

The “Blues” News

The Blue Mt. Chapter held their annual meeting on Saturday 2-19-2011 at 11:00 AM in the Delaney room of the Dayton Library, Dayton WA

With approx. 20 people attending, President Greg Kelly introduced Eric Sjoquist, WSU Extension Forester.

Eric presented “An Overview of Reforestation”. His topic included site preparation, and the importance of light, water, and nutrients.

Eric also discussed the different types of site preparation. Passive occurs prior to and during harvest and active is done after harvest. Tools used in active preparation are Mechanical, Chemical and Prescribed Fire.

He discussed natural regeneration and artificial regeneration and how Planning for planting is important, including what species to plant, the different types of planting stock and how many trees to order.

He explained correct planting methods to ensure survival.

We also had a brief discussion about animal protection and weed control.

Eric had some handouts from other sources that explained some options that are available to forestland owners.

We also had an open discussion with everyone who had done some planting on what worked and what didn't work.

Mike Miraglio from Asotin County Conservation District presented a slide show on some thinning projects in his area and how the funding from the Conservation District was applied to the projects.

Mike also discussed member Jay Holzmillers thinning project showing slides of before and after, also of Jays high pruning machine while Jay explained to the group how it worked.

We are planning on having a field day tour to Jays property in September to see the results of the thinning project and to see his equipment in action.

Lisa Naylor from Blue Mountain RC&D discussed funding available in Columbia County for Fire Protection, Thinning and Stewardship Plans.

At the break Greg encouraged membership sign up and we welcome two new family members Tim&Loretta Wright and Mary&Roger Dye.

Our business meeting was called to order by President Greg Kelly.

Members discussed election of officers for 2011.

A motion was made and approved to retain the current slate of officers.

President Greg Kelly

Vice President Tom Beechinoor

2nd Vice President Jay Holzmillers (New as of this meeting)

Sec/Treasurer Susan Kelly

Board member Judy Turner

It was discussed to elect Jay Holzmillers as a 2nd VP to help establish members in Asotin County and have activities in that area to encourage participation and membership. Jay was elected.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported no expenses and two deposits one for membership dues, 15.00 and one donation from American Tree Farm System 45.00

From Inspecting Forester Bob Coats. Thank You Bob!

New business discussed ways to encourage new members such as helping with a field day and if enough interest a Stewardship workshop. Future meeting planned for June 11th, members encouraged to voice ideas or needs for our topic. We decided Dayton was a good central location for meetings.

Jay Holzmillers volunteered to host a field day demonstration of his equipment and a walking tour thru his thinning project.

Dates to remember

June 11th Our next meeting in Dayton Topic? Send ideas

Sept. 17th Field day tour at Jay Holzmillers in Asotin County

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