

Linn County Small Woodlands Association

Dec 7, 2018 board minutes

Host: Oregon State University Extension Service, Brad Withrow-Robinson, Tangent office

Attendance: John Hood-Fysh, Larry Mauter, Henry Wolthius, Sherm Sallee, Bonnie Marshall, Brad Withrow-Robinson, Jim Merzenich, Mary Brendle, Jonathan Christie, Bill Bowling, Lee Peterman, Dan Thackaberry

7 p.m. Website developer John Hood-Fysh introduced the board to the new Linn County Small Woodlands Association website. He presented a "polished draft" of the site and said it would be internet-ready in a few days. The site will be visible on cell phones and laptops. Hood-Fysh will maintain site without charge for one year then charge \$50/hour to maintain with likely quarterly charge to be \$50. President Bill Bowling is conduit for web materials.

7:30 p.m. Meeting called to order by President Bill Bowling

Minutes: Minutes from the Aug. 31 board meeting approved without changes. Motion by Dan Thackaberry, second Bill Bowling. Unanimous.

Treasurer's report: Bill Bowling delivered report for 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Seedling Sale: Bonnie Marshall reported that order forms have been mailed out for the sale that is slated Saturday, Feb. 3. There will be 28 varieties of trees and plants this year. Volunteer signups for the set up and day of sale will be available at the annual meeting. Board discussion of letter from seedling sale buyer last year. Bonnie will contact buyer with suggestions for better success, including hand watering.

Goods from the Woods: Mary Brendle reported "Goods from the Woods" vendors will again be part of seedling sale.

Bark articles: Sherm Sallee reported deadline for next Bark publication is Dec. 15. Presidents' message, upcoming events pieces expected for Linn County pages.

Membership Committee: Jim Merzenich said state OSWA board trying to cut down on late memberships. Payments to chapters are withheld until dues remitted. Jim will get list in late January of members not renewing and follow up with personal contact. Local membership numbers steady in 2017 and outreach to new members ongoing.

Board membership nominations: President Bill Bowling solicited names for open board seats for 2018. Board membership vote is during annual meeting. Among names considered in discussion were Jim Cota, Jane Strom, Tim Otis, Ken Crouse.

Robert Mealy Committee update: Bill Bowling reported on a letter from Kathy Wilcox from the Sweet Home Parks Commission. The letter was positive reaction to the Mealy tree project at the Sweet Home City Hall site. "It's a long way away," said Bowling. The site needs rezoning and Sweet Home needs to come up with construction financing. Based on the report, the board took no formal action but will return to agenda when appropriate.

OSWA products: Bill Bowling attended a statewide OSWA meeting where chapters were offered the opportunity to take over the OSWA products vendors' role. The chapter could receive \$2,000 annually for maintaining the store. Lee Peterman expressed an interest in running the store as he has retail experience. Sherm Sallee said the project could be operated like seedling sale committee. Bowling said OSWA will hold inventory at Salem. Annual meeting and tree school are events where selling booth is set up. Sherm Sallee suggested not committing to the project at this time but bring it up again at annual meeting. Board members took no formal action.

NEW BUSINESS

Scholarship recipients: Larry Mauter suggested adding a chapter scholarship winner as ex officio member of the board of directors with a one-year term. Advantages could include youthful outlook representation. For the student, the board seat could aid in resume building or reference contacts in the future. No formal action taken. Board to revisit topic at later date.

Mary Jane Hildreth: Member sent letter to board questioning current annual dues structure. Jim Merzenich agreed with letter that more membership categories could encourage new members. Merzenich suggested and the board agreed informally that the state OSWA membership committee be urged to look at updating membership categories.

Speakers for annual meeting: Bill Bowling asked board members for possible speakers at the January annual meeting. Among names suggested were Cascade Timber Consulting president Milt Moran or other Cascade personnel. State OSWA executive Jim James will also address annual meeting.

Donation for annual meeting auction: Jim Merzenich agreed to conduct the auction. He will be soliciting donations from Cascade Power, Broom Magic and other vendors and chapter members.

Odds and ends:

- Mike Melcher has offered his Brownsville area property as a site for the annual summer gathering.
- Helpful website oregonfloraproject.org
- BroomMagic tour in Eugene will likely scheduled in April or May of 2018.
- Benton County is hosting the Woodlands Information Night in 2018.
- Linn-Benton Community College classrooms at the Lebanon campus will again be available

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Lee Peterman move, Dan Thackaberry second. Unanimous. Next meeting to be held at Peterman residence Thursday March 1.

— submitted by Larry Mauter, acting board secretary