

Old Smokeys Meeting Notes
September 26, 2014
Approved October 31, 2014

In attendance: Al Matecko, Linda Goodman, Deb Warren, Don Nearhood, Bill Funk, Phil Hirl, Mike Ash, Sue Zike, Doug Macdonald, Ron Boehm, Mary Moyer, Sue Triplett.

1. Minutes of the August Meeting: Susan Triplett
 - The wording about contacting Region 5 as a potential host for the next reunion was reworded.
 - The presenters of different topics was clarified.
 - ✓ MANY THANKS to Linda Goodman for taking such good notes!!
 - Moved** by Bill Funk: Accept the minutes with the proposed changes.
 - Seconded** by Phil Hirl.
 - Vote:** Passed Unanimously.

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

3. Treasurer's Report: Dick Bennett from his e-mail
 - The Statement of Financial Position is attached (Attachment A).
 - The only major expense this month was the cost of having our nonprofit tax returns prepared.
 - This resulted in our 2014 Operating Fund balance becoming negative.
 - Earlier in the year it was decided that the lifetime members' share of this year's operating costs would be adjusted at the end of the year.
 - Our checking account balance is sufficient to cover operating costs for the rest of the year.
 - Our Vanguard funds increased in value by over a thousand dollars since last month's report.
 - - Followup:** A committee of Al, Dick, Vern, and Bill will consider whether it is time to shift funds around.

4. Secretary's Report: Debra Warren
 - This has been a slow mail month!
 - We received a Thank You note from the McCarthy family for our gift.

5. Old Business:
 - a. Update from Endowment Committee: Al Matecko and Sue Zike
 - We're finalizing the brochure, and hope to have it out relatively soon.

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5. Old Business (Continued):

b. Field Visits: Al Matecko

- Al is coordinating with people on the Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie, Olympic, Deschutes, Willamette, and Siuslaw National Forests to find appropriate times for us to visit them, and learn what they're working on.

c. Old Smokey Application Form: Don Nearhood and Bill Funk

- The automated application form is getting a lot of use!!
- Dennis Dietrich and Jim Rice will preview the submitted forms to ensure we have all the required information. Then they will send the forms to Bill Funk and Deb Warren for processing.
- AOL is causing some problems. Don and Bill are working to resolve them.
- The process is Looking Good!

d. 2015 Picnic: Linda Goodman and Al Matecko

- Job Corps has agreed to provide our 2015 picnic, for a price of \$5 to \$10.
- Al has contacted Dave Dalton, and he is OK with the change, and understands our rationale.
- Dave will still cater our Spring Banquet.
- Job Corps cannot provide beer and wine.
- Mike Ash and Doug Macdonald agreed to take care of the beer and wine.
- Our current estimate of ticket prices for attendees is \$10 to \$15. This will include the beer and wine, and a gratuity to Job Corps.
- The date of the next picnic is Friday, August 14, 2015.
- Al will communicate with Rick Larson to ensure we have the site reserved for that day.
- Bob Devlin will communicate with BLM to extend our use of the Wildwood site for another 5 years.

6. New Business:

a. NAFSR Focus: Ranotta McNair

- Nothing to update this month.

b. President Elect Nominee: Mike Ash

- The Nominating Committee recommends Ron Boehm as our President Elect Candidate.
- People who have worked with Ron admire the skills he would bring to the position.

Moved by Mike Ash: Approve Ron Boehm as our President Elect Nominee.

Seconded by Doug Macdonald.

Vote: Passed Unanimously.

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6. New Business (Continued):

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, research labs, and other units that do good work to accomplish the Forest Service goals while recognizing the value of our heritage and history.
- Al passed out a draft of the "Summit Award." It needs some adjustments, so he'll send that out to the Board after the meeting.
- The award would include a financial award to be used for the employees - not for Forest/Research Lab work.
- Sue Zike suggested a more appropriate title for the "Summit Award" would "Old Smokeys Award."
- There used to be a "District of the Year Award," but it ended because it required so much work by the units, and so much travel by the RO staff.
- The award money would be added to our annual operating expense budget - in a separate fund.

Follow-up: Al will make some modifications to the current proposal and send it out to the Board. We will discuss it in November, since Al won't be here in October.

7. Other Business:

a. Upcoming Meetings: Susan Triplett

- Our next 3 scheduled meetings are October 31, November 28 (the day after Thanksgiving), and December 26 (the day after Christmas). Should we have meetings in November and December?
- Last year's December meeting and luncheon were not well-attended.

Moved by Mike Ash: Cancel the December meeting and luncheon.

Seconded by Doug Macdonald.

Vote: Passed Unanimously.

Follow-up: Announce this change to the luncheon attendees, and ask Vern to post an E-Note about this.

b. Grantee Event: Charlie Krebs

- The Oregon Garden Pavillion Dedication is on October 2.
- Charlie plans to attend, and hopes other Old Smokeys will join him.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:50am

Attachments (Attached to e-mail):

A - Statement of Financial Position

B - Edited Award Proposal