

## Minutes of WNPS SSC Executive Board meeting on August 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by Cyndy Dillon. Board members present were John Neorr, Bill Brookreson, Lee Fellenberg, Jane Ely, Bonnie Blessing-Earle, Jane Ostericher, and Byrna Klavano.

### OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from March 24, 2013 meeting were approved as had been emailed previously. The 'hot' link was discussed. Motion made and passed to make it a visible link as 'Administrative Documents'.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Monthly meeting presenters: Written report submitted by John. Most speaker slots are filled. We need to track attendance better. Discussion of ideas to spice up meetings included: What are you seeing now? Stump the Chump, and Exploring web page.

David Douglas display at State Museum this fall. We might try and participate somehow.

2. Fall Plant Sale: Written report submitted by Bill. Sale is scheduled on Oct 5 with set up on Oct 4. Jane O can help with Publicity if it can be done ahead of time. Jane E will help with Craigslist, etc nearer the sale date. Bill needs more plant tags and has 20 one gal plants that can be used at the fair and then sold. John has the flyers at the printers and they will be available at the fair. There will be a salvaging done in Preston on Aug 17. Cyndy and Jane E will do the training for the credit card machine. Plant sale meeting will be the first week of Sept.

3. Wash State Fair: Written report submitted by John. Set up will start at 10 AM on Sept 4 with Fair opening on Sept 6. Fair ends on the Sept 22 with break down on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

4. Volunteering: Written report (combined in email with State Board report) submitted by Cyndy. Twenty seven SSC members have been involved in many activities.

5. Publicity: Meetup.com is updated by John mostly. Others are encouraged to add information. Lee said updates for hikes need to be sent to him for the web site. Jane O will put hikes and work parties on her publicity sites.

6. Webpage and Newsletter: Bill working on next newsletter. Lee paid for 2 years of hosting of the web site. Byrna volunteered to have her name as administrator.

7. Grants: John submitted written reports. One grant is completed. One needs the final report. Two are ongoing. John submitted a cost accounting report to show grant awards, expenses, reimbursements, and balances. This report can be viewed via our website.

8. Education: Jane O reported that the main project is to digitize the slides from the school kits. Bill said the State is presently scanning the slides. Bill will check with Catherine about which ones are being done. Bonnie has many prairie plant slides that need to be digitized. Bonnie will give them to Bill. John commented that digitized slides should be saved at the state web site so anyone can download onto a thumb drive for use. Ed committee will meet in late Sept. John and Cyndy will bring this subject up at

the next State Board meeting. Jane O will email Fayla Schwartz (State Board member) to explore potential areas of synergy and just exchange information in general so that we both might get more ideas about educational opportunities, challenges and programs.

There is an iPhone APP on wildflower ID available at the U of W Burke Museum Herbarium website.

9. Picnic Potluck Kick off meeting is on Sept 9 at 4 PM. The society will provide hamburgers and condiments, pop and water and potato chips.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Written report was submitted by Jane E. More than ½ of Plant sale budget was spent on the Spring sale. It was moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to increase the budget for plant sales to \$6,000. A few changes were made on account categories.

The board approved gift certificates for Bill, Pat and Dan Montague, and Jane E for their considerable contributions to Study Weekend.

#### NATIVE PLANT STUDY WEEKEND

Written report submitted by Bill. Committee approved to refund the registration fee to last minute drop out. The total profit is \$5,347.

#### STATE BOARD MEETING

Written report submitted by Cyndy.

Next board meeting will be Nov 3, 2013

Respectfully submitted  
Byrna Klavano