

Minutes of WNPS SSC Executive Board Meeting on December 13, 2009

Present: Cyndy, Seth, Reba, Bill, Lee, Byrna, Kevin Head and Sue

New vice chairs were welcomed to the committee. Anna's resignation from the board was accepted.

Reba made a new email group of "Dedicated Volunteers" who are especially active members. They will get the agendas, minutes and the mailings of the board. Anyone who wants to contribute is welcome to attend board meetings.

Reviewed chapter meeting in Tacoma, Wed Dec 9th. It was well attended. Each presenter seemed a little too long or there were too many presenters. We will organize the program better next year, to allow for all scheduled presentations within two hours.

Review of 2010 Annual Budget:

---Sue presented a balanced budget.

---Kevin proposed adding two 'student' memberships be given out by our chapter to encourage youth participation. Amended that \$50 be taken from restoration for two membership scholarships, which can be for general or student memberships.

---Revised budget approved.

Decision approved to donate \$300 to WNPS budget for grants. This is for this year only.

Equipment needs for society include a portable digital projector and a laptop. Kevin will check at the Coach House of the Capitol Museum in Olympia to see what is available there that we might use. Bill will check on prices for projector and laptop. Cyndy will check what Snake Lake has available for our use. Reba will look into a portable microphone to assist hard of hearing persons to hear speakers' presentations.

Use of Emails:

Lee sends newsletters by email and snail mail to members. There are monthly updates but sent only as email to members. Lee suggested eliminating the updates and putting all that information on the SCC website. The Steward's projects could have a small write up on the web site. They can add work dates when known. Other organizations could put links at our website. Bill plans to continue the monthly updates for a few more months, but we can meanwhile additional information to the web site.

Committee reports:

--Newsletter: Bill has all articles and will have draft ready for Reba and Lee in a couple of days.

--New committee called 'Program committee' fielded for opinions by Reba. No action taken.

--Reba shared her revisions of our Event Registration forms. Field trips and restoration events need to turn in forms to chair at end of year.

--Field events. Kevin encourages nonmembers to join trips, although priority is given to WNPS members when there is a limit of participants. He may do a joint event with Audubon of Black Hills. Both topics OK'd.

--Anyone interested in leading a field trip can contact Bill to have it included in newsletter and on website

--Field trip committee chair requirements and recommendations: policy tabled until after February member meetings, where Bill and Kevin will meet with people interested in leading hikes.
--Vice Chair responsibilities: policy reviewed and approved.

News from October WNPS Board Meeting:

--Native Plant Appreciation funding will be cut back by state.
--Study weekend May 21-23 at Camp Waskowitz in North Bend.

Briefly mentioned Native Plant Appreciation Week for SCC. One hike planned by Bill so far.

Discussed SSC's email "Interested List." All agreed that Lee should send out emails asking if they want to remain on the list. He will send it out two times.

Election results: Lee requests statistics on how many voted, number by electronic or mail, etc. Reba will send that to Lee and Bill.

New Members will be listed and welcomed in the newsletter.

Meeting dates for 2010 will be May 16, Aug 22 and Nov 14, 4-6:30 p.m. All are scheduled at Byrna's home. (Address and directions will be included in email announcement before each meeting.)