

Minutes for Linn County Small Woodlands Assoc.

3-1-2018 OSWA board minutes

Host: Lee Peterman and Shirley Jolliff residence, Scio

Attendance: President Bill Bowling, Jim Merzenich, Lee Peterman, Sherm Sallee, Katie Kohl, Tim Otis, Mary Brendle, Jane Strom, Bonnie Marshall, Larry Mauter

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Board minutes from 12-7-2017: Shirley Holmberg added via e-mail that the December 7 treasurer's report included transactions from Aug. 31, 2017 to Dec. 7, 2017. Lee Peterman move, Bonnie Marshall second approve Dec. 7 minutes with addition from Shirley Holmberg. Motion unanimous.

Board minutes from 1-20-2018 general membership meeting: Lee Peterman move, Tim Otis second motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion unanimous.

Treasurer's report: President Bill Bowling reported the treasurer's report for the quarter was not available but will be sent to board members after the meeting.

Old Business

Membership committee: Jim Merzenich reported the current membership is at 108. Calls were made to 12 members that had not renewed by early February. Several new members have joined in the quarter. Renewal is expected to be close to 100 percent. Local chapter is doing well compared with statewide renewal numbers.

Seedling sale: Bonnie Marshall reported 2018 seedling sale netted \$8505 "another successful year." There are now 548 names on the pre-order mailing list. Another 91 names were added in 2018. Overall sales and donations totaled \$12,467, with \$8,286 in pre-sales. About 2,500 tree seedlings were donated this year. The number of volunteers for the weekend was still being tallied. Lincoln County OSWA contacted Bonnie

about possibly holding a joint sales. Board members informally agreed that we should share information on our sales with Lincoln. Board president Bill Bowling and board members thanked Marshall and husband Lance for their work on the sale.

Introductions: Board members introduced themselves and locations of their tree farms.

Goods from the Woods: Mary Brendle reported vendors “did OK” this year. There were nine vendors at the seedling sale and the OSU Extension Service information table. Vendors are likely to return in 2019. Larry Mauter and Mary Brendle are looking into publishing a feature piece on the seedling sale and Goods from the Woods in the Willamette Living magazine.

Articles for Bark: Sherm Sallee said Quarterly Bark deadline is March 15. Items from Linn County to include president’s message, annual meeting follow-up, forest health workshop, scholarship awards and seedling sale results.

Tree Farmer of the Year: Bill Bowling is looking for suggestions for “tree farmer of the year” for 2018. Possible nominee is Sherm Weld, a certified tree farm operator with property near Holley. Another option could be son Scott Weld. Board members will contact Weld to see if there is interest.

New Business

Additions to Linn County Small Woodlands website: Acting secretary Larry Mauter suggested that agenda for board meetings and draft minutes be added to the website. After discussion, it was agreed that current policy of quarterly posting be continued to keep website costs at budgeted levels.

Student scholarship board position: Larry Mauter proposed adding a university scholar position to the board of directors as a one-year term. The by-laws change would require a vote of the general membership in January 2019. After discussion, it was agreed Katie Kohl will poll this year’s scholarship applicants to see the level of interest in the proposal.

OSWA conference Call: Jim Merzenich and Lee Peterman sat in on recent conference call. Linn County member Mike Barsotti is the new OSWA president. No board action required.

OSWA product booth at tree school: Lee Peterman and several volunteers will operate OSWA vending booth at the March tree school. The state OSWA is looking for a chapter to take over operating the booth at three events during the year. Peterman will test the waters at tree school and report back to board on feasibility of taking over sales booth.

Web page coordinator: Bill Bowling suggested the Linn County Small Woodland Association site needs a dedicated person to operate web page. Jim Merzenich agreed to take on the task. Bowling, Merzenich and John Hood-Fysh will schedule a meeting to coordinate web functions.

OSWA web page Coordinator: Jim Merzenich has agreed to coordinate the Linn County segment of the state OSWA website.

Summer membership picnic: Mary Brendle reported that Mike Melcher may be willing to host the annual summer picnic at his Brownsville property. Mary will report back at next board meeting. There was also discussion about moving up the date of the event from August to earlier in the summer to increase membership participation.

Adjournment: Lee Peterman move, Bill Bowling second to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion unanimous. Next board meeting set for residence of Tim Otis on June 7 at 7 p.m. Special thanks to host Shirley Jolliff for dessert plates.