



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

2024 OTFS Members' Meeting Minutes November 16, 2024

Meeting Called to Order: 12:00

Secretary Report: Mary Chamness

- 2023 OTFS Members' Meeting Minutes: November 4, 2023
 - Copies of the 2023 Member's Meeting Minutes were made available on each table and approved by consensus by OTFS Members present.
- Thank you for the over 150 donations made to OTFS in 2024- it has made a tremendous difference.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Zeni

- We are in good shape financially. Thank you for all the donations that has helped make this possible.
- Sue presented and discussed the large income and expense items in the following reports: 2024 Nov Budget Graph, 2024 Tree Farm System Budget Nov 15, 2024, 2025 Draft Tree Farm System Budget Nov 10, 2024, Balance Sheet Nov 10 2024.

Memorial Fund: Dick Courter

- The Memorial Fund started years ago with a \$10 donation. At years end in 2023 it was valued at \$158,000 and as of November 12th this year it is valued at close to \$250,000!
- The Memorial Fund can now accept donations of multiple types such as being written into estate plans and property donations. Donation envelopes are available on all the tables for those who would like to contribute.

Vote in Board Members Dave Wells; Pam & Jock Dalton; Rick Barnes: Steve and Wylda

- Dick Courter made a motion that we vote in the new board members Dave Wells, Pam & Jock Dalton, and Rick Barnes. Gordon Culberson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Welcome new board members!

Comments from the Co-Chairs: Steve and Wylda Cafferata

- Changes in board positions: Darren Goodding will be taking over as the OTFS chair and Dave Bugni will become the chair elect.
- Working groups:
 - Reviewed the history of how working groups were founded and the transformations within our board.

- The Certification Working Group has been doing a tremendous amount of work to complete the backlog of tree farm inspections. Currently there are over 90 inspectors. A huge thank you to all the inspectors!
- Landowner Journey Working Group- thank you to Wylde, Kate, Margarete, Lauren, Darren, and Mary for arranging for today's annual meeting.

Celebratory Song: There is a Forest sung by Kate McMichael

2024/2025 AWARDS & Recognition

- 2024 Oregon Inspector of the Year – **Shavonne Sargent** (Presented by Steve Cafferata & Norm Michaels)
- 50 Year Sign Presentation – Wakefield Farms, Presented to Kim Catton & Jennifer Wiley (Presented by Steve & Wylde)
- Hagenstein Award: **Mike Barsotti** (Presented by Steve & Wylde)
- Co-Chairs Award (Presented by Steve & Wylde) Pollinator Award - **Kate McMichael**
- 2024 Tree Farmer of the Year sign – **Pam & Jock Dalton** (Presented by Steve and Wylde)
- 2024 County Tree Farmers of the Year, Awards presented by the 2024 OR Tree Farmers of the Year (OTFY), Jock and Pam Dalton
 - Benton County – Rich Clark, **Rich Clark**
 - Douglas County – Big K Guest Ranch, Gary and Seth Williamson, **Big K Guest Ranch & Kesterson Bros Logging**
 - Lane County – John and Alesanne Dugan, **Dugan Family Tree Farm**
 - Linn County – Steve and Katie Kohl, **STEVE AND KATIE KOHL, SIRIUS WOODS**
 - Washington County – Tom and Julia Tibbs, **BUXTON FOREST and FARM TIBBS FAMILY**
 - Yamhill County – Neil Schroeder, Laurie and Jim Marsh, **Schroeder and O'Neil Tree Farm**
- 2025 Tree Farmers of the Year Awards, Presented by 2024 OTFY Pam & Jock Dalton
 - 2025 Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year Silver Award – **Buxton Forest and Farm, Tibbs Family**
 - 2025 Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year – **Big K Guest Ranch & Kesterson Bros Logging**
- Special Recognition
 - Thank you to Dick Courter who served as recognition chair for years and who has been a wonderful mentor.
 - Steve and Wylde Cafferata- a huge thank you for all of the work you have done for OTFS, especially these past 3 years as co-chairs!!!

Adjourn Meeting: 2:20