions for 2018: Suggestions were taken for possible TFOY in 2018. Names raised included Sherman Weld and Mike Barsotti. Joe Holmberg will check to see if Weld tree farm is part of the Oregon Tree Farm system.
Discussion to continue.

Activity planning: Jim Merzenich will set up Broom Magic tour in late November or early December. Bill Bowling will contact Jonathan Christie about rental of Z Hall in Scio for annual meeting. Annual meeting set for third Saturday in January.

Board of directors nominees: Informational item, Terms of Jim Merzenich, Henry Wolthius and Shirley Holmberg will expire in 2018. Jim Cota may rejoin board. Jim Merzenich will stay on one more year as past president. Bill Bowling will use president's column in Bark to talk about membership.

Adjournment: Lee Peterman move, Dan Thackaberry second move for adjournment at 8:07 p.m. Next board meeting set for Dec. 7, Thursday at OSU Extension office Tangent. Bill will check with Brad to keep office open.

Submitted by interim secretary, *Larry Mauter*