

Old Smokeys Meeting Notes
October 31, 2014
Approved November 28, 2014

In attendance: Jim Rice, Mike Ash, Deb Warren, Dick Bennett, Don Nearhood, Phil Hirl, Bev Pratt, Mary Moyer, Sue Triplett.

1. Minutes of the September Meeting: Susan Triplett
 - Moved** by Mike Ash: Accept the minutes as submitted.
 - Seconded** by Don Nearhood.
 - Vote:** Passed Unanimously.

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

3. Treasurer's Report: Dick Bennett
 - The Statement of Financial Position is attached (Attachment A), along with our 3rd quarter Income & Expense reports for Grant/Project & Moyer Funds, Lifetime Fund, and Operations (Attachments B, C, and D).
 - We're Healthy!
 - We've had many donations to our Moyer Fund.
 - Our Lifetime Fund has a net increase.
 - We need to look at our Vanguard account, to see if we need to reallocate our investments.
 - Follow-up:** Dick will work with Bill Funk, Vern Clapp and Al Matecko to determine our reallocation strategy.
 - Participating Agreement: We have not received this money from the RO. We need to bill the Forest Service. How was this done in the past?
 - Follow-up:** Jim Rice will contact Ron Boehm, Bill Funk and Vern Clapp to determine what the process is for billing the RO.

4. Secretary's Report: Debra Warren
 - We've had a steady flow of new members paying dues!
 - When these are received, Deb sends the members a welcome letter and a copy of our Directory. However - we're running out of these.
 - Moved** by Mike Ash: Authorize Debra Warren to make 25 to 50 copies of the Directory, as needed, or contact e-Print services to see what they would charge for the additional printing.
 - Seconded** by Bev Pratt.
 - Vote:** Passed Unanimously.

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4. Secretary's Report: Debra Warren (Continued)

- We received a letter from Annual Business Services, stating that we have not submitted a copy of our annual membership meeting minutes, and we owe them \$125.
- No one at the meeting was aware of this annual requirement from Annual Business Services.

Follow-up: Jim Rice will research the subject to determine whether this is a valid requirement.

5. Old Business:

a. Changes to Luncheon: Bev Pratt

- Bev and Deb will talk to the Old Spaghetti Factory General Manager, Gary Shephard, and the Banquet Manager, Stacey Gonzalez, after our lunch today. The Old Spaghetti Factory has some issues with us that we need to resolve.
- Some of the issues are:
 - We're not paying for beverages that we don't order up front.
 - We used the elevator last month.
 - The bar is charging twice as much for soft drinks than we would pay if we ordered them up front.
- Bev and Deb will report back after the meeting.

b. BLM Picnic Site Agreement Update: Mike Ash for Bob Devlin

- We have a 5-year agreement with BLM to use the Wildwood site for our annual picnic.
- This agreement will expire in the next few years, and Bob wanted to negotiate an extension.
- The current BLM leader is Kim Titus, who will retire in the next year.
- Kim has agreed to extend our agreement before she retires.
- Bob Devlin researched the agreement, and it appears that we can bring our own alcohol for our picnic.

c. Old Smokey Application Form and Website: Don Nearhood

- The automated membership application form is being used!
- Our web service no longer supports our Windows software, so we're using a new open source Linux software.
- Don will be taking a PCC class to learn how to use the free software, WordPress.
- Because of the change, our web host is not charging for hosting service this next year.

Moved by Dick Bennett: Authorize reimbursement to Don Nearhood for the class he's taking.

Seconded by Deb Warren.

Vote: Passed Unanimously.

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5. Old Business (Continued):

d. Forest Service Book: Phil Hirl

- o The U.S. Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest book by Jerry Williams has sold over 1,000 copies.
- o It is important that our historical roots be available and known to the current Forest Service work force, and to our public.
- o This would be a good time to remind people about the book's availability, and to continue to spread the word.

Follow-up: Ask Les Joslin to put an article in the next newsletter.

e. Old Smokeys/Summit Award: Jim Rice

- o This topic will be discussed in November, but Jim and others at the meeting had some ideas they shared:
 - The purpose of this award to let the Forest Service employees in the field understand our background, and who we are.
 - Are the amounts in the proposal appropriate?
 - ✓ Can they be changed each year?
 - ✓ Are they too high?
 - ✓ How will we manage this?

6. New Business:

a. NAFSR Update: Ranotta McNair (not at meeting)

- o Several board members received an email from Bob Walker with NAFSR in the title. We didn't realize this was Ranotta's update to us.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:55am

Attachments (Attached to e-mail):

- A - Statement of Financial Position
- B - 3rd Quarter Income/Expense for Grant/Project & Moyer Fund
- C - 3rd Quarter Income/Expense for Lifetime Fund
- D - 3rd Quarter Income/Expense - Operations