**Minutes of Fall 2022 PSCTA Meeting**

**Double Four Tree Farm**

The meeting was called to order by Association president Bob Moore.  After the welcoming of farm members, Bob began the meeting as a tribute to Dennis Tompkins.  Dennis was a long -time member of the Association, our resident horticulturist, and friend to all.  Several members shared their memories of Dennis with the group and all the wisdom he gave us as we got our Christmas Tree farms going.  We will always be grateful to Dennis, and he will be missed.

**Overview of the Double Four Tree Farm:** Since most of the members present at the meeting had been to the farm before, Bob just gave a brief update of the history of the farm and changes we have made over the past 30 years.  The farm continues to be opened the first three weekends in November for customers to pre-select their Christmas trees.  All the trees that are for sale have been tagged and priced.  For the past 3-5 years most of our trees available in the fields to be cut have been pre-selected so we do advertise on our website and voice messaging that if customers want to cut a tree, they would be wise to pre-select their tree.  The farm sells approximately 2500 trees in the field each year and we bring in 600 pre-cut trees for sale.  Bob told the group that he tags about twice as many trees as he plans on selling.  He keeps a regular inventory of trees sold and when he reaches the magic number of trees to be sold for the season, he will pull tags and close the field.  Keeping a good inventory will insure that you have trees for sale for the coming season.  Members are invited to wander through the fields to see the trees that are for sale.

**Secretary:**The minutes of the summer meeting were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:**Sheila had copies of the budget to review with the members.  Although membership is down slightly, our budget has covered all expenses with an ending balance of $13,641.  Sheila also reported that the website is up and running and that members should make sure to update their listing as soon as possible.  If you have forgotten your password, please contact Sheila immediately.

**Other Reports:**

Puyallup Fair:  One of the members present at the meeting attended the fair this year and noted that vendors had really declined at the fair.  Prices for food and rides (which seem to have been the main attraction this year) were very high.

Visit from Danish Farmers:  A delegation of Danish tree farmers visited WSU, Double Four Tree Farm and Enchanted Winds farms on Labor Day.  The group of nearly 20 were particularly interested in the culturing of the Nordmann Firs, their main wholesale tree.  Both Bob Moore and Jim Ulrich talked about their visit with the group.

**Kirk company:**Stacey Peacock was on hand to deliver supplies that had been ordered in advance of the meeting.  If any farms still need products, she will be making a second trip up to the area the end of October.  Make sure to contact Stacey with other orders.

**Upcoming Meetings:**Our annual January meeting will be at the Meridian Grange the end of January.  Details about the meetings will be sent out after our season.

The meeting was adjourned for our sack lunches and time to visit.