

Old Smokeys Meeting Notes

February 28, 2014

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In attendance: Linda Goodman, Mike Ash, Al Matecko, Bev Pratt, Bill Funk, Don Nearhood, Ron Boehm, Charlie Krebs, Doug Macdonald, Mary Moyer, Sue Zike, Susan Triplett.

1. Minutes of the January 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 January reconciliation looks fine.

3. *Treasurer's Report:* from Dick Bennett's email

- The Statement of Financial Position is attached (Attachment A).
- Our checking account balance has grown with dues payments.
- Our Vanguard accounts are pretty much holding their own.
- The Grant/Project and Moyer Memorial funds are continuing to receive donations.
- With our Lifetime Trust Fund up over \$105,000, should we consider adding to our Vanguard investments?
- The only significant payment made this month was a reissued check to the Beaverton Elks which they have cashed.

4. *Secretary's Report:* from Debra Warren's email to Linda:

- We've been getting a lot of renewal memberships.
- Contacts have been made with all the late-paying members.

5. Old Business:

a. Update from Endowment Committee: Sue Zike, Bev Pratt, Al Matecko

- Sue Zike suggests we change the name of the committee from "Endowment" to "Charitable Giving" or "The Giving Tree" - it broadens the concept of the range of the types of donations we're looking for.
- The committee has drafted a 3-fold brochure. We would like to get pictures of Elmer Moyer and the Fish Lake project, to show potential donors what work we'll use the donations for. Each brochure will have a paragraph that outlines the various options for giving.

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5. Old Business (Continued):

a. Update from Endowment Committee - Sue Zike, Bev Pratt, Al Matecko
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- o There are several options for the distribution of these brochures:
 1. Send the brochures to every PNWFSA member as USPS mail. This would cost around \$400 to \$500.
 2. Include the brochure in the quarterly newsletter - and send all newsletters out as printed copies (This includes the 280 of the 926 copies that are currently sent electronically). This options would require that we notify all our members that for a one-time only situation, they will receive a paper copy of the newsletter. **We'll need some help from Les to determine the cost of this option.**
 3. Include the brochure in the paper copies of the quarterly newsletter that gets mailed out, and send brochures by USPS mail to the members who currently receive electronic newsletter.
- o We need to investigate the costs for these different options.

Follow-up: Bev Pratt, Les Joslin, and Bill Funk will work together to develop potential costs of the three options. To be discussed at the April meeting.

- o **Timing:** **We're looking to send these out in the fall - when most folks start looking at the tax advantages of charitable donations.**

b. On-Line options for payments and form submissions: Linda Goodman

- o **If we're asking for donations, are on-line payment options available?**
- o Can our membership and donation forms be fill-able and submit-able on-line?
- o **We're trying to attract younger members who are comfortable with state-of-art technology, and are not interested in "old fashioned" concepts such as "write a check" and "fill in a form with pen and ink, and snail mail it in."**

Follow-up: Don Nearhood and Bev Pratt will research options and their associated costs.

c. NAFSR Update: from Ranotta McNair's email to Linda Goodman -
Attachment B

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5. Old Business (Continued):

d. Update on setting up a meeting with the RO/PNW: Linda Goodman

- The meeting on February 7 was cancelled due to the snow day shut-down.
- Linda is working on setting up another meeting – in April. No date has been set yet, but Linda has had a discussion with Kent about renewing the agreement at the same level as last year since there isn't an urgent need.
- Maureen Hyzer will be the lead for the participating agreement.
- Meanwhile, our Participating Agreement is moving along. Ron Boehm is working with Glen Sachet, Kent Connaughton, and Rob Mangold.

Thank you for your good work, Ron!

e. Follow-up on Summer Picnic: Linda Goodman

- Rick Larson was not aware there were concerns about the pricing of the picnic, and feels it's too late this year to re-negotiate with Dave Dalton.
- The Board would like to know what a \$20 or \$25 menu would look like, but that will need to be for following years.
- We would like to know what options we have to cut the \$28.50 price for future years.

Moved by Bev Pratt: Set the price of this year's picnic at \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children, and subsidize the additional cost from the raffle fund.

Seconded by Bill Funk.

Vote: Passed Unanimously.

Follow-up items:

1. Linda will investigate the option of Job Corps catering.
2. Notify Les Joslin of the picnic price change, so he can have it correct in our Spring Newsletter.

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6. New Business:

a. Copying of Electronic Directory & Updating Application: Bill Funk

- Bill received a request from Dennis Dietrich, the Area Representative on the Deschutes NF, for an electronic copy of the membership directory. He wants to use this information to contact with other members in the Bend area.
- The Board agreed that this would be OK, but he would have to sign a **statement saying he won't use the information in the directory for any other purposes.**
- Don and Bill agreed to consider options for making the current PDF application into an electronic application. Dennis Dietrich has already worked on one.

Moved by Al Matecko: Allow all PNWFSA Area Representatives to be given electronic directories on request, with the signed statement.

Seconded by Doug Macdonald.

Vote: Passed Unanimously.

b. Speakers for Monthly Luncheons: Linda Goodman

- **Today's speaker will be Paul Barnum, Executive Director of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute who will talk about the Oregon Garden Discovery Center to which we've recently provided a grant.**
- **April's speaker will be Steve Coady, talking about his book.**
- A potential speaker is Gabe Howe, who will talk about the Siskiyou Mountain Trail Project.

c. Ted Schlapfer Foundation: Linda Goodman

- **Ted Schlapfer's daughter has worked with Portland State University to set up the Ted Schlapfer Foundation to support the Executive Seminars Program which Ted helped develop after he retired as the Regional Forester of the PNW Region.**
- She wants to get the word out to Old Smokeys about the Foundation, and how gifts can be made. She asked if she could have one of the professors come to speak to the group.
- The Board determined the best option to spread the word is through an article in our newsletter.

Follow-up: Linda will respond to her with our decision.

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7. Other Business:

a. Siuslaw Event: Doug MacDonald

On Tuesday, March 25, the Siuslaw is having a get-together of retirees and former employees.

b. Meeting Minutes on the Web: Don Nearhood

Don has posted all the minutes Sue Triplett has written since 2006 on the Old Smokeys web. Please look at the minutes, and see if you feel they display properly. They are under the Admin section. The password is "Sue".

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 am.