

Minutes of WNPS SSC Executive Board Meeting on Aug 3, 2014

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

Correction to the minutes of March 23, 2014 is in # 5 under Committee Reports. SSC should appear after each WNPS reference. Minutes were approved as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Written policy submitted by John. Discussion followed with several changes that John will make and then email to all board members for a vote by email to Cyndy. The term 'policy' will be replaced with 'guidelines'.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Presentations at monthly meetings: Written report submitted by John. Calendar is getting filled in. John appreciates any ideas for speakers.
2. Plant sale on Oct 4: Written report submitted by Bonnie. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed to hold the fall plant sale on Oct 4. The plants will be provided by nurseries exclusively. Although Bill and John will not be able to attend, they will do some work before hand. Cyndy will check with other volunteers to see if they will help again. Bill will look into getting calendars for the sale.
3. Washington State Fair: Written report submitted by John. We will set up on Tues Sept 2. The fair runs from Fri Sept 5 to Sunday Sept 21 with tear down on Mon Sept 22. The Outdoor Building committee requests that WNPS provide a 'house supervisor' for a full day from 10 AM to 10 PM. John would like someone else to be in charge of the fair. This entails meetings with the Outdoor Building committee, recruiting volunteers for our booth, sending tickets to volunteers, getting final list to Byrna who emails reminders.
4. Volunteer: Board is requested to send volunteer hours to Cyndy.
5. Publicity: No activity during the summer. Jane will publicize hiking events in addition to plant sale and monthly presentations.
6. Webpage and Newsletter: Update will be sent Monday Aug 4th. The Acorn is in progress.
7. Grants: Written report submitted by John. Graduate studies candidates requesting grants will be referred to the State Research committee. Lee will make a link from Grant page to completed reports.
8. Education: Written report submitted by Jane O. Several projects in the works.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Written financial transactions and budget reports submitted by Jane E. Two corrections on Budget: Education expense should be \$2,000 as \$1,000 was given for the Hitchcock book update. Laser pot sticks are Plant sale expense.

ADDITIONS

1. Plant Steward Website: discussion postponed until next board meeting when all will be in attendance.
2. Elections: An election committee is needed. Bill will not be in town this year. The committee needs to get a slate of officers, call for additional nominations at the chapter meetings prior to our voting and check that candidates are current members. Cyndy will get a committee together and get a timeline from Bill.
3. Bill showed 2 beautiful books recently published on tree identification. Chris Earle (Bonnie's husband) is one of the authors. Trees of Western North America and Trees of Eastern North America are available on Amazon for \$20.

Next Board meeting will be November 23, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by
Byrna Klavano