

**MNPS Board Meeting
Loon Lake 4H Camp, Ferndale, MT
June 26, 2015**

Attendees: Rachel Potter, Betty Kuropat, Karen Porter, Kathy Lloyd, Bob Person, Patrick Plantenberg, Clare Beelman, Gretchen Rupp, Jennifer Lyman, Anne Garde, Marirose Kuhlman, Tara Carolin, Libby Knotts, Peter Lesica, and Kathy Settevendemie.

Welcome, Introductions, Review Agenda, Announcements- Kathy Settevendemie

Kathy welcomed everyone and asked for additions to the agenda.

Vice President's Report – Karen Shelly out of state

Secretary's Report – Patrick Plantenberg

Patrick asked for updates to the address list. The minutes from the Spring 2015 Board meeting were approved as corrected. No by-law changes were identified.

Patrick will finish converting the MNPS Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines Manual to a PDF version by the Fall meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Jenny Tollefson

Jenny submitted the June 30, 2015 budget summary.

Other Business

- The Membership Meeting Agenda was reviewed
- 2016 Annual Meeting Update (Calypso Chapter) Karen reported that the meeting will be June 24-26 at Fairmont with the National Penstemon Society. Talks were suggested on Montana Penstemons, penstemon propagation, and having Tom Elpel talk.
- 2017 Annual Meeting update (Maka Flora Chapter) Libby reported that they are looking at a location in Lambert. Peter suggested a joint meeting with the Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan
- The next Board meeting was set for WESTECH in Helena on October 17th.
- A Board photo was taken.

Newsletter Editor Report – Caroline Kurtz

Carline is looking for help.

Membership Committee Report – Cathie Jean

2015 Membership 57 lifetime, 364 paid, 82 not paid, and 47 exchange. The Board approved not putting the Newsletter on the website for non-members for 3 months.

Webmaster's Report – Bob Person

Bob reported the new software is in place.

Committee Reports

Conservation – Peter Lesica

Still working with ARS to limit introducing weedy species. Meeting with ARS scheduled in Great Falls. The Conservation Conference will be in Missoula in February. Fred Allendorf will be speaking on molecular genetics.

Landscape/Revegetation/Publications – Clare Beelman

Clare and Madeline Mazurski are reviewing all native plant gardens funded by MNPS (about 15). They reported preliminary findings to the Kelsey Chapter. Clare will put a slideshow and map on webpage.

Marketing Branding – No Chair

- Member Survey-Gretchen will report at Fall Meeting
- Search for Committee Chair-no progress
- Logo-no decision yet
- Committee goals-not finalized

Small Grants Committee – Betty Kuropat

The committee recommended approving 4 grants totaling \$4,104.

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