

## **Minutes of WNPS SSC Executive Board Meeting on Sept 12, 2010**

Present: Reba Olsen, John Neorr, Bill Brookreson, Lee Fellenberg, Seth Swanson, Cyndy Dillon, and Byrna Klavano

Reba called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Minutes from May meeting had a correction. Under Editorial Committee: A decision on publishing commercial business information was not reached. Bill has since then checked with Catherine. As long as it is informational it is OK to publish. Seth said to add: "WNPS does not endorse or support...."

Additions to the agenda were made.

Election:

Ballots will be sent electronically or by postal if no email address is available. There are 32 out of 215 members without email. Positions filled are: Seth for chair, Bonnie for Thurston Vice Chair, Cyndy for Pierce Vice Chair, Sue for Treasurer, and Byrna for Secretary. Reba will ask for any additional nominations at the October meetings. Nominations will close after the Tacoma meeting. Lee requested that the board be given the number of ballots mailed and number returned. Also the number of emailed ballots sent and the number returned. Lastly, the number of votes each person received.

Treasurer's report: It had been emailed to board members. It was noted that the membership scholarships had not been awarded for this year. It was recommended that the board find two people for this honor. Treasurer's report was accepted.

Plant sale: It is gearing up. Byrna is doing some cold laminating. Seth can do heat laminating if pages are sent to him. Lee has the sale information on the chapter website. Reba will send the information to WNPS for posting at [wnps.org](http://wnps.org)

After much discussion about changing one of the meeting dates to a different week, the decision was to keep it the same for this year.

Bill suggested a 'kick off' meeting in September to help people get WNPS meetings into the fall routine. The December meeting, or possibly the January meeting, when there is a potluck with sharing of projects and photos by members was also discussed. For this year, we will do more publicity and get a few members lined up to share photos with a time limit of about five minutes.

Projectors and netbooks: Bill will store and set up equipment for Tacoma meetings. Seth will store and set up equipment for Olympia. Seth may have Dan & Pat do this also. Another thanks to Lee for providing these pieces of equipment that will enhance our presenter's programs. They are given in memory of Mary Fries.

Monthly Updates:

This has been a good project. It is done by email only, so 32 members are left out. It was moved and seconded that we send updates by email and postal for six months. Then the board will review the process and costs.

Newsletter: Lee noted that the Fall newsletter said 'Summer 2010'. The newsletter needs to be ten pages or less for cost containment.

Presenters for meetings: John has the fall lined up and a tentative list of more speakers.

Western Washington Fair: John gave a report of what participation entails. There are bimonthly meetings, planning layout of our booth, adding islands of plants in the whole building, arranging for plants, recruiting volunteers to staff the booth, and set up and takedown of booth and plants.

There are time slots totaling 102 hours to staff the booth. Only 26 volunteers covered 68 hours. There are over one million fair attendees, so exposure to WNPS can be significant. Anna Thurston will not be available to spearhead this project. John recommended that we continue participating in the fair. We could solicit state or Central Puget Sound Chapter partnership. We need to get a project manager soon. A firm decision can be made at the next board meeting in November. Bill will talk about it with the CPS chapter.

We have no committee or chair for volunteer appreciation. There is no system to track all the different types of volunteers we have. Cyndy suggested that the vice chairs might do this job. Bill shared a nice wood plaque he had received as a sample of recognition for his work with other agencies on his Woodland Trail project in Olympia.

All completed activity liability forms need to be turned in to Reba by end of December for storage.

Next Meeting is Sunday, November 14, 2010 at 3:30 pm at Byrna's house.

Respectfully submitted

Byrna Klavano

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