



Board Meeting Minutes March 17, 2015

The meeting was held at Alotta Gelato.

Call to order at 3:03 pm.

Present: Jeff Boyd, Sue Brown, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Joan Limmer, Elroy Limmer, Charles Holmes, Keller Suberkropp

Absent: Russ Kleinman, Andy Payne

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting were approved.

Silva Creek Botanical Garden: Elroy reported that the next work day will be Friday March 27. April 24 will be planting day, one week after plant pickup. Denise's large sign will be installed on 3/27 or 3/28 by several members of the WNMU football team. A garden area has been delineated for use by the Aldo Leopold students (supervised by Mark Cantrell). The large old kiosk will be taken down, as it is a hazard. The bids for building a fence have come in too high – a decision will be made in the future whether to build it 'ourselves'.

Membership: Joan distributed the updated membership list for the chapter (contains email addresses).

Books: Books will be displayed for sale at the Plant Sale, Ron will deliver books, cash box, receipt book to Keller.

State Conservation Committee: Discussion regarding possible candidates for GNPS's member of the proposed State NPS Conservation Committee. Elroy will talk to Wayne and Lynette Brown about taking this position. We also discussed talking to Bill Norris or Randy Jennings about selecting a WNMU student for this position. Also, perhaps an Aldo Leopold student – talk to Mark Cantrell. Ron will talk to Audubon about doing a joint Conservation effort.

Treasurers Report: The following are balances to date: First New Mexico Regular Checking \$3226.25, Grants Account \$9815.99, EO Jones Acct \$34,485.25

Plant Sale: Keller reported that he has enough volunteers for the Plant Sale. He reported there were 7 pre-orders to date.

Website: Keller will have several plants to remove from the Plant Sale web page, will send email to Jeff for update. A Silva Creek Garden web page will be added to the GNPS website. Keller will provide text and pictures to Jeff for creating the page.

Programs: It was suggested that a short presentation of a native plant be added to the monthly GNPS program, a 'Plant of the Month' segment. Keller and Elroy volunteered to form a committee to look into starting this.

Grant Application: An application was submitted by Donna Foley for a grant request of \$545 to support creation of a native dye plants of the Gila region booklet. The application was not on GNPS's standard Grant Application form, so the request was made to have the applicant re-submit on the standard form.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

J. Boyd, sec