

Old Smokeys Meeting Notes

April 25, 2014

Approved May 30, 2014

In attendance: Linda Goodman, Al Matecko, Dick Bennett, Deb Warren, Bev Pratt, Jim Rice, Don Nearhood, Bill Funk, Ron Boehm, Bob Devlin, Mary Moyer, Susan Triplett.

1. Minutes of the March Meeting: Susan Triplett

Moved by Bob Devlin: Accept the minutes as submitted.

Seconded by Don Nearhood.

Vote: Passed Unanimously.

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

- The March reconciliation looks fine.

3. Treasurer's Report: Dick Bennett

- The Statement of Financial Position is attached (Attachment A).
- The Quarterly Income/Expense reports (Attachments B, C, and D).
- Our Vanguard accounts are doing very well.
- Dick transferred the \$2,500 from our Operating Fund to our Grant/Project Fund, as agreed at the last meeting.
- Our Lifetime Trust Fund continues to do well. Our balance is now over \$108,000, but we should take no action to reduce it until we see what the stock market does for the rest of the year.
- All 4 of our grant payments have now been made.

4. Secretary's Report: Debra Warren

- May Banquet:

➤ Approximately 25 people have signed up so far.

Follow-up: We need to ask Vern Clapp to send a reminder out to our members via E-Notes.

- Other: We received a thank you note from June Plank for the flowers we sent to Marlin's service.
- Linda Goodman, Deb Warren, Bev Pratt, and Mary Moyer met with the staff at the Old Spaghetti Factory to work out some problems we've experienced. The staff was very accommodating and supportive.

5. Old Business:

a. Update on Endowment Committee Brochure: Al Matecko

- We're planning on sending out the brochures to all members in the fall.
- We may consider a bit later, to encourage people to consider the tax advantage of contributions.

Follow-up: Put this on the July Meeting Agenda for further discussion.

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5. Old Business (Continued):

b. Electronic Application Form: Linda Goodman

- Linda sent out a copy of the electronic application form that Dennis Dietrich put together.
- Board Member comments included:
 - The membership requirements on the first page are not the same as the ones we recently passed.
 - Several Board Members were not able to enter data into the form.
 - Options for additional donations need to be added.
 - The form needs to include addresses to send in the application - both an electronic one, and our USPS address.
 - The electronic address could possibly be an Old Smokey e-mail that Deb Warren would monitor.
 - After she receives the information, it needs to go to Bill Funk to be entered into the Membership Database.

Follow-up: We need a group to work with Dennis Dietrich to resolve the issues above. The group leader should be Doug Macdonald, with Don Nearhood and Bill Funk on his team.

6. New Business:

a. Moon Tree Run and Firefighter's Fair: Linda Goodman

- We have an opportunity to set up a booth at the Moon Tree Run and Firefighter's Fair at the Siskiyou Smokejumper Base on June 7.
- Do we want to?
- The Board liked the idea.

Follow-up: Bob Devlin will work with Doug Macdonald and John Berry to work out the logistics.

b. Meeting with Kent Connaughton and Rob Mangold: Linda Goodman

- Kent and Rob and several other RO folks will be here to present us with this year's participating agreement.
- Linda will give an overview of how we've used the Region's and Station's support over the past years.

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Regional Forester and Station Director Briefing on PNWFSA Activities

Additional Attendees: Kent Connaughton (R6 Regional Forester), Rob Mangold (PNW Station Director), Glen Sachet (Public & Legislative Affairs Director), Shoni Philip-Florea (Public & Legislative Affairs Assistant Director), and Scott Batchelor (Public & Legislative Affairs Visual Information Specialist).

1. Introductions: Linda Goodman, Kent Connaughton, Rob Mangold
 - Each person at the meeting introduced themselves, with a short explanation of their involvement.
2. Update on PNWFSA Activities: Linda Goodman
 - Linda gave an overview of what PNWFSA has done in providing grants to support the Forest Service mission, and funding the Elmer Moyer Memorial Fund to provide emergency assistance to Forest Service employees and retirees.
3. 2014 Participating Agreement: Ron Boehm and Glen Sachet
 - The Participating Agreement was signed by Linda Goodman, Kent Connaughton, and Rob Mangold.
4. Investigate Opportunities between PNWFSA/R6/PNW: Linda Goodman
 - What kinds of help can we provide the Region and Station?
 - How can we figure out how the Region and Station can use our volunteers and our grants?
 - Can we encourage membership from current employees?
 - Rob and Kent both had several nice things to say about our work and the value of our partnership.
 - Rob suggested that we help at events such as forestry job fairs.
 - Kent encouraged us to keep up our good work, and shared what a good reputation we have with the current FS folks.
5. Networking: Al Matecko
 - The Region's weekly update will feature articles from PNWFSA, and our newsletter already shares Regional and Station articles with our members.

Meeting adjourned: 11:05am