

Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council
General Council Meeting

17 September 2003
Lowell, OR
6:30 PM

Present: Kim Garvey, Spunky Gray, Barb Tyler, Dan Cottrell, Barbara Hazen, Charlie Ogle, Kelly Reis, Earl Dill, Bob Sward, Stephanie Schroeder, Yotokko Kilpatrick, Keith Perchemlides, Bruce Newhouse

I. Introductions

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda - Ms Garvey.
Agenda approved as written.

III. Approve June Council Meeting Minutes - Ms Garvey
Minutes approved as written.

IV. Public Comment and Announcements

Ms Reis: ODFW has been involved with plantings at Lost Creek. They are hoping to get volunteers to help with cutting the brush around them, probably before January. She will send Ms Chinitz an announcement to publicize closer to the event.

Mr Cottrell: There will be a free trail building workshop put on by the NW Youth Corps and a mountain biking association. Fri Sept 26 is the Mt biking association promo. Sat AM will be the class and Sat PM participants will help relocate part of the Eugene to Pacific Crest Trail. Sunday will be devoted to mountain biking. Register with Ryan of the NW Youth Corps. Check the web site for further info and Ryan's phone number.

October General Council meeting is in Springfield on Oct 15. Stephanie Page will be talking about Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

October 18: English Ivy removal work party from 2 to 5 PM along Salmon Creek in Oakridge. Meet at Greenwaters Park.

ODFW will be conducting spawning surveys of Chinook in late Sept and early Oct. There will be a total of 3 days. They are looking for volunteers. The volunteers will need to have their own chest high waders. Training will be provided. Interested parties call Jared at 726-3515, ext 28.

V. Steering Committee Report - Ms Hazen

We did receive our Council Support grant from OWEB. I don't know for how much yet. I do know that it will be less than we asked for and we will need to look at raising some more funds.

We also received the Elijah Bristow State Park project grant. It is for \$60,000 instead of the \$75,000 we asked for. Mr Newhouse will be telling us more about the grant later in the program.

Ms Chinitz is not here as she is on her honeymoon. We expect her back Sept 29.

There will be a Work Plan meeting next Wed here in Lowell to tailor our work plan to fit our financial budget. Anyone interested in working on it should come to the Council Office at 6:30PM; all are welcome.

VI. Bristow Project Update-Mr Newhouse

We got our OWEB grant for the project. It is for \$60,000 instead of the \$75,000 we had hoped for. The site is a tricky site as there is a lot of sand, which makes it droughty soil. We will have to irrigate to get the trees started. State Parks has a permit to withdraw water from the Willamette. We would use a solar pump and large tank like they are doing at Buford Park.

We are planning to try three methods of weed control to try to get a native understory. The first is multiple plowings; repeated plowing knocks out the seed bank in the soil. In January or around that time we will plant trees and seeds. The trees will have a starch polymer wrap to help with water retention. The second method is snip and paint. This is using an herbicide and is geared at the blackberry and the Scot's Broom. The third method is to use a hot foam machine. However, we will have to find another source of the machine as Glen Miller doesn't have one anymore.

The project manager's job is open. The ad has been posted. Applications must be in by Oct 5. The project manager will have to plan how to plant the trees and then the blackberry and Scot's broom control in the spring. We will be planting cottonwoods, maples, incense cedars, ash and Western Red Cedar.

There is potential habitat for Western pond turtles and Oregon Chub at the site. Bullfrogs eat anything smaller than they are, including native fish fry. They are non-native from east of the Rockies. They have a 2-year cycle. The native frog is the Red legged frog. It has a 1-year cycle and needs drought.

VII. Native Plants of the Southern Willamette Valley -Mr Newhouse

The native habitats were coniferous forest, oak woodland, and prairie.

We have lost native habitat in the shift from prairie and oak habitats to urban and agricultural habitats. In 1851 the prairie was due to the Native American practice of regularly burning the fields to promote food plants, hunting, making travel easier, reducing the poison oak, and for defense purposes.

The following are invasive species of concern in the Middle Fork basin.

English Ivy: it smothers other understory vegetation.

Stinky Bob (*G. robertianum*) and Shining Geranium:

Sweet Cherry/Mazard Cherry (*Prunus avium*): Inhibits maples.

False Brome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*): devastating to understories. It's not rhizotomous.

Has no bounds. Tolerates full sun and moist areas.

Armenian Blackberry (formerly Himalayan blackberry)

Himalayan Knotweed

Japanese Knotweed

Giant Knotweed

Hybrid Knotweed

Mr Newhouse showed slides of Willamette Valley native plants and trees and other species such as butterflies which are associated with them either for food or habitat. A list of the species he mentioned will be included at the end of the minutes; some may be spelled incorrectly. He supplied lists of plants and recommended contacting the Native Plant Society for a list of local nurseries.

The following are from the question and answer session.

Wasps and oaks have co-evolved as have butterflies. Don't pick up all of your oak leaves in the fall, they may be covering the butterfly larvae.

Oak mistletoe infections. Some butterflies only lay eggs on oak mistletoe. Western blue birds, robins and cedar waxwings can eat mistletoe berries.

Use girdling to control invasive trees.

VIII. Next Meeting

15 Oct 2003

ODF Office

Springfield, OR

6:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 830 PM.

Barbara Hazen

Recorder

Addendum:

Native Plant List and co-existing species

Douglas Fir (Pine white butterfly)

Big Leaf Maple (Western Tiger Swallow-tail)

Vine Maple

Tall Oregon Grape (Native bees)-fruit is edible

Ocean Spray (Pale Swallow Tail butterfly)- needs sun

Osoberry (Indian Plum)-there are male and female plants

Cascara Buckthorn - good bee and bird plant

Red Stem Ceanothus

Straggly Gooseberry - huge thorny shrub

Red Flowering Current (Green angle wing butterfly)
Thimbleberry-seasonal hedge
Maidenhair Fern
Red Columbine - easy to grow from seed, good nectar source
Baneberry - good for shaded areas
Tall Bugbane
Collomia Brome
Fireweed - loves clearcuts and roadsides
Candy Flower - Miner's lettuce
Bleeding Heart
Coastal Shield fern - evergreen (Dryopteris)
Pacific Waterleaf
Tiger Lily
Orange Honeysuckle - good humming bird food
Star Flowered Solomon's Seal
False Solomon's Seal
Sword Fern
Hooker's and Smith's Fairy Bells
Fringe Cup - naturalizes well
Sessile Trillium - no stem on petals
Western Trillium - flower turns pink as it ages
Stream Violet - the natives are gone from the valley-(Fritillary host plant)
California Black Oak
White Oak
Ponderosa Pine - historic savanna species
Pacific Madrone
Hound's Tongue