

**MNPS Board Meeting
2010 Annual Meeting, Birch Creek Center
Pioneer Mountains, MT
July 16, 2010**

Attendees: Dave Hanna, Cathie Jean, Karen Shelly, Jennifer Tollefson, Peter Lesica, Catherine Cain, Bob Person, Kathy Lloyd, Peter Lesica, Linda Lyon, Jennifer Hintz, Beth Madden, Patrick Plantenberg, Doug Smith

President's Report – Dave Hanna

Dave welcomed everyone.

2010 Annual Meeting Update – Linda Lyon and Catherine Cain for the Calypso Chapter

Linda and Catherine thanked everyone for coming and indicated that they had 93 registrations.

2011 Annual Meeting Report – Beth Madden and Doug Smith, Maka Flora Chapter

The next annual meeting will be held near Ekalaka, MT at Camp Needmore on June 17-19, 2011.

Vice President's Report – Karen Shelly

The website is working as she is getting requests for information.

Secretary's Report – Patrick Plantenberg

Patrick circulated the address list for updates. Patrick had corrected the 2010 Spring Board Meeting minutes and they were accepted as corrected. No by-laws changes were identified. The MNPS Reprint Policy was adopted as edited and Bob will post on the website.

Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Tollefson

The new Treasurer was thanked for accepting the position. Jenny passed out a 2010 Budget Summary and the Annual Balance Statement as of July 13, 2010. Patrick will send her a copy of the Treasurer's duties.

Membership Committee Report – Cathie Jean

Cathie reported that we have 613 current members compared to 628 last year. She will send a list of expired members to each Chapter President.

Webmaster's Report – Bob Person

Bob reported that he signed up for Google analysis of the website. He passed out a copy of the Databoard from Google. From April 14-June 14 the site had 2,221 visits and 5,659 page visits. Most visits were to the home page. The next most common visit was to the native plant landscaping site, then to the Source Guide. He discussed the potential to register on line membership and putting out

an electronic Newsletter. PayPal use for registering for annual meetings was discussed and will be worked on at the Fall Board Meeting. Until then, Peter will check with Utah NPS and Cathie Jean will check with Linda's husband and Bob .

Standing Committee Reports

Conservation Committee – Peter Lesica

Peter will give a quick summary at the General Membership Meeting

Landscape/Revegetation/Publications – Kathy Settevendemie

Kathy will be coming later

Small Grants Committee – Linda Lyon

The committee is doing well.

Other Business

Important Plant Areas Update

Karen presented a summary of the April 27th meeting in Missoula and the five decisions they tried to make. The group worked on a definition of plant community/plant habitat. They also discussed which classification system to use. The group decided to use the US Native Vegetation Classification System used by Nature Serve. The group discussed IPA recognition goals. They decided to stress long-term best representative areas of all communities-not just threatened communities. They also discussed ecoregional approaches. Finally, they discussed criteria to use for nominating IPA's. They concluded that multiple agency representation was important. The group identified 17 communities that need IPA's.

Awards

Joanne Jennings will not be able to make the meeting. She will receive the Service Award for 2010. MNPS will plant three trees in the Bozeman area park where Joanne has spent a lot of time volunteering. She will also receive a book and award certificate.

Next Board Meeting Date

A meeting date of October 23 was discussed without a consensus being reached. Dave will send out a Doodle Poll to get the best date that most people can make the meeting.

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