

Old Smokeys Meeting Notes  
January 31, 2014  
*Approved February 28, 2014*

In attendance: Linda Goodman, Mike Ash, Deb Warren, Bev Pratt, Bob Devlin, Bill Funk, Ron Boehm, Charlie Krebs, Doug Macdonald, Susan Triplett.

1. Minutes of the December Meeting: Susan Triplett
  - Moved** by Mike Ash: Accept the minutes as submitted.
  - Seconded** by Bev Pratt.
  - Vote:** Passed Unanimously.
  
2. *Monthly Review of Treasurer's Reconciliation:* Susan Triplett
  - The December reconciliation looks fine.
  
3. *Treasurer's Report:* from Dick Bennett's email
  - The Statement of Financial Position is attached (Attachment A)
  - The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Statements are also attached.
  - The Vanguard accounts are doing well, and our Lifetime Fund balance is \$104,000. If the stock market continues to do well, we could probably add to our Grant/Project fund total.
  - Several members have made special contributions to the Moyer and Grant/Project funds as they renew their memberships.
  - The one large payment made in January was for the winter newsletter. Even after making this payment, the balance in the operating funds looks to be more than enough to cover our expenses for the year.
  - *We're doing well, financially.*
  
4. *Secretary's Report* - Debra Warren
  - We had 21 paid dues this morning - and have had almost 100 renewed memberships in the past week.
  - Reminder: Every new Lifetime member gets a free copy of our book. We have about 90 copies left. Deb needs to have a supply on-hand so she can send them to the new Lifetimers.

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5. Old Business:

a. Endowment Committee Update: Bev Pratt

- Al Matecko and Bev Pratt met with Sue Zike who has agreed to Chair this committee.
- We need to put an article in the newsletter about the donation options.
- The Committee would like to send a personal letter to each PNWFSA member with an enclosed tri-fold brochure and donation sheet.
- *A copy of Sue's DRAFT brochure was passed out to the Board members.*
- *We're probably looking a few months down the road for this information to be sent out to our membership.*

b. Meeting with RO/PNW: Linda Goodman

- The RO/PNW meeting has been scheduled for Friday, February 7 at noon.
- PNWFSA members of this meeting will be Linda Goodman, Mike Ash, Al Matecko, Ron Boehm, and Charlie Krebs. *Phil Hirl's availability is not known but hope he can attend.*
- Ron is working to get all the appropriate paperwork together, and to get the information we need from Glenn Sachet in the RO.
- We will be requesting another Participating Agreement of \$4,000 to support our costs of printing and mailing the newsletter.

c. Contact with Elk's Lodge: Linda Goodman

- Linda was finally able to get through to the Elks.
- No one can find the \$300 check we wrote last year.
- We will issue them a new check for \$265, to compensate for the cost of cancelling the old check.
- The Elks are very appreciative of our support.

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6. New Business:

a. Menu and Cost for Summer Picnic: Deb Warren

- Dave Dalton communicated with Rick Larson about the cost and menu for the upcoming Picnic. To maintain our current menu, the costs will go up to \$28.50 per person, and will be higher if we have fewer than 60 people.
- Attendance at the Picnic has been decreasing over the past several years.
- The cost is high because of all the transportation, preparation, and staff required to get out to the Wildwood site.
- Linda investigated another caterer to compare costs, but that estimate was only around \$2 lower than Dave Dalton's.
- We normally have quite a bit of left-over food which picnic attendees take home.
- Deb will ask Rick Larson to ask Dave what we can do to keep our price a bit lower.

b. New Members' Dues: Linda Goodman

- New members sometimes don't know they have the option of their first year of membership for free, and they send in checks.

**Moved** by Mike Ash: When a new member sends a check with their application, Deb Warren will contact them, and will give them options of returning their check, applying the check to the second year's membership, or contributing to one of our funds.

**Seconded** by Bill Funk.

**Vote:** Passed Unanimously.

c. Renewing Members who reach the age of 90: Bev Pratt

- When members turn 90, they become Golden Lifetime members. This is part of our Bylaws.
- We need to let them know that they are Lifetime Members.
- Bill Funk will generate a list of members turning 90 each year.
- From this list:
  - Bev will send them birthday cards and congratulatory messages about their membership status.
  - Bill will change the database to reflect their Lifetime Membership status.

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d. Grant Proposals: Charlie Krebs

- Charlie reviewed the recommendations developed by the Grant Committee consisting of Charlie, Bob Tokarczyk, Phil Hirl, and Kent Mays.
- The 4 requests were:
  - Historic Fall River Guard Station, Deschutes NF: Fabricating and installing a new interpretive sign, supported by Forest Supervisor, for \$500.
  - Fish Lake Remount Station restoration projects, Willamette NF: Reside NW corner of tack room, Replace tack room door, and replace existing loading platform, supported by District Ranger, for \$1,849.
  - Discovery Pavilion at the Oregon Garden: Construct 1300 sq. ft. building to provide shelter for wood education programs, for \$1,000.
  - Hopkins Demo Forest Youth Engagement and Enrichment, Forests Forever, Inc.: Science-based education focusing on the complexities of woodland management with hands-on experience, for \$1,000.
- The Board was very pleased with the quality and variety of proposals. The two that are not associated with National Forests will reach a large number of people, and that is something we need to promote.

**Moved** by Susan Triplett: Accept the proposals as presented.

**Seconded** by Bill Funk.

**Vote:** Passed Unanimously.

**Follow-up:** The Grants Committee will write the letters to the 4 grant receivers, and Linda Goodman will sign them.

e. Speakers for Monthly Luncheons: Linda Goodman

- There has been some discussion about wanting some presentations for our members at the luncheons. Some of these presentations could be reports from our grantees about their projects that we have helped fund. Other presentations could be from the Regional Office and Research Station.
- These presentations should probably be no longer than 10-15 minutes, and will require that we move to the downstairs room where we can have access to microphones.

**Follow-up:** Linda will work on this.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00am.