

Old Smokeys Meeting Notes
July 25, 2014
Approved August 29, 2014

In attendance: Al Matecko, Linda Goodman, Jim Rice, Deb Warren, Dick Bennett, Don Nearhood, Phil Hirl, Charlie Krebs, Sue Zike, Susan Triplett.

1. Minutes of the June Meeting: Susan Triplett
 - Moved** by Phil Hirl: Accept the minutes as submitted.
 - Seconded** by Jim Rice.
 - Vote:** Passed Unanimously.

2. Monthly Review of Treasurer's Reconciliation: Susan Triplett
 - The June reconciliation looks good, but the report format needs some "tweaking".

3. Treasurer's Report: Dick Bennett
 - Dick Bennett's knee is recovering well!
WELCOME BACK, DICK!!
 - The Statement of Financial Position is attached (Attachment A).
 - The Quarterly Reports are also attached (Attachment B).
 - Our Vanguard accounts are doing very well.
 - We have over \$111,000 in our Lifetime Funds.
 - When a member who pays yearly dues reaches 90 years of age, that person becomes a lifetime member. Are these people counted in our lifetime membership numbers which are used to calculate how much money we need to keep in the Lifetime Funds?
Follow-up: Ask Bill Funk for clarification.

4. Secretary's Report: Debra Warren
 - August 8 Picnic: We have over 60 people signed up.
 - We received a nice Thank You letter from the Oregon Garden for our grant.

5. Old Business:
 - a. Update from Endowment Committee: Sue Zike
 - Our brochure is a "work in progress" right now.
 - Bev could not be at today's meeting due to out-of-town visitors.
Follow-up: Sue Zike will contact Bev to find out where we are with the brochure.

 - b. Summer Picnic: Phil Hirl and Charlie Krebs
 - We invited our grantees to come to our picnic and set up a table with displays of what they are doing with our grants.
 - So far, only Fish Lake will be able to come.

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5. Old Business (Continued):

c. Field Visits: Al Matecko

- The purpose of planning Field Visits is to meet retirees and current employees to strengthen our connections with the field, and encourage more membership.
- Al is working with:
 - Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie NF to set up a visit in September.
 - Willamette NF to set up a visit in December.
- Al will contact the East-Side forests after fire season.

d. 2018 Forest Service Reunion: Tabled until August

6. New Business:

a. High Desert Proposal: Linda Goodman

- The High Desert Museum currently displays a vintage FS Fire Truck. They need to move it out, to make room for other displays, and have offered it back to the Forest Service.

Follow-up: Les Joslin will present a proposal at our August meeting.

b. Grant Solicitations: Al Matecko

- Our call for grant proposals needs to go out in October.
- We need to decide how much money we want to invest in grants for 2015.

Moved by Phil Hirl: Plan on using up to around \$6,000 for 2015 grants.

Seconded by Charlie Krebs.

Vote: Passed Unanimously.

c. A Proposal: Al Matecko

- In looking for ways to reach out to the current Forest Service employees, especially the ones "on the ground," Al would like to work on a proposal to recognize Ranger Districts that do good work to accomplish the Forest Service goals while recognizing the value of our heritage and history.

Follow-up: Al will develop a proposal, with help from Linda Goodman, Jim Rice, and Sue Triplett

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7. Other Business:

a. Fish Lake Remount Station Restoration Grant: Phil Hirl.

- o As work started on the restoration, they realized there is a major problem of bat infestation.
- o They need to get rid of the bats and clean up their damage before they can start restoring the Remount Station.
- o Can they use our funding for cleaning up the bat damage?

Follow-up: The Board agreed that our funds can be, and should be, used for this.

Al Matecko will send them an e-mail, approving the use of our funds for the cleanup.

b. Old Smokey Application Form - What is the status?

- o Deb is receiving many on-line copies of new member applications from Dennis Dietrich.
- o We don't have an electronic version on our website yet.

Follow-up: Don Nearhood and Bill Funk will work with Dennis Dietrich to get this on our website, and will report on their progress at the August meeting.

c. NAFSR Report: Sue Triplett

- o We haven't had any input from NAFSR in several months. What is the status?

Follow-up: Al Matecko will contact Ranotta McNair to check.

d. Okanogan NF Fires: Al Matecko

- o Have any of our employees or retirees been adversely affected by the fires in Central Washington?
- o Do they need any help from our Moyer Memorial Fund?

Follow-up: Al Matecko will contact the Okanogan NF to check.

e. Sand Mountain Club (ROR/SIS) Grant for Wildhorse Lookout: Phil Hirl

- o This project has been delayed because they needed to get some environmental approvals to proceed.
- o The approvals have been granted, and work is underway!

Meeting Adjourned: 10:50am

Attachments (Attached to e-mail):

A - Statement of Financial Position

B - Second Quarter Reports:

- Operational Income and Expense
- Lifetime Fund Income and Expense
- Grant/Project & Moyer Funds Income and Expense