



MONTANA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

MONTANA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY 2018 SUMMER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

7:00 – 8:00 pm. Friday June 29, 2018
Cane Ridge West Camp, Lincoln, MT

Separate docs are in (). MSC= motion, second, carried.

Attending: Doug Smith, Jeff Copeland, Gretchen Rupp, Betty Kuropat, Ryan Quire, Peter Lesica, Clare Beelman, Karen Porter, Annie Garde, Pat McLeod, Patrick Plantenberg, Cathie Jean, Bob Person, Caroline Kurtz, Jenny Tollefson, Shannon Kimball, Ryan Quire, Cathie Jean, Rachel Potter, recording.

Secretary's Report- Rachel Potter

- Minutes of Spring 2018 Board Meeting were approved. MSC. (MNPS BOD Minutes 20180317fin) Minutes of the
- Board contact list was updated. (MNPS Board Contacts 20180707)

Treasurer's Report- Shannon Kimball

- Total Assets \$43,034.75 as of 6/19/18. (2018 Balance Sheet June 2018.pdf).
- Income from membership is currently 9,170.00. Budgeted income for 2018 is \$10,500. See (2018 Budget June 2018.pdf).

Webmaster/maven report – Bob Person/Clare Beelman

- Cedar Mountain Software is switching their web sites over to Word Press. They are offering us a highly discounted rate of \$500. MSC. Bob will give them the go-ahead.
- Bob prefers to do further redesign in-house rather than expensive outlay and less control.
- Suggestions include querying the membership, incorporating lots of great pictures, viewing PDFs without losing browser window, including archived Kelseyas, etc.
- An ad-hoc committee with Bob, Gretchen, Clare and Ryan will report to the October meeting with a scope of work and a recommendation on how to proceed.

Committee Reports:

Conservation Committee – Pete Lesica

The committee submitted comments on the Custer Gallatin Forest Plan and is now working on the Helena Lewis and Clark.

Landscape Committee – Clare Beelman

- Clare would like to organize a statewide meeting/expo on native plant landscaping with vendors, gardeners, professionals, etc. exploring all the resources that are out there.
- Visiting native gardens is in the wings. There is a high failure rate.
- Clare is resigning as chair of the Landscape Committee, so there will not be a meeting tomorrow.

Small Grants – Betty

The committee awarded one grant in 2018 to “Does cultivation of Montana wildflower species on native seed farms cause unintended evolution?”

Other Business:

Pioneer Botanists Book

Rachel will not be able to address this until the fall.

2019 Annual Meeting – Patrick Plantenberg/ Bob Person, Kelsey Chapter

- Will be June 21-23 or the week before, depending on availability at the church camp in the Provincial Park.
- Bob and Patrick travelled to the Cypress Hills and met with Chet Neufeld of the Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan.
- Field trips will be easy to moderate due to the terrain.
- The meeting may include preconference field trips, some historical component with Ft. Walsh, a bio blitz with First Nations...
- Fees will be higher than usual due to high fees at the provincial park, the camp, etc.
- Folks need a passport or cheaper passport card to travel to Canada. There will be a heads up in the fall newsletter.

Ad Hoc Committee on Investing Funds – Gretchen/Maria

After investigating possibilities, they concluded it isn't worthwhile to earn 1 - 2% interest income. There is no safe way to earn 5 - 10%.

Society Demographics - Pete Lesica

Peter is organizing a teleconference in the fall with members under 45 to discuss how the MNPS can appeal to and encourage participation and leadership of younger members. Older members will be able to submit questions, but not participate.

Next Meeting October 27 10 am, Helena. Bob will contact Westech.