

**MNPS Board Meeting
Fairmont Hot Springs, MT
June 24, 2016**

Attendees: Bob Person, Patrick Plantenberg, Jennifer Tollefson, Karen Shelly, Karen Porter, Gretchen Rupp, Peter Lesica, Rachael Potter, Libby Knotts, Shannon Kimball, Kathy Lloyd, Drake Barton, Dave Hanna, Rozella from Whitefish, 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

Karen had nothing to report.

Secretary's Report – Patrick Plantenberg

Patrick asked for updates to the address list. Patrick made changes to the February Board Meeting minutes and the Board approved the changes. Patrick will send the minutes to Bob for the website. No by-law changes were identified.

Treasurer's Report – Jenny Tollefson and Shannon Kimball

Jenny submitted an annual balance statement and budget summary as of June 30, 2016. The budget looks good as membership is up (657) and the Conservation Conference made a profit.

Other Business

Membership Meeting Agenda

The Board discussed Chapter membership. The Board suggested the Chapters send out welcome e-mails to all new members. Marirose has retired.

2017 Annual Meeting Update (Make Flora)

Meeting will be at Eastern Montana Bible Camp southwest of Lambert. MT. It will be the last weekend of June. No alcohol. Trips will include badlands, etc.

2018 Annual Meeting (Clark Fork)

Planning has begun.

Set Next Board Meeting Date

October 29, 2016 at Westech in Helena, MT

Newsletter Editor Report – Caroline Kurtz (not present)

No report. Everyone agreed the Newsletter is "still lovely".

Membership Committee Report – Cathie Jean (not present)

Cathie sent a report to all. Patrick will use in his presentation tomorrow.

Webmaster's Report – Bob Person

Bob would like a co-webmaster. We should advertise. Maybe Clare would be interested?

Ad Hoc Committee Report

Marketing Committee – Kathy Settevendemie Reporting.

No consensus on logo yet.

Standing Committee Reports

Conservation Committee – Peter Lesica

Montana Botanists Book: Rachel is doing layout and design. They are thinking of 400 copies. They will have a better estimate in the Fall. Potentially about \$6,500 for 400 copies. Kathy Lloyd has done proofreading.

The committee will be reviewing the Flathead National Forest Plan when it comes out.

Plant Conservation Conference: none in 2017. The next one will be in Helena in 2018. Hopefully, the Heritage Program will coordinate the conference.

Landscape/Revegetation/Publications – Clare Beelman (not present)

No report. Kathy S. discussed the Pipestone Garden tour at Karen Brower's house this morning.

Small Grants Committee – Betty Kuropat (not present); Drake Barton Reporting

Drake reported on the status of the four grants awarded in 2015. Three grants were recommended in 2016 but only two were awarded. No changes are proposed for the process in 2017. History of the small grants awarded over the years is now on the website.

Other Business

MNPS e-mail list: The MNPS has a policy to limit use of the e-mail list to MNPS members only.

Fate of Kelsey Chapter: The chapter has no president. Patrick, Bob, and Kathy discussed potential to meet while at the annual meeting and schedule a pot luck dinner to try and keep chapter going.

No Chapter Reports

Adjourn

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