

Linn County Small Woodlands Association

June 7, 2018 board minutes

Host: Tim and Kathy Otis, Shedd

Attendance: President Bill Bowling, Lee Peterman, Jim Merzenich, Jane Strom, Kathy Otis, Joe Holmberg, Bonnie Marshall, Larry Mauter, Shirley Holmberg, Jim Cota, Sherm Sallee, Mary Brendle.

Meeting called to order at 6:58 p.m.

Board minutes from 3-1-2018: Lee Peterman move, Tim Otis second to approve 3-1-2018 minutes as presented. Unanimous.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Shirley Holmberg delivered the 3-1 and 6-7 reports. 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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Board also discussed RHM Pine Fund investment strategies. Jim Merzenich volunteered to discuss current investment commitment with Ameriprise representative. Bill Bowling and Merzenich to meet with Ameriprise adviser.

OLD BUSINESS

Youth Board member: Larry Mauter reported back on idea to add scholarship recipient to the board. Katie Kohl has talked with current scholars and reported some doubts about logistics relating to board meetings. Mauter suggested tabling the idea for now. He will check with Sweet Home and Scio forestry clubs to see if a youth member could be developed from those groups. No action taken.

Broom Magic Tour: Jim Merzenich will set up late October tour of Eugene business that uses local sticks for brooms. Tour dates likely Oct. 25 or 26 — Thursday or Friday.

Articles for Bark and newspapers: Sherm Sallee reported Bark deadline for next issue is June 15. Also, the Lebanon Express has a new editor, Les Gehrett.

Tree Farmer of the Year: Sherman Weld of Holley area is Linn County TFOY reported Joe Holmberg. Weld has sanitation business and has trees growing on former landfill sites. Discussion of tour date includes idea of Melcher thinning project on site. No formal action taken.

Robert Mealey update: President Bill Bowling reported that Sweet Home is interested in Mealey pine demonstration project. But the city also wants concrete access at the east side of future city hall as part of the project. Tim Otis noted Mealey endowment includes maintaining the site. On informal vote,

board agreed to continue seeking partnership with Sweet Home on the RHM Pine Fund. Bill Bowling will meet with city engineer and planning department personnel and report back to the board.

Membership Committee: Jim Merzenich said Linn membership remains about 110. Based on telephone conference calls with OSWA Linn chapter has done well among statewide chapters.

Seedling Sale Update: Bonnie Marshall reported on income through April. She has contacted Brooks on seedling supplies. Sherm may need help digging out sword ferns this upcoming year. With graduation, the sale will be producing four \$1,000 university scholarships. This past year the board funded five \$1,000 scholarships. No formal action taken.

Website webmaster: Jim Merzenich will provide quarterly update along with back minutes from board meetings. Will work with Mauter on minutes of past meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

OSWA annual meeting: Bill Bowling outlined program for annual meeting in Springfield June 28-30. He encouraged board members and members in general to attend event. No formal action taken.

OSWA Products Booth: Lee Peterman reported that Linn County is scheduled to operate OSWA products booth at the state convention. Lee said about 12 people are needed to volunteer to make booth run smoothly for the event. Lee, Bill Bowling and others operated booth at tree school and learned the process. Directors stated that Linn chapter has not agreed to the over products sales at this point, but will staff booth at the state convention. Lee Peterman will contact Jim James about Linn concerns. The booth will bring in extra money for the chapter, it was noted. No formal action taken.

Summer picnic: Possible site is Melcher property on Upper Berlin Road used as 3D bow hunting location. Jim Cota to check on availability. The board informally agreed picnic should be about a month after TFOY tour.

Next Meeting: Bob and Mary Brendle will host the next board meeting along the banks of the Calipooia River. The meeting is for Thursday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. Tim Otis agreed to do the meeting minutes for Larry Mauter.

Adjournment: Lee Peterman move, Jim Merzenich second adjourn at 8:30 p.m. until Sept. 6. Unanimous.

— Draft minutes submitted by acting board secretary Larry Mauter.