

LCSWA meeting of 09/09/08

Members Present:

Aaron White, Jonathan Christie, Dave Bateman, Sherm Sallee, Bud Baumgarten
Carol Cree, Rick Fletcher, Mary Brendle, Roy Stutzman

Reports:

Minutes approved by voice vote

Financial report approved by voice vote

Old Business:

DOTF: (Dave)

Tuesday mornings: October 28th Tuesday 8:00 a.m. at Aarons

Deadline for November 10th 2008

4-H Forestry Record Book (Sherm)

Budgeted \$125.00 for it, awarded through county.

Now, possibly have committee of LCSWA judge record books and assign awards.

Bud, Carol, Jonathan, Sherm, Mary, Faye.

Likely to be by the end of October.

College Scholarships (Bud)

Awarded three \$1,000 scholarships.

One is majoring in Oceanography (from West Albany)-college in Florida

Two are Forestry majors at OSU (Colton Cooley (3rd year) & one from Central Linn.

Linn County 4-H and Extension District Update (Sherm)

Argument in favor sent into voter guide (\$300.00 payment)

Campaign leader included argument from carpenter's union but without the fee.

Sherm asked to pay \$300.00 and is looking for reimbursement.

We had budgeted \$500.00 but the actual fee is lower (\$300.00). Sherm advocates to include the remaining \$200.00 into the campaign in some way.

Consensus to OK Sherm's suggestion. Bud will mail check to campaign.

Campaign is a PAC (#2251) and so each person can donate \$250.00 to campaign and have a tax deduction (according to Bud).

Sherm will find address for PAC donation.

Tree Seedling Sale (Sherm)

Order put in 1st of May for most trees from Brooks.

No deposits submitted yet.

Heritage trees will be for hardwoods, but haven't been ordered

28th of February, 2009 (Saturday)

27th will be for set-up.

Don Cree will pick up seedlings from heritage.

Possible problems with bare-root on:

Western Red

True Firs

Hemlock

Try to get as containers--possibly from Kintigh, PRT (canby), etc.

New Business:

Quarterly Bark (Sherm):

Deadline for Articles = September 15th

One article submitted from Lincoln County about new forest extension agent.

Looking for articles.

One advertizer is increasing size (Randy Perkins).

Melcher Tour/Summer Picnic Recap (Dave)

Went well and did a good job. About 30 showed up.

Wednesday Sept. 24th--Sherm speaking at Society of American Foresters "Forest Leaders Tour"

Tour's goal is to help elected officials understand the state of forestry in Linn County.

120 invitations to Linn Co. folks.

Starts at Sweet Home community center.

Woodland owners encouraged to attend.

Oct 16-17-18 in Portland

Oregon & Washington hosting the National Tree Farm convention.

Saturday Field day is free. Approximately 50 different events occurring. Flyers should have arrived already.

Site is six miles West of Banks.

Benton County "Howdy Neighbor" tour (Sept 6th)

Rick was a host for this event. About sixty attended the event.

Participants were divided into three groups--one discusses social forestry, one discusses management, one discusses products and marketing.

After about an hour, groups switch.

Benton County Small Woodlands prepared a small brochure highlighting the local events of the county association to encourage membership.

Mailings were based on property tax records (2500 or so) from Linn, Benton, Lincoln counties. Turnout was poor based upon mailings.

Membership for "Howdy Neighbor" tour for Linn County (Dave)

Dave has been considering starting one of these tours, but is hesitant.

Concerns are based on contacting people--mailing versus phone--and overall planning

Rick suggests tying this event to follow-up tours, etc.

Dave & Aaron suggest spring would be a good time. Rick volunteers to provide guidance based upon his experiences with Benton County.

Personal contact would be good. Maybe a personal note or phone call to a neighbor?

Woodland Information Night Winter 2009

Linn County is the host for this event. End of February or early March.

Maybe use this event instead of a "howdy neighbor" or somehow link these together.

Woodland would precede Howdy Neighbor would precede Tours.

Rick suggests having this information of the year (dates, etc.) by the annual meeting.

Possible date is prior to seedling sale. Tuesday February 10th Rick will reserve rooms.

Dave will set up planning meeting. Aaron, Mary, & Rick will assist.

Backup date will be another day that week (2nd week of February) followed by the following week.

Small Woodland Booth at State Fair--

No one could find it! General consensus = Pretty ineffective

Linn County Tree Farmer of the Year

Bud might convince Joe Holmberg to do this for next year (2009).

Wilco 7% Herbicide Discount (Dave)

Members can get a 7% discount at Wilco on herbicides to wilco members.

Wilco willing to give cards to Linn County members.

Dave will pursue further.

2009 Linn County Annual Meeting (Dave)

3rd Saturday in January--January 17th, 2009

Same as last year--location & times.

Possible ideas for guest speakers include:

- Rick's travelogues

- Western Regional Tree Farmer from 2008

- A tree farmer from eastside

- Sherm's Alaska photos. :-)

- Steve Mealey is probably choice #1 due to wildlife interest.

Good of the order:

Carol tells a story of a stray dog that she's wanting to get rid of.

16-18 months old; spayed; shots; needs some training. Part Shepherd and something else.

Mary is finalizing the Woodland Assistance Guide. Contact her immediately with any suggestions.

Next Meeting:

December 9nd (second Tuesday in December) 6:30 p.m. at
Carol Cree's residence.

Adjourned.