



# MONTANA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

## **MONTANA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY 2017 SUMMER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

7:00-8:00 p.m. during Friday night dinner at Annual Meeting, June 23, 2017  
Lambert, Montana

**Attending:** Kathy Settevendemie, presiding, Gretchen Rupp, Jeff Copeland, Bob Person, Karen Porter, Annie Garde, Shannon Kimball, Ryan Quire, Drake Barton, Peter Lesica, Clare Beelman, Dave Hanna, Jennifer Lyman, Libby Knotts, and Rachel Potter, recording.

**Introductions, Review Agenda:** - *Kathy Settevendemie*

### **Vice President's Report** - *Gretchen Rupp*

Reports from board members unable to attend

- Carolyn Kurtz, Newsletter- a decision about color newsletters will be taken up at the fall meeting. The board needs to see examples. Some do not receive paper Kelsey.
- Cathie Jean, Membership- membership #s are about the same. More efficient and timely data entry has been instituted.

### **Secretary's Report** - *Rachel Potter*

- Minutes of winter board meeting approved.
- Board member contact updates circulated. Separate document.

### **Treasurer's Report** – *Shannon Kimball*

- 2017 Budget was reviewed and approved. See separate document.
- Balance as of June, 2017 is 35,550.23. \$18,779.41 in savings and \$16,770.82 in checking.
- The loud room was not conducive to examining the budget and discussion. Ideas for expedited budget approval include:
  - A “budget tutorial” at fall board meeting or other basic instruction to board.
  - Base budget on numbers 2 weeks prior to meeting. Treasurer forwards to a few members of BOD who examine and raise questions the treasurer can address before the meeting.
- Membership income is up, but that may be due to multi-year payments.

**Webmaster Report** – Please continue to submit material.

**Other Business**

- Montana Pioneer Botanist book – Books were received in late May. Cost/ book \$21+. Overruns due to inexperience, unexpected postage, and persnickiness.

Paperbacks will be provided to Chapters for \$25. Rachel will bring more to Fall Board Meeting. Price to MNPS members is \$25, \$29.95 to others. Hardbacks for libraries are available for \$39.95. Wholesale price \$22. MNPS receives only \$18.46 for those sold by Amazon (a loss). Chapters are asked to help sell directly. Rachel will mail out until she gets sick of it. Hardbacks only available from her. A notice went out to 500+ Montana libraries.

Bob has created a great MNPS book web page with reviews, ordering info, more on contributors, and Stolon Stories (vignettes stemming from making the book).

- Appointment of interim vice president. Ryan Quire, Bozeman, was appointed to finish out the second year of Gretchen Rupp's term as Vice President. Gretchen is running for President, and the announcement by the MNPS Electoral College of her election is expected tonight.
- 2018 Annual Meeting (Clark Fork Chapter) is set for June 29, 30 and July 1 at Cane Ridge West Bible Camp, 5 miles E of Lincoln, MT. <http://www.caneridgewest.org/>
- Logo revision is ongoing. Kathy S. taking lead.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

- Conservation- Peter Lesica.
  - The 10<sup>th</sup> biennial MNPS Plant Conservation Conference will be held at Montana Wild in Helena on February 21-22, 2018. Agenda, Endangered Species.
  - A letter was sent to the Helena and Lewis and Clark Forest re: Forest Plan Revision. Available on the [mtnativeplants.org](http://mtnativeplants.org).
- Landscape- Clare Beelman. Clare is updating the online Source Guide. Please send her new or corrected information.
- Small Grants- Drake Barton.
 

In 2017, we awarded 4 grants.

Two qualified for and received their full amount "up front". These are:

  - Jeff Copeland, Burke Park Vegetation Monitoring in Bozeman.
  - Mirabai McCarthy, Promoting Botanical Literacy in a Mountain Community (plant id guide to Whitefish Trail).

The other 2 were supposed to receive the first ½ payment and get the rest when they submit a final report. These are:

- Heidi Fleury, Riverfront Stewardship Workshop who has not asked for the initial installment yet.
- Karen McCarthy, YES Native Plant Garden, who got the full payment due to miscommunication between Betty and Jenny T. Meanwhile, the location and plan for this

garden has changed. The committee is considering asked her to return the funds until a new plan is developed and accepted. Her interim plan is not acceptable to the committee.

There is one incomplete grant from 2015, Christine McManamen, Increasing the Efficacy of Herbicides: Revegetation and the Native Seedbank. She was allowed 2 extensions to complete her research and statistics. Betty has her report (needs editing) and hopes to get it in the Fall Kelsey. Her final payment is pending.

**Next Board Meeting** Saturday, November 4, Westech, Helena. Bob will reserve the room.