

Old Smokeys Meeting Notes

June 27, 2014

Approved July 25, 2014

Amended August 29, 2014

In attendance: Al Matecko, Linda Goodman, Jim Rice, Deb Warren, Mike Ash, Ron Boehm, Bob Devlin, Bill Funk, Phil Hirl, Bev Pratt, Susan Triplett.

1. Minutes of the May Meeting: Susan Triplett
 - Moved** by Linda Goodman: Accept the minutes as submitted.
 - Seconded** by Mike Ash.
 - Vote:** Passed Unanimously.

2. Monthly Review of Treasurer's Reconciliation: Susan Triplett
 - The May reconciliation looks good.

3. Treasurer's Report:
 - Dick Bennett is recovering from knee replacement surgery, and is doing well.
 - The Statement of Financial Position is attached (Attachment A).
 - From Dick's email:
 - We had little activity in June.
 - Our Vanguard funds continue to do well which brings the Lifetime Fund balance to over \$110,000.

4. Secretary's Report: Debra Warren
 - We have several new members - We are now over 920!
 - August 8 Picnic: 28 people have signed up.

5. Old Business:
 - a. Update from Endowment Committee: Al Matecko & Bev Pratt
 - Our brochure will go out later this year.
 - We have the pictures we need for the brochure.

 - b. Electronic Application Form: Bill Funk
 - This is still a work in progress, but coming along!
 - Several new members have used the new form, and Dennis Dietrich is working on the feedback he gets.
 - It's not on our website yet.

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5. Old Business (Continued):

c. Regional Forester's Retirement Party: Mike Ash

- Kent's party was very well-attended, and was quite fun!
- There were lots of new folks there, and we need to connect with them, to let them know why we're here, and to encourage them to become members!
- We also need a new RO Representative.

d. Grantee Tables at the Picnic - Phil Hirl

- At the May meeting, we agreed to invite our current grantees to set up promotion tables at the Picnic.
- Phil suggested that we also invite last year's grantees, so our folks can see what we've been supporting.
- The Board agreed with this idea.

Follow-up: Phil Hirl and Al Matecko will invite 2013 and 2014 grantees to our picnic.

6. New Business:

a. Old Smokey Field Visits - Al Matecko

- Al suggested that visits to the field, to meet retirees and current employees might strengthen our connections with the field, and encourage more membership.
- Potential 1-day trips include:
 - Pendleton, OR - coordinating with Jeff Blackwood
 - Bend, OR - coordinating with Les Joslin
 - Seattle, WA - coordinating with Al Gibbs, and
 - Eugene & Corvallis, OR - coordinating with Jerry Ingersol.
- These visits will be coordinated with the Forest Supervisors and PNW Station Managers who will host the gatherings.
- Jim Rice, Linda Goodman, Deb Warren, and Sue Triplett indicated interest in accompanying Al Matecko on these trips.

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6. New Business (Continued):

b. FS Reunions - Al Matecko

- The next FS Reunion is in October 2015 in Albuquerque.
- We had a very popular hospitality room at the Vail, CO reunion.
Should we do one in Albuquerque?

Follow-up: Al Matecko will contact Lou Romero to see if this is a possibility.

- One of the issues that will need to be resolved before the reunion is who will host the next Reunion (in 2018)?
- Regions 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 have not yet hosted Reunions.
- A Reunion is a massive commitment.

Follow-up: Mike Ash will head up a "scoping committee" along with Linda Goodman, and Bob Williams, to provide input to Regions who may be interested in hosting a Reunion in the future.

c. Old Smokey Newsletter Editor: Al Matecko for Les Joslin

- Les and Pat Joslin have put lots of work and energy into our Newsletters for the past 9 years!
- Les has put items in the Newsletter asking for someone to step up to this position.
- We need to help Les find an "intern/understudy."
- We will thank Les and Pat at the picnic.

Moved by Linda Goodman: We will thank Les and Pat for their continued outstanding efforts on the Old Smokey's newsletter by giving them a \$100 gift card at the picnic.

Seconded by Mike Ash.

Vote: Passed Unanimously.

Follow-up: Linda Goodman will purchase the gift card and will be reimbursed by the Treasurer.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:50am

Attachments (Attached to e-mail):

A - Statement of Financial Position