



## Board Meeting Minutes Feb 23, 2016

The meeting was held at Ron Groves and Pam Bryant's home.

### Call to order at 2:30 pm.

**Present:** Jeff Boyd, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Charles Holmes, Elroy and Joan Limmer, Andy Payne, Helen Shoup, Betty Spence, Keller Suberkropp

**Absent:** none

The minutes from Jan 5<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**New Board Member:** Betty Spence has volunteered to become the publicity coordinator. Jeff will add Betty and Helen to the contacts page of the GilaNPS web site.

**Newsletter:** The deadline for submitting to the state newsletter for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is March 1. Betty will submit the schedule of presentations and trips to NPSNM. For the Gila NPS Newsletter, Helen will include an article written with Charles: "History of the Silva Creek Garden" as well as the 'feature plant' by Keller, and she will feature the Carter "Common Plants of the Southwest" book.

**Treasurers Report:** Regular checking: \$2124.28; Garden acct: \$6221.95

**Plant Sale:** Keller has a list of plants available from Mountain States and Lone Mountain. Betsy has volunteered to update the GNPS web site for the plant sale. Keller will send the plant spreadsheet to Betsy, cc Jeff. The Town of Silver City has been given a \$100 deposit for use of the parking lot for plant pickup on April 22. The plant sale this year will be at the intermural gym at WNMU, April 9 from 11-5pm, part of the 'Home and Garden Expo' there is no cost for the facility.

**E-Mail IDs:** The email id 'Gilanative@gmail.com' will be used for receiving correspondence from outside organizations. Ron reported that he has not been successful at setting up mail received notification from this email id to his personal id.

**Youth Education:** Andy reported that Tricia Hurley has submitted a proposal to teach 10 classes for \$30/hr (= \$600). She would teach both kids and adults. Considerable discussion arose from this proposal. The board did not like the idea of teaching adults – Trish is meant to teach children. Andy was asked to discuss with Trish how she can teach the most children, without dealing with transportation issues.

**Adult Education:** Jeff is awaiting Donna Stevens' proposal for teaching class(es) this spring/summer.

**Book Sale:** Ron reported that two books have been ordered via email. He is anxious to set up the book sale via paypal on the web site. He will contact Betsy to setup a meeting with her, Ron, and Jeff to finalize.

**Scholarship Grants:** Bill Norris has submitted a candidate for a scholarship. Elroy suggested the candidate do 20 hrs of volunteer time at the garden.

**Membership:** Joan distributed the latest membership list and reported the headcount at 160 (which is stable).

**State Meeting:** Keller attended the State NPS meeting. He purchased 10 booklets for \$37.10: "NM Thistle ID Guide". The board decided to sell copies for \$5 each. Keller purchased 2 of the copies.

**Plant Trips:** Kevin Keith has agreed to continue leading plant trips this year. Ron will talk with Kevin to schedule hikes for April and June.

**Give Grandly:** Jeff attended the first meeting, on January 27<sup>th</sup>. A breakfast meeting is scheduled for Feb 24 at which the registration form, check (for \$25), and selection of a committee is required to participate in Give Grandly. Andy will attend the meeting. There will be additional meetings in March and April to attend, as well as the committee meetings.

**Silva Creek Garden:** Elroy reported that the work estimate to remove and chip several trees is \$3,000. The fence is also about \$3000. The materials will be stored at Denise's house until the fence can be installed. The installation will be done by volunteers. The garden will also purchase more plants from the plant sale this year, particularly butterfly attractors. The cost of the plants will be donated by GNPS.

**Social Events:** The annual potluck picnic will be a joint affair with Audubon, on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Gomez Peak pavilion. Ron will talk to Kevin Keith about leading a plant hike at the picnic. Audubon wants to schedule the meal for about 5pm. The board discussed scheduling an event for kids at the garden in the summer. This would be a joint event with Audubon. Elroy, who is on the Audubon board, will discuss this at their next board meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.**

J. Boyd, sec