



MONTANA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

2019 Summer Board of Directors Meeting
Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park, Saskatchewan, Canada
Friday, June 21, 2019

MSC= motion, seconded, carried

Attending - Doug Smith, Elizabeth Bergstrom, Bob Person, Maria Mantas, Gretchen Rupp, Peter Lesica, Karen Porter, Beth Madden, Rachel Potter, reporting.

Introductions and absentia reports – Gretchen Rupp

Beth Madden was welcomed as the new Valley of Flowers representative to the BOD. Jennifer Lyman hosted a successful field trip to the Pryors. Gretchen continues to work on a draft MNPS contractor policy.

Secretary's Report – Rachel

Revised minutes of the March 2019 BOD meeting were approved. MSC. Rachel will circulate an updated Board contact list.

Treasurer's Report – from Shannon, by Gretchen

The BOD has received by email from Shannon the following that show as of 6/13/2019:

- MNPS Annual Balance Statement – Total assets of \$48, 215.92
- MNPS 2019 Budget as of 6/13/2019 – Details of each item were included in a separate doc.
 - Operating Budget is generally tracking as we proposed but membership income to date is \$12,542.77. However, net membership income will be reduced once Chapter Distributions are paid out in October. There were 4 lifetime memberships, more multi-year renewals, as well as quite a number of extra donations through the website during membership renewal.
 - In Special Projects, we paid 6 Pony Hitch \$2,070.05 for the revised logo, up from the \$1000 that was budgeted.

Webmaster Report – Bob Person

Bob needs help for the following. Please look for members of your chapter to fill these rolls:

- A webmaster/maven understudy (someone who might consider taking over in the future and meanwhile be backup).
- A person from each chapter to update their chapter's web page. Conversion to WordPress makes this quite simple.

Annual Meeting Registration/Account:

- Each chapter currently sets up a new PayPal account every year for each annual meeting. It would be much easier to have one account, that is used each year, or have the annual meeting be part of the regular MNPS PayPal account. The goal is a process that is easier on everyone.
- Bob thought the 2019 Annual Meeting registration form was set up to generate a receipt/confirmation for the payer, but it didn't seem to work out. Little glitches such as this will be less likely now that we needn't start over each year.

Membership – Maria

2019 Membership is down slightly but not significantly. Individuals: 703 to 694. Households, 510-494. Four lifetime memberships and extra donations on the PayPal membership renewal page have bolstered income. See Appendix A for details

We do not have an established method of confirming and thanking renewals, new members, or those making an extra donation with their membership. Some chapters send a welcome note to new members - Valley of Flowers, for example, Flathead, less consistently. Maria will prepare a proposal for how MNPS might handle donations and acknowledgements for the fall board meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Conservation Committee – Peter and Elizabeth

Letters were submitted re:

- Forest Plan Revisions to the Custer Gallatin and Helena Lewis and Clark Forests
- We will be commenting on BLM planning processes for Districts West of the Divide and Lewistown.

Planning is underway for a Conservation Conference, winter 2020 in Bozeman. Good weather has graced all previous mid-winter Conservation Conferences. An earlier or later date may be considered given that this fortunate streak cannot be expected to hold.

Work is underway on threat ranks to the Montana Heritage Program list.

A survey for Douglas bladderpod was completed in conjunction with Western-at-Large on the shores of Lake Kookanoosa. It is the only known population in Montana, but is growing in an area with heavy ORV use.

Rare Plant Conservation Strategy - Maria

Thirty entities were invited to form the Core Partnership. Eighteen of those came to the meeting and two more expressed a desire to be involved. This is an excellent outcome and we are greatly encouraged by the by-in from Army Corps, Tribes, and many others.

Landscape Committee – Gretchen

Committee chair is vacant, but Gretchen is *overseeing* update of the Source Guide. She will send out an email detailing information needed. Gretchen has some people to help, but may need someone from your area- so please contact her.

Small Grants – Rachel for Betty

A committee member has resigned, so there is a vacancy. An announcement will be made at the Membership Meeting tomorrow. Otherwise nothing new since the last meeting.

Next Meeting: Saturday, October 26, 10 – 3 pm, Westech, Helena.

Appendix A –from Maria

Membership Report Annual Meeting 2019 Records as of May 26, 2019

As of now, 84 members have not renewed. However we got 54 new members in 2019!

Membership statistics – In 2019 as of May we have 694 members in 496 households:

Table A. Table below displays current number of households by chapter and membership type

<i>Chapters</i>	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>Lifetime</i>	<i>Total</i>
Calypso	29	11	0	2	42
Clark Fork	100	36	1	20	157
Flathead	32	18	1	12	63
Kelsey	33	23	1	10	67
Maka Flora	7	4	0	1	12
Eastern-at-large	23	11	0	8	42
Western-at-large	10	5	1	5	21
Valley of Flowers	54	21	2	13	90
Total	288	129	6	71	494

Table B. Current membership for the Montana Native Plant Society is 694. Table below displays member totals by Chapter.

	<i>CAL</i>	<i>CF</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>K</i>	<i>MF</i>	<i>SE</i>	<i>SW</i>	<i>VOF</i>	<i>Total Membership (w/o exchange)</i>	<i>XChange</i>	<i>Grand Total (with exchange)</i>
2019	54	201	82	97	16	56	27	116	649	45	694