



OREGON TREE FARM SYSTEM

Our Values: Connectivity; Collaboration; Stewardship; Inclusivity; Gratitude
Our Mission: Empowering private landowners to manage their forests sustainably
Our Purpose: Impacting the world by making Oregon a better place one acre at a time

2023 OTFS Members' Meeting Minutes: November 4, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: 11:40

Reading Values, Mission, Purpose Statement: Steve Cafferata

Julie Woodward: Discussed the role of OFRI's partnership with The Oregon Gardens. A big thank you to Little Leaf Café and Gear-Up, Silverton for catering our event today. A big thank you also to Wylda and Steve for all the work they have done with OTFS and in planning today's event.

Introduction of the Board: Board members were introduced and stood for recognition.

Comments from the Co-Chairs: Steve and Wylda

- Discussion of the various work groups and the different projects they work on each year.
- Certification update: There are now 70+ inspectors and 16 district coordinators. The inspectors present were asked to stand for recognition. The goal has been to inspect all tree farms at least every 5 years. There has been a tremendous amount of work accomplished by the inspectors this year and a great reduction in certificates that are still out of date. In addition to all the recertifications, there have been 4 new tree farms added this year. A big thank you to all inspectors for the huge amount of work done this year.

Comments from Regional Director Parks Brigman: Parks was introduced as our Western Regional Director. Parks shared his background growing up in South Dakota with grandparents who owned a tree farm in the mountains of Virginia. He is a Forester by trade and enjoys working with tree farmers, leaders, and volunteers.

- State Tree Farm Systems existed before the National Tree Farm System.

- There are 5 ATFS staff members who work nationwide with tree farm inspectors on a way to keep the credibility of the tree farm certificate while also keeping the process workable for tree farms and foresters.
- The National Leadership Conference will be in March.
- ATFS is excited to be able to work with family forest tree farmers and the positive impact their management can have upon climate change.
- Family Carbon Program: While not available in the western states yet, ATFS is working on finding a data system that will match with the family forest systems. When the Family Carbon Program does become available here, tree farmers will be an important resource to work with the program and help spread the word to other landowners.
- A big thank you to Steve and Wylida for all their work with the program.

Vote in New Members: Dave Bugni; Mary Chamness; Kate McMichael; Darren Goodding; Sue Zeni AND vote in Members who are committing to serving another term: Mike Barsotti, Wylida & Steve Cafferata, Dick Courter.

- Gordon Culbertson is transitioning from the OTFS board to the OSWA board.
- Clint Bentz and Rex Storm are transitioning to Advisors to the Board roles.
- Rob Guttridge moved that OTFS Vote in New Members: Dave Bugni; Mary Chamness; Kate McMichael; Darren Goodding; Sue Zeni AND vote in Members who are committing to serving another term: Mike Barsotti, Wylida & Steve Cafferata, Dick Courter.
- Norm Michaels seconded the motion.
- The motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Gordon Culbertson:

- The OTFS Board thanked Gordon for his service to the Board and wishes him well in his new role as President-elect of OSWA.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Zeni

- Overall OTFS is in good shape financially.
- Thank you for all the dues and donations this year.
- Changes this year; our funds are now in accounts that earn interest, and we hired an outside accountant to look over and reconcile the books.

- Sue is available to answer any individual questions.

Memorial Fund Report: Dick Courter

- Dick provided copies of the Annual Report OTFS Memorial Fund January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.
- Dick reviewed the strict rules for how the funds are used and their current values.
- We are down a small amount in total donations for this year.
- Dick welcomes any new donations that can be received and deposited into the fund.

OTFS video created by Landowner Journey Working Group

- As a group we watched the OTFS video created by Landowner Journey Working Group. It was amazing. Thank you for all your hard work making it.

Adjourned 12:07