

Minutes of WNPS SSC Executive Board meeting on March 25, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Cyndy. Board members present were Bill Brookreson, Sue Summers, Bonnie Blessing-Earle, Byrna Klavano, Reba Olsen, Jane Ostericher, Lee Fellenberg, and Cyndy Dillon.

Minutes to the Nov 13, 2011 meeting were approved as had been emailed on 11/21/11.

Committee reports:

1. Plant sale: Plants are being acquired from salvage and nurseries. Publicity is going out to TNT, Posters for business windows, state agencies, facebook and many other ways. The nursery sale permit has been acquired. A tagging party needs to be scheduled. A 'flyer' will be emailed to all members and interested list: once now (1 month prior to sale) and once a week before sale. Publicity will be in the monthly update. A list of edible berries will be available for customers.
2. Western Wash Fair: Reba would prefer not to be in charge of the revision of the display board. Board suggested a committee of several people to help.
3. Volunteering: Database worksheet passed out for each board member to tally their hours donated in several categories. Cyndy will email it quarterly for us to update and return to her.

Native Plant Appreciation Week: for our chapter area, several hikes have been planned, restoration project, Prairie Day. A possible addition would be the Garden Club giving a tour of the Native Plant Garden at Pt Defiance. Also members could take a selection of ferns and hand outs about ferns to their local library to have at a card table for a few hours.

Other volunteer opportunities: Park Appreciation Day April 21, Dupont Earth Day Fair April 24, and Green Tacoma Day Oct 20

4. Publicity: Jane is working on setting up a Facebook page for WNPS SSC

Financial Report:

Report was distributed with 2012 Budget, YTD spending by category, and detailed spending.

Suggestion to post 2012 Budget and YTD spending on the web was tabled until next board meeting when John can explain his proposal.

The board is interested in providing grants. A committee of Bonnie, Sue, Bill and John will review John's suggested Policy and Procedure. A proposal will be emailed to board members for an email vote.

After considerable discussion, no additional policy for authorizing expenditures was made. Individual members in charge of a job (newsletter, programs, field trips, etc) will spend their budgeted dollar amount as has been done other years. The plant sale expenses will be agreed upon by the plant committee as a whole.

No gift memberships have been given. Membership is at 146 people (some are out of state).

Additional agenda items:

Coach House work party will be April 14 from 9 to 1 PM. The native beds will be cleaned up and inventoried

Mike Marsh, Central Puget Sound Chapter has the needed volunteers to work on Mary Fries slide catalog project. Some items will be part of WNPS, some will go to Mountaineers, and some pressed plants to the Burke Museum. Mary had compiled quite a collection.

Bill has given several native plant consultations to people wanting help with their yards. Other board members said they would give free consultations if needed.

At the State Office, are bins that teachers can check out. The bins have programs about native plants ready for science classes. Bill will bring a bin to next board meeting for us to inspect and possibly make a bin for local use.

State meeting is April 21. Cyndy will ask about SSC having our own facebook account.

The board approved Bill to reserve the Dupont site (Sept potluck) for the 2nd Wed of Sept (1st choice) or the 2nd Mon of Sept (2nd choice).

Next Board meeting: Aug 26, 2012 at Byrna Klavano's home. Please contact Cyndy if this is not a good date. See change below.

After a poll by email, the next board meeting will be on Aug 19, 2012 at Byrna Klavano's home.