

# Linn County Small Woodlands Association

**Board of directors meeting minutes,** Thursday  
March 7, 2019

**Location:** Lee Peterman and Shirley Jolliff  
residence, Scio

**Attendance:** Sherm Weld, Mary Brendle, Brad  
Withrow-Robinson, Lee Peterman, Tim Otis, Jim  
Merzenich, Joe Holmberg, Bonnie Marshall, Larry  
Mauter, acting secretary

**Meeting called to order** by Lee Peterman at 7:04  
p.m. Introductions and welcome to new board  
member Sherman Weld.

**Minutes from annual meeting and Dec. 6  
meeting:** Approved Jan. 19 corrected minutes;  
Approved Dec. 6 meeting minutes with spelling  
correction Kevin Van Cleve.

## **Treasurer's report:**

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Treasurer, Linn County Small Woodlands

Association

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**Woodlands Information Night:** Jim Merzenich reported about 25 people in attendance for March 6 event hosted by our chapter at OSU Extension office. Speakers were Matt Fehrenbacher of Trout Mountain Forestry in Corvallis — he spoke about management plans for small woodlands owners — and Jim Merzenich on Oak Basin tree farm products including cattle, essential oils, broom sticks and timber.

## **Old Business**

**Articles for Bark and newspapers:** Upcoming Bark deadline is March 15. Presidents column and Woodlands information night wrap to be written by Lee. Larry has seedling sale folo with art. Stories by Katie Kohl and TFOY tour held for space in last issue. Also directors' box needs update. Seedling sale stories and art ran in Lebanon and Sweet Home papers and the Growing publication from OSU Extension.

**Seedling sale:** Bonnie Marshall reported annual event “a huge success this year.” Nearly half of the 275 total sales were pre-orders. Gross sales reached \$17,500. Date for 2020 sale will be Saturday, February 1 with setup Jan. 31. About 9,000 seedlings were sold, about 100 volunteers worked over the two days. Ordering for next year. 25th annual sale — will begin soon.

On Woods-Goods, board discussed whether to continue that section of seedling sale day.

Consensus was for board to decide at June meeting whether to continue. Event name issue also discussed.

**Membership:** Jim Merzenich reported membership holding steady, about 110. About 10 percent of total have not renewed, but they likely will. Jim and board members to make phone contacts from that list. Events like TFOY picnic continue to draw in new members.

**Robert Mealey project update:** Larry Mauter and Jim Cota reported on March 5 meeting with Linn County Parks Director Brian Carroll. Nine chapter members met with Carroll at Sunnyside Park near Sweet Home to discuss possibilities of Mealey demonstration forest at the park. Carroll suggested a possible location at the north end of the park

between the ranger residence and the fish ponds. Following discussion, board agreed to have Joe Holmberg write a letter to Brian Carroll stating we are interested in placing the Mealey demonstration forest at Sunnyside or possibly another county park. Holmberg will also draw up a possible plot plan for the site. Letter to be sent ahead of county Parks Commission meeting March 14.

**Endowment monitor and signatory:** Tim Otis move and Lee Peterman second giving direction for Tim Otis to confirm with Shirley Holmberg that Otis and Holmberg are signers. Tim to report back to the board at the June meeting. Approved.

**Linn County SWA website:** Traffic light at sight as of January. Larry Mauter will begin using blogging feature for news stories and updates. Blog material can come from membership and board members on timely information. Motion to approve Mauter to use blog element approved.

**OSWA products:** Lee Peterman updated board on OSWA logo retail venture. Organization of procedure has been streamlined. Help for Tree School products sales still needed.

## New Business

**Tree farmer of year:** Tim and Kathy Otis, managers of Farm and Four-est LLC, are being nominated as Linn County TFOY. The Otis Family works 300 acres near Brownsville with other family members as a limited liability corporation. Board members discussed a possible June date for the TFOY picnic.

**Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pine Association:** Informational item. Mike Barsotti, OSWA president, is looking for someone to revive dormant pine group. No action taken. Jim Merzenich to contact possible interested party.

**NNRG / OSU survey:** Informational. No action taken.

**Committee chair review:** Informational. Terms of Bonnie Marshall and Jonathan Christie expire next January. No action taken.

**Adjournment:** Move and second to adjourn to Thursday June 6 at 7 p.m. at covered picnic site No. 3 at Waterloo Park. Larry Mauter to reserve site with county.

-- Draft minutes by Larry Mauter