

Oregon Country Fair LUMP meeting

February 12, 2019. 7:00 – 9:00 PM upstairs at the OCF office.

Dennis Todd, Robert Albano, Bear Pitts, Thom Barr, Ron Constable (fisheries biologist), Shane Harvey, Aimee Goglia (fisheries), Dean Walton, DJ Rogers. Scribe: Jain Elliott. Go-to-meeting: Steve Wisnovsky, Ann Bennett Rogers, Glenn Johnson

Minutes from January approved.

Public comments & OCF aquatic survey: Glenn Johnson recommended us to Ron for our great survey opportunities. Floated with him last year, developed ideas for this year, including making sure pumps in Indian Creek aren't on top of lamprey redds and a general concern about taking water from Indian Creek at all. We don't know if lamprey will be there every year, since they don't home to their native stream. Ron,

Dennis and Shane have talked about lamprey, about the pumps in Indian Creek, and keeping as much flow as long into the summer as we can. Aimee has worked with Culture Jam on nature tours, play days, kayaking, and environmental education. Surveys show how everything connects. Aimee's expertise is safety on the water. Ron and Aimee did talks for StewardShip last year, may do more this year, with a visual piece. They have phones in wterproof cases that go underwater and take great pictures.

Robert suggests we ask Fair family for wildlife pix in the Fair Family News. Another species that might be on site is coastal cutthroat trout. Ron wants to set up more robust fish surveys. Steve says John Doscher caught cutthroat trout in the Long Tom when he was caretaker. Dennis has heard that trout used the beaver ponds as a nursery. Ron wants to snorkel or trap to document this. Might also find native red-sided shiners, black-sided dace, or another native minnow. Possibly also sand-rollers. Might be some non-native goldfish from Fern Ridge.

Missoula flood deposits were 250 feet thick at Fern Ridge, without coarser substrate like gravel or cobble, so not as welcoming a habitat. Dennis: what about bullfrogs? If we keep water standing year round, we'll have bullfrogs. Ron and Aimee found tree frogs, maybe red legged frogs.

What can we do to protect and improve the habitat, asks Dennis. What are we doing? Benign neglect, letting Indian Creek wander, keeping its flood plain. In the creek, de-channeling. Letting the beaver do their thing. It looks good, says Ron, not a lot of non-native vegetation. Ron and Aimee plan to float the river again this year and do some minnow trapping. Dennis would like to walk through the flood in Miss Piggy's. Would like to get a herpetologist. Tom Titus from UO might be willing to bring students, says Dean. Ron hopes to get started earlier this year. Recommends we talk with Pollyanna Lind about geomorphology

Staff reports: Shane says we hired a temporary employee through Staffing Partners who has been doing well. Still haven't had a flood on site, lots have been fairly dry until this last rain. Ann &

DJ & Tom Snyder took soil samples at the winery. Need to have composting out of Dodeca farm by 2020. No decision from the Board yet about the fate of the winery.

Subcommittee reports: Jain has some information on the history of Faerieworlds and the Chumleigh event at Outer Limits; Steve has history of the vineyard and winery; Shane has an article about hybrid grapes. Dennis wants to know how many acres were originally planted in grapes. Dennis met with a group interested in using prescribed burns for fuels reduction, wants to collaborate for habitat restoration. Peach Power has been dormant for a few years. Money has accumulated in the account. If we were to build a large solar array, 40,000 square feet, we could be energy net neutral, but our neighbors would be likely to object. Also the County wouldn't like us to build in the flood plain. Maybe we could use Outer Limits. Robert says if we had a smaller set-up we could network with emergency providers and establish cooperative relations with the community.

Dean showed us digital maps of the site, of water lines, of booths, portapotties, recycling stations, wash stations, gates, zones, all coded with GPS. It's been stretched so that it matches Google Maps. Ann is concerned that she can't access the archeology layers. Dean will check that out. Right now none of the information is accessible except for the people who are working on it. Robert is concerned about security, wants to be sure this is all password protected. Shane is pleased that we finally have a product.

Old business

We have decided to change our meeting time to 6 PM – 8 PM.

Long-term land conservancy plan: When Steve started in 1985, buying the land was an important organizing event. He is concerned that reverence for the land isn't as important as it once was. Our expenses keep growing. There might come a time when one year's revenue might not be enough for the start up costs for the next year. Worries that we might someday mortgage the flood plain, the connector piece between the habitats of the coast range and Fern Ridge, to meet expenses. This could be just a discussion topic until we're ready to make a recommendation to the Board. Maybe we'll attach restrictive covenants to our properties. Our natural reserve may outlive the event. Ann agrees with Steve--once it's gone it's gone. Has worked on restoration, and it's not easy. Robert says a precedent study would help—what other organizations in similar situations have done.

Draft descriptive part of winery management plan for LUMP manual: buildings—what information do we want to include? Square footage for the winery building, wall and roof composition (metal), ceiling height, power capacity, insulated, no heat, concrete pad, bathroom, two roll-up doors. Two bedroom house, wood frame, year constructed, power source, tarp roof. Storage shed: square footage, metal building, small slab concrete floor & gravel, not insulated. Crush pad next to winery building—covered slab, big open work space, no walls, concrete pad. Present condition & maintenance needs—house needs work, starting with the roof. Winery building is in good condition. Needs a high-lift to clean out the gutters. Solar access—the southern part of the property is open, but the house isn't oriented right and has big trees. Wetlands next to the highway drain down to Mauldin Marsh and the Indian Creek floodplain.

Dense vegetation, mixed native and non-native, bridged by a culvert. No analysis yet of plant or animal life there. Uplands forest: mostly Douglas fir and old growth Scotch broom, one amazing old madrone, some second growth ponderosa pine, some fruit trees, some oaks. Need area estimate.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 6:00, upstairs

Proposed dates for 2019 LUMP meetings:

March 12, Apr 9, May 14, June 11(?), Oct 15, Nov 12