

Old Smokeys Meeting Notes

March 28, 2014

Approved April 25, 2014

In attendance: Mike Ash, Deb Warren, Bev Pratt, Jim Rice, Don Nearhood, Ron Boehm, Bob Devlin, Phil Hirl, Charlie Krebs, Doug Macdonald, Mary Moyer, Susan Triplett.

1. Minutes of the February Meeting: Susan Triplett

- o Susan inadvertently left one suggested change out of the minutes: The term "snail mail" will be changed to "USPS mail."

Moved by Charlie Krebs: Accept the minutes with the suggested change.

Seconded by Don Nearhood.

Vote: Passed Unanimously.

2. Monthly Review of Treasurer's Reconciliation: Susan Triplett

- o The February reconciliation looks fine.

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

- o The Statement of Financial Position is attached (Attachment A).
- o Our checking account balance has grown with dues payments and contributions to the Moyer and Grant/Project Funds.
- o Our Vanguard accounts continue to do well.
- o Our Lifetime Trust Fund is up over \$107,000 - That is \$7,000 over our target balance of \$100,000.
- o Dick has suggested to Mike, Linda and Al that we transfer \$2,500 from the Operating Fund to the Grant/Project Fund.
- o Payments of \$500 to Discover Northwest for the Fall River Guard Station grant and \$1,000 to Forests Forever for the Hopkins Demonstration Forest grant were made during the month.
- o A check for \$1,849 will be sent on April 10 to Friends of Fish Lake for the historic Fish Lake Remount Station grant.
- o The \$1,000 grant to the Oregon Garden Foundation for the Discovery Pavilion project will be paid when we receive notification that they have received final permits and funding commitments.

Follow-up: The Board would like Bill Funk to make a quick check to see if our previous analysis of the current number of lifetime members, their lifetime age expectancy, and the financial implications is still accurate.

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4. Secretary's Report: Debra Warren

- o Dues:
 - Ø We've been getting a lot of renewal memberships, and new members!
 - Ø Bob Devlin sent in \$100 to cover 5 late-paying members.
- o Membership Votes:
 - Ø We had unanimous vote for Jim Rice as our new President Elect!
Welcome Aboard, Jim!
 - Ø We had a large majority vote for the Constitution's membership requirements change. Only 1 vote against.
- o Friends of Fish Lake sent us a Thank You note for our grant.

5. Old Business:

a. Electronic Application Submitted by Dennis Dietrich: Mike Ash

- o Dennis is the new Area Rep for the Deschutes NF. He suggested, and has developed an electronic version of our membership application. Mike wasn't able to open the application.

Follow-up: Hold until the next meeting, when some of our Board members will have had the opportunity to work with the application.

b. Cost of Using PayPal or Something Similar for Dues: Bev Pratt

- o Bev has started research on this, but it's still a "Work In Progress."
- o To use this feature will require that all the credit cards numbers be input into the system, which will require a substantial increase in Deb Warren's current work hours.

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5. Old Business (Continued):

c. Charitable Giving/Giving Tree Committee: Bev Pratt

- o At the February meeting, we discussed options for letting our members know about the donation options, and Bev offered to bring back some cost estimates for the different options of getting our brochures out to our members.
- o 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.
- o There are several options for the distribution of these brochures:
 1. Send the brochures via separate envelopes to all 965 PNWFSA members as USPS mail. This would cost around \$260 - plus the cost of printing the brochures. (This is also the option Sue Zike and Al Matecko recommend.)
 2. Send hardcopy of the quarterly newsletter with the brochure inserted to all 965 members. (This includes the 220 of the 965 copies that are currently sent electronically). This option would cost approximately \$310.
 3. Include the brochure in the paper copies of the quarterly newsletter that gets mailed out, and send brochures by USPS mail to the 220 members who currently receive electronic newsletter. This would cost approximately \$110.
- o Mike asked the Board members to indicate which of these options they preferred.
 - Ø Option 1: 8 votes
 - Ø Option 2: No votes.
 - Ø Option 3: 2 votes.

Follow-up: The brochure should be available for us to see at the next Board Meeting. We're looking at doing the mailing in the fall.

d. Updated Board Member List: Bev Pratt

- o Bev passed out an updated list of Board Member and Committee Chair contact information.

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5. Old Business (Continued):

e. Membership Brochure: Bob Devlin

- o Bob noticed that our Membership Brochure is no longer accurate because it does not reflect our new changes to membership requirements.
- o **We still have hundreds of brochures, and we'd rather not have to discard all of them.**

Follow-up: - Bob will send a note out to the Area Reps, alerting them to the change.

- Deb will work on developing a paragraph that can be stuck on the existing brochures, with the new wording that will cover the old wording.

f. Official Constitutional Change: Mike Ash

- o Now that the votes are in on our Constitutional change, how do we make it official?
- o **In the past, there's been a signed sheet with the President's signature.**

Follow-up: Mike will head up the research on this. Any input would be appreciated!

6. New Business:

a. 2014 Budget: Mike Ash

- o Mike has been working with Dick Bennett, Linda Goodman, and Al Matecko **to develop our new year's budget.**
- o The proposal is Attachment B.
- o Included in the 2014 Proposed Budget is the item Dick mentioned in his report: Transferring \$2,500 from the Operating Funds to the Grant/Projects Fund.

Moved by Susan Triplett: Accept the 2014 as submitted.

Seconded by Bev Pratt.

Vote: Passed Unanimously.

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6. New Business (Continued):

b. Donation Request from Wendy Joslin; Wildland Fire Association: Mike Ash

- o Les Joslin's daughter, Wendy, is a fire fighter, and is participating in a run to raise money for the Wildland Firefighter Foundation.
- o Is this something we should support by allowing it to be posted in our E-Notes?
- o Does it support our PNWFSA's objectives? Lots of discussion about this. Are we setting a precedent?

Moved by Bob Devlin: Ask Vern to send this out to the members via E-Notes, but add wording saying it's For Your Information.

Seconded by Phil Hirl.

Vote: Ayes: Most

Nays: 1

Motion Passed.

c. Oso Slide: Mike Ash

- o There's been lots of news and E-Mails about the huge land slide near Darrington, WA.
- o Mike contacted the District, and no employees or FS retirees are missing, or have been injured, or have suffered losses from the slide, so our Moyer Emergency Funds are not currently needed. The Forest will let us know if this changes.

d. Electronic Minutes vs. Paper Copies: Don Nearhood

- o Don has posted our meeting minutes from 2006 to present on our website. We have lots more in electronic format which he is also putting on our website.
- o What do we do with the ones that we don't have in electronic format?
- o We have a lot of 6-26 newsletters - How do we want to archive these? In paper in storage at the GP? Digitize them?

Follow-up: We'll need to think about this some more.

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6. New Business (Continued):

e. Spring Banquet Update: Mike Ash

- o At the past couple of Banquets, there has been too much time before dinner.
- o Mike suggested we change the times of the banquet:
 - Ø 2:00 – Open the doors
 - Ø 2:30 – Drinks and Hors d'oevres
 - Ø 3:30 – Dinner
- o The Board agreed.

Follow-up: We need to let our Charbonneau contacts and our caterer know the changes.

7. Other Business:

a. Late-Paying Members: Bob Devlin

We're down to 6! And most of them have been difficult to contact.

b. Old Smokey Pocket Calendars: Susan Triplett

What's the status on these?

Mike suggested she call Al Matecko when he gets back from Hawaii and find out where he is in the process.

c. Timberline Harvest Ball: Susan Triplett

This year's Harvest Ball will be on Friday, October 24.

Sue will have tickets to sell.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 am

Attachments (Attached to e-mail):

A – Statement of Financial Position

B – 2014 Operating Fund Budget