

# Coos Curry Small Woodlands Association

## 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Coos Curry Small Woodlands Association was called to order on February 18, 2011 at 7:15 pm at the Red Lion Hotel in Coos Bay, Oregon. Marie Gale, President, presiding. Board Members Marie Gale, Jason Wartnik, Bob Beers and Cilde Grover were present; Kent Tressider was absent. The meeting was attended by a total of 35 members (including Board Members).

### Minutes

Volunteers for the Minutes Committee were sought. There being no objection, Nancy Grayson and Lyn Boniface were appointed as the 2011 Minutes Committee.

### President's Report

Marie Gale gave the President's Report.

*This has been a fairly quiet year.*

*The Tree Sale last March went very well, especially due to the advance orders arranged by Roy Hendrick. The Treasurer's report will give the exact figures.*

*Due to the seedling shortage this year, we will not be having a tree sale in March as originally planned.*

*This year we gave our first Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee will be giving a report on this.*

*We've been planning activities for the coming year.*

*On Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, we have a tour of Southport Forest Products Mill in Coos Bay.*

*We have two property tours scheduled for the summer. The Grover Property in Brookings on July 9<sup>th</sup> and the Chandler Family Ranch on August 13<sup>th</sup>. One of these tours will be a Howdy Neighbor Tour in conjunction with OSWA State offices.*

*We will also have a presence at the Coos County Fair July 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> in the Natural Resources Fair Booth, and are working to see what we can arrange for the Curry County Fair, which is that same weekend.*

*Resignations were recently received from Roy Hendrick and Ryan Mahaffey, both of whom are unable to continue to serve on the Board of Directors due to other personal commitments. Both Roy and Ryan are thanked for their past participation and contribution.*

### Treasurer's Report

The Tree sale last March netted \$690.05 (after expenses). Membership rebate for 2010 from the State Office was \$730.

As of Feb 18, 2011, the chapter has \$5,126.82 in the bank.

### Nominating Committee Report

[The Nominating Committee completed their work to present nominees for the two Board Terms ending in 2011 prior to the Board receiving resignations from Roy Hendrick and Ryan Mahaffey.]

*The Nominating Committee nominates Marie Gale and Jayson Wartnik for re-election for a two year term.*

**Jim Boniface** and **Bob Mahaffey** were nominated from the floor to fill the additional two vacant seats.

Since there were 4 candidates and 4 seats, **Marie Gale, Jayson Wartnik, Jim Boniface** and **Bob Mahaffey** were elected by acclamation.

### **Scholarship Committee Report**

Jayson Wartnik gave the Scholarship Committee Report.

*As approved at last year's annual meeting the scholarship committee distributed scholarship applications to each of the high schools in Coos and Curry County. We received 16 applications from graduating seniors. The committee reviewed each of the applications and selected Rebekah Wagner of Langlois the winner of the scholarship. While there a lot of impressive applicants, Rebekah stood out. She is attending Cornish College of the Arts, a private arts conservatory in Seattle. Her career goal is to earn a masters degree in music education and teach at the university level. A press release announcing her receipt of our scholarship went out on November 30th to local news agencies.*

*Last year's scholarship program was a success. The scholarship committee moves to award an annual scholarship following the following guidelines.*

- 1. The Board of Directors created a standing scholarship committee comprised of at least 3 chapter members. The scholarship committee will be responsible for distributing applications to each school and selecting the scholarship recipient(s) from the pool of applicants submitted by the schools. The scholarship committee should include at least one resident from Coos and Curry Counties and a chapter board member to be a liaison with the chapter board.**
- 2. Each year the chapter board will allocate \$1,000 annually to be awarded in scholarships by the scholarship committee provided sufficient funds are available.**
- 3. The scholarship recipient will be selected from a pool of one or two applicants submitted by each of the public high schools in Coos and Curry Counties, with the following criteria:**
  - a. Preference will be given to a student from a timber or agricultural dependent family.**
  - b. 3.0 minimum GPA**
  - c. Any bachelor degree program (may start at a community college)**
  - d. Financial need is a prime consideration**
  - e. Provide evidence of lifetime goals and plans for achieving them.**
- 4. In years that two scholarships are awarded, a student from each county will be selected.**
- 5. The Coos-Curry Chapter of Oregon Small Woodlands Association Scholarship will first be awarded in 2010.**
- 6. That this decision stands for 3 year and will be reviewed in 2014 at the Annual Meeting.**

Motion passed as amended.

### **New Business**

Many of us and other small woodland owners have been affected by the shortage of seedlings this year. Lack of seedlings has also impacted the chapter because we've had to cancel our seedling sale. Tristan Huff, our OSU Extension Forester, brought it to the attention of our board that there are some OSWA chapters that act as a sort of co-op center, contracting with the nursery for seedlings on behalf of the members and others.

The Board of Directors discussed the possibilities and felt that this may be a beneficial activity for the chapter. It could assist members in reducing planting costs, give certainty that correct planting stock will be available when needed, and provide trees for future tree sales, thereby generating revenue for the chapter.

However, since this would be a substantially new direction for the chapter to go, the board feels that approval from the membership is necessary before proceeding.

Therefore, the Board of Directors moved:

***A Committee shall be established to determine the feasibility of the Coos Curry Small Woodlands Association contracting for tree seedlings on behalf of members and/or non-members and for resale by the Association.***

***The Committee shall consist of at least three and not more than seven members.***

***The Committee is charged with:***

- ***Surveying current members and local small woodland owners about their seedling needs and interest in participating with CCSWA for seedling purchases.***
- ***Researching seedling contract programs instituted by other OSWA chapters, including their success rate and the financial impact on the chapter.***
- ***Gathering any other necessary information from whatever sources.***
- ***Making final recommendations to the Board of Directors as to whether the Association should institute a program of contracting for seedlings, and, if so, submitting proposed guidelines and policies for the program.***

***The Committee shall submit their final report to the Board of Directors by September 30, 2011.***

***IF the Committee recommends proceeding with a seedling contract program and if the program can be instituted without substantial financial risk to the Association, the Board of Directors may proceed with the contract seedling program in 2011.***

***IF the Committee does not recommend proceeding with the contract seedling program or if there may be substantial financial risk to the Association, the Committee Report will be referred to the membership at the next Annual Meeting.***

Motion passed.

There being no further business, Annual Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Approved by the 2011 Minutes Committee

Nancy Grayson and Lyn Boniface