

Linn County Small Woodlands Association
Annual Meeting Notes
Saturday, January 17, 2015

Approximately 110 guests present including the young ones.

Scholarship Winners—presented by Katie Kohl:

Kristen = Junior at OSU in forestry resources & business minor.

Mikala = planning on going to OSU in forestry resources.

Jim James explained the OSWA scholarship: \$10,000 for natural resources majors. Only two applicants last year. Jim encouraged members to apply. Contact OSWA for an application.

4-H award—presented by Fay Sallee:

Fourteen members of the 4-H club presented their projects. An increase in three from last year. Each 4-H member told what they learned as part of the projects in temporal order:

Colin = told of removing deer guards

Emily = told of making bird houses.

Jonathan = told of swags.

Nathan = told of wreaths.

Joshua = told of using a plant press.

Grace = told of having Tiffany Young's speech on lichens.

Madeline = told of teaching tarp shelters and tracking.

Declan = told of teaching how to build a fire, map skills, and tracking.

Kim = told of how to key plants.

Mathew = told of summer workshops that use these skills.

Sarah = told of mountain cards.

Emma = told of pressing wildflowers.

Morgan = told of using site analysis sheets.

Nathan (again) = told of the fair work = set-up, judging, note taking, and other work.

Daniel = told of record books and their contents.

The 4-H members did a great job speaking loudly and knowing their stuff.

Fay also thanked the judges who judged the interviews:

Lon & Laura Rankin

Bob & Mary Brendle

Seedling Sale/GFTLW—Sherm--

Sherm tells how the pre-orders have made us break even right now, before the sale.

He's beginning to run out of stuff, but he'll order more.

Sherm sent around a sign-up sheet for working the sale. Sherm also accosted people at the door just in case you didn't sign the sheet the first time. I'm surprised he didn't bring a cane to grab people as they left. :-)

Local Forest Products Expo —Mary Brendle--

Mary reminded people about the local wood products expo in conjunction with the seedling sales.

Door Prizes—Ed, Ed & Dave--

Winners are: (all spelling is approximate)

Wilco Cards =	Grace Lower & Matthew Kincaid
OSU Srench =	Dan Thackaberry & Jonathan Nabor
OWC items =	Nathan Kincaid
Artisan Lights Lights =	Ron Rankin & Conner Tigh

Business Meeting:

Treasurers Report—Shirley Holmberg:

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.

By-laws

New (recapitulated) by-laws were discussed. Small typo changes presented to the secretary to be included in official bylaws of record.

Motion: By-laws as submitted be approved in entirety.

2nd. Approved by voice vote. Unanimous.

New Directors

New directors were presented as defined by new by-laws. No nominations from the floor.

Motion: Slate of directors as submitted be approved.

2nd. Approved by voice vote. Unanimous.

Motion from the floor:

Mary moved support for seedling sale help be increased to \$1,600.

Motion discussed, 2nd, passed by voice vote. Unanimous.

End of Business Meeting

OSWA Presentation—Jim James--

Sherm & Fay were selected as OSWA outstanding volunteers of the year.

Legislative session is going and OSWA will defend family forest owners views. Bills of concern include:

Use of pesticides on forestland.

How to pay for fire protection.

Marion-Polk county chapter will host OSWA annual meeting. This meeting will include tour of the Linda Butts property and a tree school at Chemeketa.

OSWA met its goal of growing 4% per year.

No questions from the floor.

NRCS = Nathan Adelman

Funding has decreased some, but still have conservation funds.

Environmental Quality program focuses on oak habitat. Financial Assistance

Conservation Stewardship program is for good conservation. Rules will come out soon.

No questions from the floor.

Membership Survey = Bill:

Result highlights of the survey are:

57/112 responded, representing 54,447 acres of forestland.

43 have fish-bearing streams.

34 have a management plan.

Everybody were planning on thinning or killing weeds.

More Door Prizes

Gloves =

Shirley Holmberg & Linda Butts

Books =

Steve Kohl, Jon Westall.

Essential oils =

Evelyn Kincaid, Steve Kincaid, &

Hat =

Fay Sallee

Mugs =

Karen Wilson

Artisan Lights =

Pat Wheeler & ????

Aloe Plants =

Debbi Bowling, Ed Merzenich, another Kincaid, Kristen,

Notebook =

Betty Udell.

Presentations:

Tree Farm Honoring of the Denisons.

Linda Butts Tour = Tour Friday 19 June 2015.

Jacket presentation to Linda.

Outstanding Tree Farmer sign also presented.

Scandinavian Tour

Jim enraptured the audience with the slide show.

Next trip is planned sometime in 2017.

Good of the Order—

Brad Withrow-Robinson's Update

Brad distributed a sheet showing events for the coming year.

Everyone should read this document and are encouraged to attend events in this and neighboring counties.

Master Woodland Managers were recognized.

Joe Holmberg were recognized as a MWM of Excellence.

2015 Linn County Tree Farmer of the Year Candidate

Joe said we need names for nominees for Tree Farmer of the Year.

Meeting Adjourned.