# WNPSSSC Executive Board Meeting Minutes 8/8/2015 Brookreson House, 702 Columbia Ave, Fircrest

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Bill Brookreson. Board members present were Bonnie Blessing-Earle, Bill Brookreson, Jane Ely, Cyndy Dillon, Lee Fellenberg, Sharon Bergquist-Moody. Our new NPS Steward Manager, Jim Evans, was our guest for the meeting.

Minutes of the March 23, 2015 meeting were approved. Prior to the meeting all board members were sent the minutes for viewing.

- 1. **Treasurer's report**: Jane passed out copies of her report. She noted that we made almost \$4,000 from the plant sale in the spring. Lee suggested using grey shading on the reports instead of using color for those who don't have color printers. Lee also requested that Jane put lines in all of the rows so that anyone who prints it will find the contents more readable. Jane's report was approved.
- 2. **Chair's report:** In addition to Bill's written report the following items were discussed. Bill will send a membership list to all board members.

A new calendar will be made hopefully in time for our plant sale in Oct.

Moss workshop with Lee Ellis: Bill said the morning session will be with scopes at the Tacoma Nature Center and the afternoon portion of the workshop will be out in the field. It will be limited to 12 people and Lee could do another class in the spring if there is enough interest. The board approved \$250 to come out of the education budget to cover the cost for the presenter.

**Jim Evans:** Our new State Stewardship Manager was invited to share. His background is diverse, including projects with children and volunteers to complex restoration projects. There is funding for this program for about 3 years from a specific bequest for stewardship. Beyond that we will have to acquire more resources. This will be an attempt to extend the Native Plant Society Steward Program to the rest of the state, specifically into smaller communities.

Since it is in the planning stages Jim is looking for the kind of program that our membership would like to have; what would help most and what could memberships sustain. Maybe it would be a web-based program for more remote areas. Three pilot programs will be ready for spring of 2016. Each of the three could look different depending on the geography. Jim suggests that at least one of the pilots be in eastern Wash. and one in Olympia/ Tacoma. Someone noted that we actually have some of the rural character too. Cyndy recommends that folks pay for the training, she feels there is more buy-in to the follow-up commitment.

Do we as the SSCNPS want to be one of the pilot projects? What does our board think of this? Something should be sent out to our *interested list* to see who might want to participate in this training. Our board believes the interest is there and yes, we would like to see this move forward and are willing to unanimously support this project.

Jim would need help from our group to get names of participants, instructors, and coordinators for our area. Contact Jim by email, <a href="mailto:iimevans@centurytel.net">iimevans@centurytel.net</a>, if you have any suggestions.

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3. **Fair update:** Cyndy and John submitted a written report

An invitation has been sent to other chapters to get more volunteers for the fair.

Cyndy will transport plants from Bill's house to the fair.

Bill has box of give-aways for fair visitors.

Lee will put a link on the website for the fair.

Bill printed draft flyers of the fall plant sale for the Fair for us to see. Lee suggested that the SS chapter be mentioned on the flyer, and Bill will make this change.

Jane E. would like a card with our website to hand out at the fair. Trading cards were used in the past but they may have been gone the day Jane worked.

Volunteers: Cyndy submitted a written report and the following items were added
 Do it yourself fair at Sprinker Recreation Center Park in Tacoma on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>,

 10-3pm. Cyndy will recruit volunteers.

Need some activities for the Go Green Games event in Puyallup Aug. 29. Suggestions will be appreciated. Bill will RSVP to Go Green.

Should we do the Flower and Garden show with the Central Chapter in Seattle? See additions for John's comments (he was unable to attend the board meeting)

Tumwater gardens volunteers, docents, and weeding. Is anything happening? Bill will follow up.

5. **Hikes:** Cyndy submitted a written report plus the following suggestions for future hikes. Plant list is available for the Hellebos walk Cyndy is leading, birding is great, wooden walkway fairly new.

Jackson Lake on Key Peninsula might be good for a hike.

Fort Lewis in the Spring.

Bill will call Bob at Hanson Plants, easy walk and interesting plants....beautiful fall foliage.

Tumwater falls.

Pack Forest, they would like a plant list developed.

Ocean Shores walk, work with the museum.

Twanoh hike, repeat as it has been 2+ years since the plant list was done there

Mason County road trip/hike. Alan Borden, a member, may be able to make suggestions.

- 6. **Grants**: John submitted a written report
- 7. **Fall programs update:** John submitted a written report

Suggestions for meetings requested: Bill will send John the name of a person who has written a new book on native ferns, *The Plant Lover's Guide to Ferns*, by Richie Steffan and Sue Olsen. Steffan is a Seattle botanist and would be a good speaker for one of our meetings.

8. **Education:** Jane O. submitted a written report

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### 9. **Election update:** Cyndy

Cyndy is the nominating committee chair. Slate is the same, current officers. The by -laws say the slate must be mentioned at two meetings prior to the election. After the second meeting the final list should be sent to Lee so he can send out the ballots on-line.

# 10. Plant Sale update: Bill and Bonnie

The Coach House is reserved for the Oct.  $3^{rd}$  sale. Plant procurement will happen between now and the sale. Bill has not heard from Shirley at Tadpole Nursery. Bonnie will get plants from Bellingham. Maybe they will place an order with Fire Trail Nursery.

Friday will be enough time to stage for the sale if Fire Trail can be there with their truck. Last year we had to set up Thurs. for the spring sale because that was the only day they could deliver.

Stewardship classes could be advertised at the sale, mainly to see who might be interested.

Bonnie put in a new stand pipe at the holding site. She needs a new sprinkler and timer so the water doesn't have to run all the time.

#### 11. Other business:

Morse Preserve in Graham is celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Sept.13<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm. It is a fundraiser. This will be advertised to the membership, hopefully in a newsletter, if not an update will be sent. Lee will put a larger article about the Morse on our homepage.

Cyndy said MeetUp has produced participants for the hikes.

Lee wants correct information for hike updates, please double check emails and phone numbers.

## 12. Additions:

• John could not attend the meeting but he did have an opinion to share: Regarding the Flower and Garden show, I would vote against having our own booth if CPS is still planning a presence there. Better (in my opinion) for them to include us in emails soliciting us to participate in their booth. It does cost to have a booth there, so I would not be opposed to some sort of cost share as long as SSC got adequate PR in the booth. As I recall, their display is fairly WNPS generic, which I think is fine.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37pm

Next meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2015. (error, as the meeting was actually held Sunday, November 22, 2015 and correction reflected in November minutes)

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Bergquist-Moody