

**LCSWA**  
**Minutes**  
**Meeting of 06-12-2014**  
Home of Jim Merzenich

Present:

Mike Barsotti, Dave Bateman, Jonathan Christie, Shirley Holmberg, Mary Brendle, Jim Merzenich, Sherm Sallee, Tim Otis, Bill Bolling, Dan Thackaberry.

**Minutes:**

Minutes are approved by consensus with some corrections of names.

**Treasures Report**

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Treasurer, Linn County Small Woodlands Association  
c/o 39980 Mount Hope Dr  
Lebanon, OR 97355-9426

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**Old Business:**

Twilight Tour Review (Dave)

Few people stayed to eat, approximately 10 out of forty.

Went well; reasonable walk; handouts were nice; good participation.

LC Tree Farmer of the Year (Mike)--

Butzs's are tree farmers of the year.

Bob Mealy Fund (everyone)

Two questions arise:

What to do procedurally/legally about the policies and amendments regarding this account?

What should we do with the money? Should we partner with another organization? Is it only for Linn county?

Need to do this in conjunction with Bylaws changes and Ameriprise account switch.

**New Business:**

Tours (everyone)

Howdy Neighbor Tour (August 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Quarterly Bark (Sherm)

Mike used the "cap key" defense to defend not having his article done.

Sherm's response = "If it isn't in by the 15<sup>th</sup>, forget it."

Sherm began throwing guilt at Dave to write up a twilight tour piece.

Summer Picnic (Dave)

August 9<sup>th</sup> (Saturday). Time TBA at Holmberg's pine and ash plantation.

Seedling Sale (Sherm)

Orders in to Brooks.

Mark the dates: 6-7 of February, 2015. Note the week earlier than most years!

By-Laws (Mary)

Mary distributed a proposed copy of new bylaws. Bill will scan and distribute to the board. Lots of discussion regarding these. How should board be structured? What to do with officers vs. directors? What positions should be voted upon at the annual meeting? Specific jobs?

We should have a policy document to accompany these. Also, think of ways to maintain an institutional memory. Consider these at the same time as Bylaws.

Give all changes to By-laws to Mary by the 20 of August for finalization at Sept. meeting in prep for the annual meeting.

Financial Assistance Committee (Bill)

Mike will do backflips!

Proposal is to put a presence in front of NRCS & other groups to see what kind of financial assistance can be used by our members. They need to hear from us about what we need.

We should have a representative of LCSWA to these organizations.

We are in consensus on having a person do this and get a personal relationship with the groups and assist the members in how to contact these groups. Tim, Bill and Jim will be the pointmen on this.

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Next meeting:**

7:00 p.m.

Sept. 3, 2014

hosted by:

Jonathan with Sherm as backup.