

Minutes of WNPS SSC Executive Board Meeting on May 16, 2010

Present: Cindy Dillon, Lee Fellenberg, Sue Summers, Bonnie Blessing, Reba Olsen, Bill Brookreson and Byrna Klavano.

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm by Reba.

Bonnie Blessing gave a report on the plant sale for the fall. The location will be in the south Tacoma area. Several places were being considered. The emphasis right now is to report plants, get plants, line up plants from nurseries, etc. Bonnie needs about \$1000 to get started and expects to make about \$3000 in sales. Tentative dates are Sept 25 or Oct 2. Storage of plants and watering will be done during the summer at the golf course. Sue will look into the use of debit or credit cards at the sale. Publicity was discussed. Sue will get the information to the newspapers, and Cyndi offered to get flyers to businesses and to the WNPS meeting. We need a selling permit from the agriculture department once we know the location. Moved, seconded and approved to budget \$1000 for the sale. Bonnie will write an email for members to volunteer plants and get other information out. Suggestion made to get the bookseller from the CPS chapter of WNPS to have a table to sell books.

The folding display board was set up. We discussed picture updates and reformatting the written information. We would like to add photos of members/volunteers doing activities. The box full of brochures was examined.

The minutes from Dec 13 2009 were reviewed.

The list of responsibilities by board members and other volunteers ("Who Does What") was reviewed. Reba will send an updated list to the board. Some board vacancies are for Botanist, Field trip chair and Volunteer coordinator.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Sue presented a chart with the budget and expenses YTD.

Editorial committee requested input. Suggestion was to encourage more members to give email addresses as the monthly updates are emailed only. SSC can't endorse a commercial business but can publish information on pending sales that may benefit members.

Nominating Committee needs a chair that is not on the board. Pierce and Thurston county representations are encouraged. Notice will be put into the newsletter. Sue will be nominated as treasurer, Byrna will as secretary and Cyndi will as Pierce Co Vice Chair. The great need is a chair for the chapter.

Highlights of the April State Board meeting

- **Board Member Vacancies:** Catherine explained there are two Board Member vacancies that need to be filled. Priya Shahani's position which would go through 2011 and Fred Weinmann's which would go through 2012.
- **WNPS Fellows Committee Report:** A Call for Nominations will be in the next issue of *Douglasia*, Attachment Q, and was posted on the Board of Directors site for Board Member review. Deadline for Nominations is November 1
- **Botany WA 2011:** The Bozarth Conference and Retreat Center at Gonzaga

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University has been reserved for May 11-13, 2012 for Botany Washington in the Spokane area.

- **Carex Workshop, July 27-29, 2010.** This workshop will be taught by Peter Zika and is being coordinated by WNPS and the University of Washington Herbarium. Catherine and David Giblin are working together on this workshop. Registration should be online by the first week of May. The workshop will cost \$300 and profits will be shared between WNPS and the UW Herbarium.

Activity and events forms need to be given to Chair in December for storage. A recommendation was made that a person needs to sign a waiver for activities once yearly.

Lee reported that people on the 'interested' list were requested to respond if they wished to be kept on the list. A second email was sent about 3 weeks later. Of approximately 500 on the list, 150 responded to stay on.

New equipment was presented by Lee. Lee donated to the chapter a projector, two netbooks and a DVD player. Lee donated them in memory of Mary Fries. A sincere "Thank You" to Lee for these pieces that will make our programs be state of the art for any presenter. There is a set for each meeting: one set for Tacoma and the other set for Olympia.

The next board meeting is August 22, 2010, at 4 pm at Byrna's house.

There was a discussion to consider making the monthly meetings be on different weeks to encourage more members to attend both.

The website has some outdated information and Reba will update and give to Lee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Byrna Klavano

Edited by Reba Olsen

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