

Linn County Small Woodlands Assoc. March 5, 2020 draft minutes, submitted by Larry Mauter

Meeting called to order by chapter President Lee Peterman at 6:52 p.m.

Location, Bonnie and Lance Marshall residence, Sublimity. Introductions followed.

Present: Lee Peterman, Bonnie Marshall, Shirley Holmberg, Jane Hufford-Strom, Dave Strom, Larry Mauter, Jim Merzenich, Tim Otis and Mike Barsotti.

Review and approval of minutes: Discussion, minor corrections to minutes of 12-5-19 and 1-18-2020, including language on RHM Pine fund investment moves. Motion to approve Tim Otis, second Bonnie Marshall. Motion unanimous.

Treasurer's report: Shirley Holmberg provided statements of balances in association accounts. She also provided expenditure sheets on the 2020 seedling sale and explained the laddering process being used in money market accounts connected to the RHM Pine Fund.

Following the report the board discussed the idea of increasing the annual university forestry scholarships for the upcoming year only from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Motion to approve, Larry Mauter, Second Tim Otis. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Jane Hufford-Strom; second Bonnie Marshall. Approved unanimously.

Old Business, committee reports

Publications: Larry Mauter reported Bark deadline in March 15. Sherm pulling together piece on new forest deputy Brian Hardy. Seedling sale folo and Lee column also in package.

Seedling sale: Chairwoman Bonnie Marshall sorted through details of the 25th annual seedling sale. "It was a resounding success" she said, adding "Thanks to all the volunteers and the amazing people that make it happen." Overall 11,600 seedlings were sold. There were 203 pre-orders and 136 orders sold on Saturday, Feb. 1. Estimated profit on the sale after scholarships was \$9,500.

Membership: Jim Merzenich reported continued steady growth, with about six new members joining in recent months. Membership now approaching 120 in Linn County.

Robert Mealey project: Update presented by Larry Mauter. Sign wording proposals shown to board. Jim Cota will be working with Lonny Wunder of Linn County Parks on the pine planting site. Still ahead is selection of sign-building company, possible involvement of Sweet Home High School forestry class. Art for sign still being gathered. No board action required.

Activity committee: Lee Peterman reported Mary Brendle stepping down as activities coordinator. Peterman offered to fill the post after presidency if needed. Broom Magic broom to be coming her way.

Local woods fair: Lee Peterman reported on turnout at booths set up on seedling sale Saturday. Mostly informational booths with some vendors selling wood products.

TFOY — No report. Still looking for candidates for 2020. Lee a possibility.

OSWA products: Report from Lee Peterman. Had update with Bill Bowling relating to stock .

New Business

Scholarship update: No report

4-H update: Fay Sallee requested a master woodlands manager for a March 20 4-H project.

ONREF — OSWA President Mike Barsotti presented a proposal that our chapter join five other chapters to enter the Oregon Natural Resources Education Fund.

Benton, Lane, Washington, Columbia and Yamhill had previously agreed to provide \$18,000 of the \$25,000 necessary to create the grant program to be administered by the Oregon Community Fund, said Barsotti.

The establishment of an OSWA ONREF sub fund will provide more support to high school forestry education programs, said Barsotti, and involve OSWA in the annual selection and awarding grants to Oregon high schools. Sweet Home, Scio and Stayton are local high schools that have received past ONREF grants, he said.

After board discussion, Tim Otis moved for the Linn Chapter to contribute \$7,000 to the fund on a one-time basis. The motion included using money from the seedling-sale saving account, a source of money for scholarships and educational projects.

Shirley Holmberg seconded motion. Unanimous approval.

Broom MagicTour: Jim Merzenich updated board. Tour to take place in new facility. TBA.

Tree school volunteers: Lee Peterman looking to staff the OSWA products booth.

Retiring board members: No action

Next meeting: Merzenich family to host next board meeting at Oak Basin tree farm, south of Brownsville. Meeting set for Thursday June 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. by Tim Otis, second Larry Mauter. Approved unanimously.