

LCSWA
Minutes
Meeting of 09-05-2019
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Present:

Jonathan Christie, Bonnie Marshall, Bill Bowling, Tim Otis, Lee Peterman, Larry Mauter, Jim Cota, Joe Holmberg, Shirley Holmberg, Jim Merzenich, Brad Withrow-Robinson (*ex officio*), Katie Kohl (*ex officio*),

Minutes:

Minutes from June meeting approved by voice vote. Approved.

Treasurer Report: (Shirley)

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:

Quarterly Bark (Larry)

Submit something now. Ideas are welcome. Deadline is the 15th.

Larry stated we've gotten good coverage of events and also had good media coverage in local newspapers.

Seedling Sale Update (Bonnie)

25th annual sale this year.

Bulk of ordering done.

Last year's order form was distributed for review.

Coast redwood may be off due to them "falling over."

Bonnie needs a few species from Jim Cota to increase numbers—e.g., noble fir.

We'll try a small order of oak.

Should we order hemlock? Maybe just dig up a few along the road :-)

February 1st, 2020.

Membership Committee (Jim M.)

No new members in the last few months.

Free membership is given to anyone who attends one of our events. We have good retention from this. Pass out OSWA brochures when you see someone new at an event.

Jim will have a coupon or a voucher attached to flier indicating the free membership

Larry will contact the *Santiam Canyon* weekly to place an ad about our upcoming events.

Robert Mealy Endowment Committee (Jim, Joe, Larry)

Joe talked to various people involved in the history of this endowment for the sign and hasn't gotten a lot of response due to summer vacations, etc. Will continue to try.

We have been involved with the county with this and will eventually whittle down this information for a sign and other aspects to this project.

County gave up the picnic shelter for free for the picnic. (September 14th)

Larry has investigated larger Ponderosa pine trees for future plantings in the site.

Activities (Tim)

April? At LBCC? Follow-up about past topics such as forest roads?

Brad & Tim will talk and determine what and when?

Benton county will host woodland night this year. Brad will double-check if it's Linn's turn or Benton's.

Woods Goods.

Mary not here to discuss; however, we did brainstorm about how/if the sale could be changed to better. Some thoughts to consider:

What is the goal—is it to provide information or products?

Does it add value to our organization?

Is it a trade show?

Should we not charge for a table?

How could we schedule it differently for more attendance?

Endowment Monitor & Signature: (Jim M.)

Signatures are currently Jim M., Mike, B., and Shirley H. All three must sign for action.

Who should sign and how many?

Consensus to act: Shirley and Jim will check rates, get back to e-mail within 30 days and decision to be made by consensus of the board via e-mail response.

Joe & others will try to locate investment plan that was discussed already in TFOY meeting???

Website (Larry)

Updated website once a quarter. There is a \$50 charge per hour to do updates, so best to only do it after board meetings.

OSWA products (Jim)

Tentative idea = each chapter will drop ship customized hats to chapter for big events to be used by chapter to reward membership or activity level.

We think this is a good idea.

TFOY (Joe)

Those contacted said no.

MVPPA (Larry)

Ponderosa Pine Assoc. needs someone to deal with state's nursery.

Jim M. discussed how there is no longer a market for pulp or biofuel.

Lee mentioned NRCS's biochar program.

New Business

OSWA sales at annual meeting (Lee)

Robust sales.

Made good money from this.

ONREF (Lee)

We are limited due to geography (must come from general fund)

Broom Magic tour (Jim)

Turn over but now have a new crew. Possible to set up late October, or November, or December.

Jim will work with Brad to get this out ahead of time and maintain small size limit.

Summer Picnic (Larry)

Chapter does drinks. Food will be potluck.

Larry will help set up. Tim will ensure drinks and ice are there.

Scholarship (Katie)

Katie read note from graduate Mickael; she has a good job in Medford as a forest manager.

Senior from Albany (Jonah) has worked in redwood country.

Junior from Sweet Home (Daniel) has been working from CTC

Another Junior (Julie) also working from CTC

Yet another Junior (Kimberly) dual enrolled at Umpqua CC and OSU due to athletics. She won't get scholarship this year but will apply next year.

Good of the order:

Jim tried to use up time talking about huckleberries and beef. :-)

Next Meeting:

5th December, 2019 (Thursday)

Extension office

Meeting adjourned.