

**MNPS Summer Board Meeting Minutes
Lubrecht Experimental Forest, Greenough, MT
June 29, 2012**

Attendees: Wayne Phillips, Madeline Mazurski, Judy Hutchins, Kathy Settevendemie, Libby Knotts, Susan Winslow, Joanne Jennings, Anne Garde, Karen Porter, Dave Hanna, Kathy Lloyd, Peter Lesica, Patrick Plantenberg, Jenny Tollefson, Karen Shelly, Cathie Jean, Caroline Kurtz, Linda Lyon

President's Report – Dave Hanna

Dave welcomed everyone. Dave reported that the Fall Board meeting will be October 27 at the Lewis and Clark Library.

Past President's Report-Susan Winslow

None

Vice President's Report – Karen Shelly

Karen reported that someone wanted a website to link to our webpage. Bob decides on which websites to link.

Secretary's Report – Patrick Plantenberg

Patrick asked for address list updates. He will send out a draft address list with the draft meeting minutes for revisions. The Board approved the 2012 Spring Board Meeting minutes. Patrick made revisions based on comments from Board members. The final Spring Board Meeting minutes are on the website. No By-laws or policy changes were identified.

Treasurer's Report – Jenny Tollefson

Jenny noted that there were no major changes to the budget she sent out to the Board. Jenny will be gone for about 6 months in 2012 but Madeline will step in to cover for her.

Membership Committee Report – Cathie Jean

MNPS has 653 total members and 591 membership households and half of the households are getting electronic copies of the Newsletter. There are 50 new households and 72 new members. Cathie is working on a computer security plan to backup the membership information.

Newsletter Editor Report-Caroline Kurtz

Caroline reported the newsletter is at the printer. She has been considering trying a new printer.

Webmaster's Report – Dave Hanna for Bob Person

Everything is going fine. Peter and Bob are scanning old copies of the Newsletters.

Standing Committee Reports

Small Grants Committee – Linda Lyon

Linda reported that the committee awarded two grants. The UM Western garden is done. The research proposals were weak so they awarded two native gardens instead.

Conservation Committee – Peter Lesica

The Plant Conservation Conference in 2014 may be on riparian and wetland conservation and will hopefully be held in conjunction with Montana Audubon. Peter is organizing a letter to send to USDA-ARS to question the release of a perennial *Kochia*. The question about its potential invasiveness needs to be raised and researched. He will coordinate the letter to ARS with other intermountain native plant societies.

Landscape/Revegetation/Publications – Kathy Settevendemie

The Natives are Nice curriculum has been resurrected and put on the website. The Friends of Missouri Breaks Monument contacted Kathy Lloyd asking for help. Wayne will help and Libby will take the information to the Maka Flora Chapter. The Board voted to print 1,000 more membership brochures. This expense needs to be added to the budget. Kathy S. asked the Board members to review the brochure and get any suggested improvements to her.

Areas-at-Large

Eastern-at-Large – Wayne Phillips

Wayne is stepping down but would help a new representative. Patrick reported that there were some write in votes for Eastern-at-Large Representative. He will check with them to see if they will take the job. All present at the meeting declined. Dave Hanna will contact the write-in candidate from Choteau.

Western-At-Large – Judy Hutchins

The 2012 hike will be on July 7 to Grouse Lake near Troy. Judy and Peter are considering another trip in Summer 2013.

Chapter Reports

Calypso Chapter – Linda Lyon and Karen Porter

The Chapter is very active.

Clark Fork Chapter – Peter Lesica

As usual, the Chapter has many activities. They spent a lot of time planning the annual meeting and plant sale. 108 people signed up for the Annual Meeting.

Flathead Chapter – Jennifer Hintz not present

The chapter is busy with many projects.

Kelsey Chapter – Kathy Lloyd

They have Camp Rotary reserved in the Little Belt Mountains near Monarch for the 2013 annual meeting which will be held July 5-7. Insurance is needed.

Maka Flora – Libby Knotts

Beth Madden has retired and Libby Knotts will be new president. Chapter has some trips planned.

Valley of Flowers – Joanne Jennings

Joanne reported on the Chapter activities.

Other Business

Peter gave an update on the new Flora of Montana. The Botanical Research Institute of Texas has published the book and will market and distribute. The book is backpack sized and costs \$50 retail. The book cost \$20,861 for 1,500 copies. MNPS purchased 100 copies at \$25/copy plus about \$300 for shipping so 100 copies cost a total of about \$2,800 or \$28/copy. They will be sold for \$40/copy to MNPS members, a savings of \$10, and MNPS earns \$12 for each copy sold.

A contract change is needed. Peter's contribution will be treated as a loan and he will be paid at the end of two years. The royalties will be split 50/50 at that time. After two years, MNPS will keep all the royalties off the remaining copies sold until they are gone. The Board approved changing the contract.

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