

Linn County Small Woodlands Association
Annual Meeting Notes
Saturday, January 19, 2013

Approximately 90 guests present.

Scholarship Winner—Katie Kohl-- Brock Cota and Kristen Tolle, who each gave thanks and insights into their forestry work and classes at OSU.

4-H presentations—Fay Sallee made each 4-H member make a small presentation of tree identification and other nifty facts. Eight total presentation.

Seedling Sale/GFTLW—Sherm--

Sherm tried to guilt the audience into helping more with the seedling sale set-up. We'll see if this works to increase volunteers. He passed out the clipboard and alternated between begging and groveling :-)

Sherrie Springer's Legislative Update--

Elephant in the room is PERS reform. It will happen but will it be meaningful? That's the debate.

Legislative leadership is shifting to the more liberal side.

DOF has a good relationship with the Fed (at least in terms of fire suppression).

Questions from the floor-- Trap-free Oregon Initiative—What's going to happen with it?

Door Prizes—one reason people are here :-)

Business Meeting:

Treasures Report

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.

Election of Officers for 2013.

New officers or those whose terms are being renewed are in **Bold**

President: **Mike Barsotti**

First Vice President: **Jim Merzenich**

Second Vice President: Mary Brendle

Director: Ed Landis (2nd year of 3 year term)

Director: **Bill Bowling (2 year term)**

Director: **Jim Cota (1 year term)**

Secretary: **Jonathan Christie**

Treasurer: **Shirley Holmberg**

Past President: Tim Otis

Standing committees as stated.

Tree Farmer of the Year: Joe Holmberg

Education: Fay Sallee

Quarterly Bark: Sherm Sallee

Scholarships: Katie Kohl

State Fair: Katie Kohl

Programs: Aaron White, Mike Melcher

There were no nominations from the floor.

Ed Merzenich moved to approve the proposed slate of officers for 2013 by unanimous vote and the motion was seconded by Kathy Otis. The slate of officers was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

End of Business Meeting

OSWA Presentation—Jim James--

Last year OSWA had a big deficit. Linn County Chapter gave rebate back to assist in 2012.

Board has aggressive membership drive. OSWA needs 1500 members to be happy.

Perhaps the smaller fee for smaller landowners will provide some growth.

Annual Meeting is in planning stage. 14th-15th of June in Roseburg.

Lobbying—Wildfire Protection Act for changes to funding and liability for fire. Pole Building bill.

OTF Presentation—Jim James--

Tree farm cannot be free anymore, so OTF is trying to get people to donate.

Joint FSC/ATF planning template will be official on July. See how this goes to have one management plan type of thing for everyone to accept.

Door Prizes—another reason we're here.

Oregon Woodland Coop—Neil Schroeder--

Bundled Firewood—712 bundles to 13 stores on Monday

Boughs—6 shops = \$7,000 in sales.

Grants= produced a website; DVDs with instructions;

Essential Oils—developing a shelf-retail model.

\$100 to join; \$50 thereafter.

Featured Speakers--

Fran Cafferata Coe—Oregon's Forest & Wildlife.

Key idea—it's the structure that matters. You can get "old growth structure" in a younger-growth stand if you make good management decisions. Animals will move and change community structured based upon the forest's structure.

Jim & Ed Merzenich—Linn County Tree Farmer of the Year 2012--

Jackets for them are on Mike Barsotti's couch :-)
Presentation and video of the Tree Farm.

Good of the Order—Dave & Brad--

Activities—Calendar of Events distributed. Presentation on broomsticks.
Tree Farmers for 2013—No candidate yet. Please make a suggestion.

Meeting Adjourned.