

**MNPS Board Meeting
Lewis and Clark Library, Helena, MT
November 8, 2008**

Attendees: Patrick Plantenberg, Kathy Lloyd, Susan Winslow, Dave Hanna, Karen Shelly, Betty Kuropat, Joanne Jennings, Marlene Renwyck, Kathy Settevendemie, Peter Lesica, Jackie Cohen, Linda Lyon, Mamie Colburn.

President's Report- Dave Hanna

Dave welcomed everyone. Next meeting scheduled for February 28, 2009 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm in Helena.

Past President's Report- Susan Winslow

Susan had nothing to report.

Vice President's Report- Karen Shelly

Karen wanted to review the procedure to recognize new members of the MNPS. The new members will receive a copy of the last newsletter with a hand written note on it welcoming them to MNPS. The new members will continue to be listed in the Newsletter quarterly. In addition, a list of new members will be sent to each Chapter so the Chapters can contact them. New members will be listed on the website. The Membership Chair will process new members quarterly.

Secretary's Report-Patrick Plantenberg

Patrick circulated the address list for updates. Patrick had updated the 2008 Summer Board Meeting notes based on the review by Kathy Lloyd. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report-Marlene Renwyck

Marlene was welcomed by all. Marlene presented an up to date 2008 budget. We made \$562 in 2008. Marlene reviewed the line items. The Annual Meeting notebook will be revised to indicate that an Annual Meeting income split can be negotiated between the Board and Chapter before the meeting. The Kelsey Chapter Townsend Native Plant Project was carried over to the 2009 Budget. Flathead and Clark Fork Chapter projects were also listed. The proposed budget for 2009 is similar to 2008. Membership and Newsletter expenses were adjusted slightly. Marlene will send out a corrected budget after the meeting with the changes discussed and approved by the Board at the meeting.

Membership Committee Report-Mamie Colburn

Mamie was welcomed by all. Mamie indicated that we have 500+ entries on the database. This is below last year numbers at this time. Renewal reminders will be sent out again in January. The e-mail addresses in the database are outdated.

Newsletter Report-Jackie Cohen

Jackie thanked Kathy Lloyd and Drake Barton for completing the last Newsletter. She would like to step down as Newsletter Editor. She will complete the winter issue and then step down. December 10th is the deadline for the winter newsletter. She will put a notice in the next newsletter about the need for a new Editor. The Webmaster should also put the need for a new Editor on the Website. The pay is \$500/issue. We discussed the potential for an electronic newsletter again. The Board is in favor of trying it but deferred the decision until the new Editor is on Board. A query about an electronic newsletter will be included on the renewal postcards.

Webmaster's Report- Bob Person

Bob was welcomed by all. Bob updated the Board on the progress of getting the Website back on line. The transition is done. There were some glitches. The server uses a primitive program. We discussed where we wanted to go with the Website. The Board would like to get a better server. Bob and Dave will check on costs and contract.

2009 Annual Meeting Update-Betty Kuropat for Flathead Chapter

The meeting will be July 17-19th at the Glacier Bible camp in Hungry Horse, Montana. They have rented the entire lodge including the 28 motel rooms. Bring your own bedding. Rooms will be \$40/night for 2 queen beds. They are looking at a \$25 registration fee, \$7 for tents, \$15 for RVs. There may be a Friday pot-luck and Saturday night catered meal. The Chapter will have to buy insurance.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Nominations

The elections will be for President; Treasurer, and Western Representative at-Large. Patrick and Susan were chosen as the Nominating Committee. Dave indicated that he would consider running again for President. Marlene will run for Treasurer. Peter thought that Judy would run again for Western-at-Large representative. An article will be written for the winter newsletter asking for nominations.

Awards-Wayne and Peter were selected as the committee.

Small Grants Committee-Karen Shelly for Cathie Jean

The only outstanding project for \$500 was the leafy spurge project. Bees love leafy spurge. \$1,000 was budgeted again for up to 2 grants. The winter newsletter will include the call for proposals which will be due by January 31, 2009.

Standing Committee Reports

Conservation Committee-Peter Lesica

The Plant Conservation Conference will be held again in 2010. The Committee had an Important Plant Area (IPA) meeting two days ago. Letters have been sent to the USFWS supporting the ESA and to the US Senators about sobdusting in the farm bill.

Landscape/Revegetation/Publications-Kathy Settevendemie

Kathy has almost completed the Clark Fork Chapter West Central Montana Landscape packet. The Board discussed the HIPinc. Montana Natives Project. Peter and Kathy will compose a letter denying MNPS support for the project. The Board was concerned about who would police the program.

Poems and Songs of the Plant World-Wayne Phillips

No report.

Areas-at-Large

Eastern Montana- Wayne Phillips

Wayne had two field trips this year.

Western Montana-Judy Hutchins

Judy is planning one field trip in 2009.

Chapter Reports

Artemisia Chapter-Susan Winslow

Susan discussed the Chapter problems with participation. Clayton resigned. The Board reviewed a letter for Dave's signature that will go to all Chapter

members to try and get someone to come forward. They will try to associate with MSU-Eastern to get students involved.

Calypso Chapter-Linda Lyon for Catherine Cain

Linda Lyon from Dillon summarized the activities for 2008. The Board reminded Linda that the Calypso Chapter is up for the 2010 Annual Meeting. They would like to produce a Native Plant Landscaping Guide for their area.

Clark Fork Chapter-Peter for Mike Young

They are very busy with programs and field trips. They gave \$500 to UM to reseed MT Sentinel. They also hired someone to monitor the County sheep grazing program to understand effects on natives and noxious weeds.

Flathead Chapter- Betty Kuropat

They have had field trips and one plant families' workshop. They also had an art leafprint workshop.

Kelsey Chapter-Kathy Lloyd

They have their holiday potluck planned and other programs for the winter. They have been having trouble finding field trip leaders.

Maka Flora-

No report

Valley of Flowers-Joanne Jennings

They had a successful annual meeting. They have had field trips. They are working with the Horticulture Department at MSU on natives. They have participated in the Lewis and Clark Caverns field trips.

Other Business

None

Wrap-up

The 2009 Budget was approved as amended. Marlene will revise and send out to the Board to ensure she has captured all the changes discussed today.

Adjourn

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