



Board Meeting Minutes Jan 15, 2018

The meeting was held at Little Toad Creek Brewpub.

Call to order at 2:05 pm.

Present: Elroy Limmer, Joan Limmer, Jeff Boyd, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Keller Suberkropp, Bill Norris, Betty Spence, Helen Shoup, Jane Kruse, Ken Sexton

Absent: no one

The minutes from Dec 18th State Convention Planning Meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$3000.68; Garden acct: \$2389.55.

Presidents Report:

Elroy reported the Audubon – Beekeepers program (B3) has been funded to promote education of how bees, butterflies and birds are important to our environment. He talked about a couple new books, “Bringing Nature Home – The importance of Biodiversity” by Douglas Tallamy and “Bees in your Backyard” by Joseph Wilson and Olivia Carril. He and Bill recommended we purchase these books for sale and that we give a copy of the former book away at the next few general meetings. Ron will explore purchasing these books for the GNPS book sale.

The State Meeting is scheduled for the end of January. Each chapter has to submit a year-end report, including financials, programs (and attendance).

Chapter Champion: The State NPS will award a Chapter Champion at the State Convention. This will be a \$500 award. The Gila NPS already has selected someone, but the name will not be announced at this time. The award will be done at the banquet, before the keynote speaker.

Raffle: Helen had raffle tickets printed and brought them. Pam will put \$100 worth in envelopes for board members to buy & sell. Jane and Pam will take responsibility for running the raffle. They will track the tickets, what serial numbers each person gets to sell. The proceeds will be collected and deposited by Pam.

Raffle Publicity.

- Jane showed the flyer she had printed that had pictures and description of the 3 prizes. The board liked that and she will have more printed, so each board member can have a copy.
- Jeff will add the raffle to the GilaNPS web site, enabling the purchase of tickets via PayPal or check to Pam.
- Add to next newsletter.

- The quilt will be displayed at the next general meeting (Friday, Jan 19th) and at the Gila Symposium in Feb (Bill will confirm with the Gila Sym steering committee).
- Betty will submit a press release for the quilt showing at the Seedboat Gallery.

Presentations: Program presentations have been scheduled for Jan – May 2018. Ken Sexton will present in May, and Hanna Blood in March.

Membership: No changes in membership, which stands at 130.

Brochures: Keller is waiting for new pictures from Elroy to complete the Garden brochure. The main brochure and the Garden brochure will be distributed to the Visitor Center, the Silver City public library. Discussion about where else: Bayard Library, Grant County Airport, RV parks. Pam and Betty will distribute the brochures.

Newsletter: The next quarterly GNPS newsletter (18Q2) is due in mid-March.

Book Sales: Ron reported a pending sale thru Paypal and one from the State Fisheries Dept. He discussed how time consuming the sale to State agencies are, as the purchase is done thru a voucher to the State NPS, and the GilaNPS has to get reimbursed.

State Conference 2018:

- **Field Trips.** Russ Kleinman, Richard Felger, Gene Jercinovic, Bill Norris, Slyveen Cook, Kelly Allred, and Doug Dinwiddie all confirmed they will lead field trips. Others to be asked are: Kathy Whiteman, Marilyn Markle, Alex Mares, Wendy Sutton, Mike Fugagli, Donna Stevens, Ed Leuck, and Bear Mtn Lodge (Million Bones). Ron will check with Alex, Jeff will check with the others.
- **Presentations.** The Board discussed possibilities for presenters after Sharmin Apt-Russell. She will open Friday AM, then possibly Nathan Newcomer and Richard Felger. For Saturday PM, Phil Connors was suggested, Phillip Kozenec, Kelly Kindscher, and Jack Carter. Bill will pursue these possibilities.
- **Workshops.** Betty has a list of workshop ideas and will send to the sub-committee (Elroy, Bill, Ken). Some suggestions from the board: Ann Hedlund (weaving), Volunteer Center (native foods), Herbarium tour, Botanical Garden tour, Bees, Moths (Ron Parry or Dale Zimmerman), Cactus (Ed Leuck), Kelly Allred (grass)
- **Accommodations.** Ron has checked with the Murray and the Palace, who will offer 15% off for attendees. Bear Mtn Lodge offered \$25 off. He has concentrated on downtown, but will also check on motels around town. The Visitor Center will create a packet with maps, lists, etc. The Main Street and the Arts Council suggested getting discounts at various restaurants when showing the registration badge.

Other State Conference items:

Elroy will ask for a volunteer to run the Friday night social (at Gomez Pk pavilion). Jane asked for input on what the board wanted to be provided in the registration packet (maps, lists, etc).

Silent Auction: need to find a place to store the auction items. Curtis will be invited to a future board meeting when ready to discuss auction details.

Next year's convention chapter will be announced just before the banquet.

Pictures of the Silver City-Gila area are needed for the State Newsletter.

Jeff will ask how much travel reimbursement Kelly Kindscher needs.

Plant Sale: Discussion about where to hold the pre-sale. The ABC room in the GRC was suggested. Earth Day will be held, but the Home and Garden Show is uncertain. Mountain States can only determine delivery date the Friday before the delivery. Audubon wants to give away some plants at Earth Day, those plants will come from Mountain States.

Silva Creek Garden: A work day will be scheduled for the first Friday of Feb.

Children's Outreach and Education: Trish Hurley was able to do only a fraction of the classes that were planned for 2017. Ron will talk to Sara Digby about getting some help for Trish. Ron would like to expand the program.

Web Site: Jeff has worked on design of the Plant Sale page and is confident that he can do the work necessary to support the Plant Sale. Elroy wants some updates to the web site and to add some pictures. He will meet with Jeff to review the changes in a couple weeks. Web Domain name: Ron will research to make sure we pay annual fee and don't lose the use of the domain name.

Next Board Meeting: Wed Jan 31st 2pm at Harlan Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm.

J. Boyd, sec