

**MNPS Summer Board Meeting
Hyalite Canyon Youth Camp, Bozeman, MT
June 27, 2008**

Attendees: Patrick Plantenberg, Kathy Lloyd, Susan Winslow, Drake Barton, Dave Hanna, Karen Shelly, Cathie Jean, Peter Lesica, Madeline Mazurski, Betty Kuropat, Doug Smith, Teresa Schrum

President's Report- Dave Hanna

Dave welcomed everyone. Next meeting scheduled for November 8, 2008. Next Board meeting agenda: Nominating and Awards Committees.

2009 Annual Meeting- Betty Kuropat, Flathead Chapter

The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held in Hungry Horse at the Glacier Bible Camp on July 17-19. There will be no alcohol allowed but the Camp is 2 blocks from Hungry Horse. We will rent the whole camp which includes motel like rooms for \$28 per night, RV and tent spaces, etc. Betty will need a \$350 deposit. Cathie Jean reported that insurance for the 2008 meeting cost \$267. We will need insurance for the 2009 meeting.

Past President's Report- Susan Winslow

Susan had nothing to report.

Vice President's Report- Karen Shelly

Important Plant Areas: not much happening but Plant Communities of High Importance has gotten started.

Secretary's Report-Patrick Plantenberg

Patrick circulated the address list for updates. Patrick had updated the 2008 Spring Board Meeting notes and they were accepted as corrected. No by-law changes were identified.

Treasurer's Report-Madeline Mazurski

Madeline is resigning as Treasurer. Marlene Renwyck was approved as interim Treasurer. Madeline will talk to Marlene this weekend. Madeline was thanked for being treasurer for over 14 years.

Membership Committee Report-Dave Hanna for Mamie Smith

Madeline discussed getting a gift for Marijka who resigned as Committee Chair. Mamie Smith was approved by the Board as the new Membership Chair.

Newsletter Report-Dave for Jackie Cohen

Mark Behan, Jackie's husband passed away so Jackie was not at the meeting. Peter said the Clark Fork Chapter sent a card. Patrick sent a card for the Board. \$100 was approved as a memorial for Mark to MEIC.

Webmaster's Report- Dave Hanna

After the recent flurry of e-mails the Board will have Marilyn Marler figure out how to get hooked up to the new server in Missoula County. The company will also do e-mail management. Teresa Schrum was at the meeting and discussed the Georgia Native Plant Society plans for an electronic newsletter linked to the website. They have 1,500 members. PDF copies will be sent to 50 members without computers. They are discussing public access to newsletter on website. Bob Person of the Kelsey Chapter and Tara Carolin and her husband from the Flathead Chapter have both expressed interest in the webmaster position. Bob is attending the annual meeting and Board members can talk with him about the job.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports (at Annual Meeting on June 28th)

Awards- Peter Lesica

Bob Dorn received a Special Achievement Award at the annual meeting.

Poems and Songs of the Plant World-Wayne Phillips and Annie Garde

No report.

Small Grants Committee-Drake Barton

Committee members reviewed many small grant proposals. The Board approved a research project proposed by Jennifer Palladini about indirect effects of leafy spurge on the pollinators and persistence of native plants.

Standing Committee Reports (at Annual Meeting on June 28th)

Conservation Committee-Peter Lesica

The Plant Conservation Conference in Bozeman on February 27-28 was a success with about 70 people participating. The committee is moving the Russian olive petition forward to get it listed as a problem weed under a new noxious weed category.

Landscape/Revegetation/Publications- Dave Hanna for Kathy Settevendemie

Kathy indicated the Source Guides will be updated as a hard or electronic copy. Kathy asked for help from MNPS members to interview their local nurseries.

Areas-at-Large

Eastern Montana- Wayne Phillips

No report. Wayne is planning a field trip for this summer.

Western Montana-Judy Hutchins

No report. Peter indicated that Judy and he are planning a field trip in northwestern Montana for this summer.

Chapter Reports (at Annual Meeting on June 28th)

Artemisia Chapter-Susan Winslow

Susan reported that Clayton is keeping the Chapter together. Clayton has been active with the Pryor Mountain Coalition responding to the Custer National Forest Travel Plan EIS. A field trip is planned in the Pryor's.

Calypso Chapter- No report

Clark Fork Chapter-Peter Lesica

The Chapter made over \$2,000 at their native plant sale. They used the money to hire a range management consultant to monitor weed control using goats on MT Jumbo.

Flathead Chapter- Betty Kuropat

The Chapter is planning the next annual meeting at Hungry Horse on July 17-19.

Kelsey Chapter-Kathy Lloyd

The Chapter had several programs including two hands-on herbarium programs and Wildflower Week activities for 4th graders on MT Helena. The Chapter has lots of money and no projects to spend it on.

Maka Flora-Doug Smith

The Chapter has lots of money from its election winnings over the years. They have two trips planned.

Valley of Flowers-Joanne Jennings

The Chapter has been busy preparing for the 2008 annual meeting. Their annual weeding project has produced results with weeds only taking half as long this year.

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