

Upper Puget Sound Farm Forestry Association

Chapter of the Washington Farm Forestry Association

By Chuck Holland, Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes of the Association's Annual Meeting of November 7, 2009.

Loyal Heights Community Club

Despite the pouring down rain, Upper Puget Sound had its Annual Meeting at the quaint Loyal Heights Community Club, a former two room school house.

Included are photos of Phil Swanson, outgoing Chapter President receiving his certificate of appreciation from Samantha Hicks and all enjoying the delicious potluck lunch. Bill Wood's fruit juice and pies were spectacular!

At this meeting Jim Owens was elected President, Mike Blais Vice President and Chuck Holland, Secretary/Treasurer.

Chuck Holland also gave the annual Secretary/Treasurer's report. Outgoing President Phil Swanson outlined the activities that have been done during the past year between annual meetings.

It was an incredible year for Upper Puget Sound, with the co-sponsorship of the Family Forest Field Day. Upper Puget Sound also sponsored with WSU Extension a chain saw safety and maintenance seminar taught by J.D. Fernstrom, Stihl Chainsaw Chief Technician. We will also have the fun Christmas wreath making party at Samantha Hicks home, on December 5th.

Nick Harper of the Cascade Land Conservancy presented the Cascade Agenda, that seeks to preserve agricultural and forest lands in Western WA.

Nick said that population of 115 current Seattles, is estimated to move into the Puget Sound region in the next 100 years. The PowerPoint photo of such growth was frightfully awful.

He expressed how misunderstood and unappreciated tree farmers are, as they are unlike organic produce growers, who the urban population totally understand and appreciate. Perhaps carbon sequestration, healthy wildlife habitat and watersheds can bring tree farmers the recognition they so richly deserve!

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