

Minutes of WNPS SSC Executive Board meeting on Aug 26, 2012 at 3:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 PM by Cyndy. Board members present were John Neorr, Bill Brookreson, Lee Fellenberg, Sue Summers, Cyndy Dillon, Byrna Klavano and Bonnie Blessing-Earle. Guest was Frank Knight.

Minutes to the March 25, 2012 meeting were approved as had been email previously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Monthly Meeting Presentations: John presented an updated speaker schedule. He encouraged suggestions for other topics/speakers.
2. Fall Plant Sale: Meeting time will be set up soon. There are lots of plants available and being gathered. John suggested that the Fair plants might be sold at our sale.
3. WW State Fair: The lay out of the booth will be basically the same. We have a plexiglas holder that can accommodate 15 flyers for handouts. More volunteers are needed during the fair. The display board has been completely redone. It is visually attractive and informative.
4. Volunteer opportunities: Day of Caring on Sept 21, Capitol Museum renovation on Sept 13 , Green Tacoma on Oct 20 and ongoing work at Nature Center.
5. Publicity: Jane is updating our Facebook page and has been getting inquiries. Frank suggested that like minded organizations gather to award honor to legislator that upholds conservation efforts. Electronic mailings: monthly update will be sent to all people on 'interested' list and not just members.
6. Grants: No applications submitted so far. October is the deadline. Flyers will be at the Fair.
7. Picnic: Site has been reserved for Wed Sept 12 at Powderworks Park in Dupont. Flyer will be emailed prior. Luis is moving to Bellevue. A recognition will be given to him for his contributions. Lin Livingston will receive gift membership for her help at events.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Reports on Budget for 2012 and Plant sale statistics were distributed. Another person needs to get training for credit card machine. Kevin Head will bring old Financial reports to Olympia meeting. Bill will find out how many years we need to keep them. A new budget for 2013 will be prepared for our Nov meeting.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS:

1. Prairie plant outreach for private property owners: Thurston county is developing an HCP for prairie lands. Our role might be plant sales, be available for advice/expertise and contributing money to sponsor a proposed Restoration Conference.
2. 2013 Study Weekend: Our chapter will sponsor study weekend the last weekend of June 2013 at Cispus near Randle. We will be helped by Suksdorfia chapter. The state will OK our proposal at the Oct

meeting. By January, hikes, speakers and program need to be done for publication in the Douglasia. Bill is spearheading this and will keep us informed.

3. MeetUp.com is a website that we could advertise restoration and programs. It would need constant attention. Cyndy will see if Jane is interested in taking this on. Chapter led hikes could be advertised. Reminder to all that anyone can lead a hike but there are forms to sign and info can be published in our monthly updates.

4. Reports from State meeting on Apr 21 and issues from our chapter to be presented at the Oct 20 meeting were presented by Cyndy. Please turn in total volunteer hours to Cyndy for her report.

5. Education committee: John proposed we get involved in schools and with other youth programs. The State has a kit for teachers. SSC might make a kit for our area. Bill will get list of things in State kit. Bonnie can make power point of Prairie plants and that can be put on Web. Board will think of ideas for Nov meeting.

6. Book of 'Flowers of Port Townsend' needs editing. Bill suggested they contact Fred Weinemann.

7. Bill has canopy to fit over table for any ones use. Might be helpful at fall plant sale.

8. Electronic mailings: 7-8 emails have bounced and one postal letter was returned. Elections are coming up. Proposed to send by postal service. Lee will send Sue names and phone numbers to call for updates on bounced emails.

Next Board meeting will be Nov 11, 2012

Respectfully submitted
Byrna Klavano