



Board Meeting Minutes February 12, 2015

The meeting was held at Alotta Gelato.

Call to order at 3:02 pm.

Present: Jeff Boyd, Sue Brown, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Betsy Kaido, Joan Limmer, Elroy Limmer, Andy Payne, Keller Suberkropp

Absent: Russ Kleinman, Charles Holmes

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the December 10, 2014 meeting were approved.

Silva Creek Botanical Garden: Elroy reported that two future workdays have been scheduled, Feb 13th being the next. A large load of soil has been delivered and needs to be spread. The new sign has been painted fuchsia for visibility. The Board approved purchase of two garbage cans for the garden. Elroy left the meeting at 4:00 to meet with Trish and Mark about a memorial garden for the Aldo kids killed in the plane crash. The Board approved spending <= \$250 for the memorial sign once parents' agreement is reached on the sign. YCC will make the sign. Elroy expressed the goal to spend all current money allocated to the garden in 2015. Additional funding in the form of a grant will be pursued from Freeport McMoRan.

State Board Meeting: Keller reported on the State NPS Board Meeting. Highlights: Dues will be raised due to the hiring of staff - \$30 single, \$45 family, \$60 Friend level, \$125 Sponsor level. A Conservation Committee is being created. A request was made for a member of each chapter to join the committee. The Annual meeting will be held at Durango, CO on July 15-19, early reservations are encouraged due to popularity of the area in the summer. The 2016 State meeting will be held in Las Cruces, Sept 22-24 and will celebrate the Organ Peaks National Monument. New field trip release forms and new trip rules are being implemented. They will be up on the state website soon. The 3rd Saturday in Sept is Native Plants Day.

Membership: Joan distributed the latest membership list for the chapter. Membership has continued to drop. Elroy will investigate printing of bookmarks as a gift for new members and renewing members.

Books: GNPS expects to take on responsibility for distributing the Carters' unsold books to existing points of sale as needed. Elroy will discuss timing with the Carters next week.

Education: Andy has prepared a summary of a collaborative proposal between GNPS, GCEC, Aldo Leopold HS, and YCC to update the botanical trunk and pay for a

supervising instructor to deliver programming to elementary students at Silva Creek Garden. GCEC will provide initial funding of \$500, purchasing new materials for the trunk; GNPS would provide continuing funding of \$500/year. The Board approved startup of this program and spending \$500 once. Program will be evaluated by GNPS after first year.

Jeff will discuss with Bill Norris the possibility of scheduling a 'technical' class during the 2015-16 school year, once Bill's schedule and work load is known.

Treasurers Report: The expenditures for 2014 exceeded income by \$338. There is an excess of \$34,000 in the investment fund.

Plant Sale: There are about 100 plants for sale, many more than last year due to adding plants from Lone Mountain. Volunteers will be needed for the plant sale, which will be held for 2 days (March 20,21) at the Home and Garden Show. Also, a volunteer will be needed for book sales at the plant sale, as Ron and Pam will be out of town.

Website: Betsy has turned over maintenance of the GNPS website to Jeff and Ron. She has completed updating the website regarding the plant sale. The Board approved buying 2 copies of the newest version of WYSIWYG, version 10 at about \$50 per copy for Jeff and Ron's use.

GMCR Underwriting: Monica Rude of GMCR asked Ron if the GNPS would underwrite GMCR. This would give GNPS radio exposure. Sue will review the information given to Ron and report at the next Board meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be scheduled for early March due to all the activities going on. Ron will schedule and announce.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

J. Boyd, sec