

Oregon Country Fair LUMP Committee meeting March 15, 2016

7:00 at OCF town office

Present: Dennis Todd, Robert Albano, Joseph Newton, DJ Rogers, Bear Pitts, Thom Barr, Ann Rogers, Jain Elliott (scribe), Brad Lerch (briefly). Go-to-Meeting: Steve Wisnovsky.

Announcements: Thom says he doesn't know the full extent of the *Geranium lucidum* problem, but about 15 people picked this weekend. If ten to fifteen times that number showed up every year, earlier in the year, forever, we should be able to push it to the edges. Burning or poisoning won't work. Steve thinks there should be more community outreach. There doesn't seem to be a biological control.

Minutes from last month were approved.

Old business

Edits to LUMP manual to incorporate language about tree stewardship & maintaining the forest in a natural state, minimizing our intervention into tree life cycles. Dennis will email minor corrections to Robert.

Booth packet materials, other outreach due 3/26. Should include a photo of *Geranium lucidum*. Also websites for more info, and a QR code that they can read with their phones, and info about when it needs to be pulled (Fair time's too late.) Instructions to consult the Site Manager before doing any tree work, planting any trees, or any tree related issues, & info on green zones. Invitation to come up to booth 491 MOST (map organizing & sharing team) for mapping overlays display, info about GIS project. 400 half sheets should be enough for packets & extras.

Beaver deceivers: big perforated pipe feeding a smaller pipe that goes through the dam with an elbow that points up a few meters downstream. If the beaver doesn't hear the water moving she might not plug it up. Clemens beaver pond leveler seems to be the most effective. We could make siphons with flex pipe and empty the pond over the dam. Steve recommends DJ contact Cody French. Says we probably won't decide whether we need to do something this year until mid June. If we take it down in the morning the beavers will have it back up by the afternoon, but the siphons might fool them. Dennis says if we are going to disturb the dam, we should consult with wildlife biologists first to make sure we don't have adverse impacts on the life in the pond. Steve says we just need to keep that corner of the field dry.

Options for stickered parking: Robert suggests focus groups to identify why people need to bring their cars, what it would take to get their stuff & their crew in without individual vehicle stickers. Midnight bus riders wouldn't need camping passes or parking. Off site parking with shuttles. Should we ask the GM to talk to the school district & the city? Are we selling parking spaces we don't have (both to the public & to staff)? Dennis will give the LUMP report to the next board meeting, emphasizing this issue. (Brad says this is where the agreement with Domaine Meriwether came from--management has been aware of this.)

There will be no vehicle traffic past Arc Park this year.

April: Steward Ship display, looking for grants

May: more Steward Ship display, work on 2017 guidelines for invasives

next meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2016, Joseph's birthday