

Minutes of WNPS SSC Executive Board Meeting on Nov 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM by Bill Brookreson. Board members present were John Neorr, Lee Fellenberg, Jane Ely, Jane Ostericher, Cyndy Dillon, Bonnie Blessing-Earle, Bill Brookreson and Byrna Klavano.

Minutes of August meeting were approved as had been previously emailed to board members.

It was noted that our by-laws don't specify when the newly elected members start their term. Several dates were suggested. Bill will email a proposed change to the by-laws for board members review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Presentations at monthly meetings: written report submitted by John.
 - a. New idea for meetings is to have one informative flyer available for attendees. These flyers can be from our supply from the fair or other sources.
 - b. John is looking for more members to present short educational segments at the meetings. So far, the Educational committee chair (Jane O) and presentation coordinator (John) have been lining this up. Frank Knight's articles were suggested as a possible source as well.
 - c. We need a new presentation coordinator starting fall of 2015. John has found amazing speakers with a wide variety of topics. His skill at finding speakers will be hard to replace. John has offered to help mentor the new coordinator.
2. Plant sales: Fall plant sale has written report on expenses and income. Profit is \$969.31 Spring plant sale is being planned for April 17 -18, 2015. SSC needs to monitor the situation with the state budget cuts. The coach house may not be available for meetings or sales if there is a change in status caused by the new budget.
3. Wash State Fair: Written reports by John and Byrna were submitted. Cyndy will take over finding volunteers to man the booth. John will go to monthly meetings. Byrna will oversee the booth daily and keep track of flyers needing printing.
4. Volunteers: Written report submitted by Cyndy. Plant list for Camp Seymour will be posted after they have been contacted for permission. More hikes will be planned for next year. Cyndy volunteered to be Field Trip Committee Chair.
5. Publicity: Written report submitted by Jane O. Postings and announcements continue as previously done. Jane will be posting field trips on meetup. Be sure to let her know if you are having one.
6. Webpage and Newsletter: next monthly update is in progress. The Acorn's deadline for submissions is mid December. It will be published in January.
7. Grant Report: Written report submitted by John. The Nisqually Reach Nature Ctr's grant has expired. They still plan to print the brochures. John received Board concurrence to extend the deadline at his discretion.

8. Education: Written report submitted by Jane O. Several teachers in Gig Harbor are using the curriculum and like it.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Two written reports submitted by Jane E. No questions on either Transactions by Date or Budget Actuals reports. Budget for 2015 will be the same as 2014. That was moved, 2nd and passed.

ADDITIONS

1. Plant Steward website. John maintains a Plant Steward website which is mostly for flyers/brochures. There are concerns about SSC finances being published outside of our website. Also, Plant Steward may not have current information. John will remove specific SSC financial reports and things with SSC logo (i.e. Grant forms). He may make links to the SSC website for things like the Grant Form.

2. WNPS meeting summary. Written report submitted by Cyndy. Highlights: Native Plant Appreciation Week is April 26 to May 2, 2015. A large donation was made for Stewardship program. Bill will be the SSC representative on the coordinating committee. They hope to make the program available to people in less populated areas than Seattle/Tacoma. Bill will be presented with the Mentzelia award at the 2015 study weekend. Congratulations, Bill.

3. Native Plant Appreciation Week. Libraries have speakers all year round. We could have a speaker during that week but need to sign up now as they fill up fast.

Next meeting will be March 22, 2015 at Bill's home.

Meeting adjourned about 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Byrna Klavano