



Board Meeting Minutes Feb 21, 2018

The meeting was held at Harlan Hall, room 111.

Call to order at 2:02 pm.

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

Absent: Helen Shoup

The minutes from Jan 15th Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$3310.45; Garden acct: \$2389.55.

Quilt Raffle: The quilt will be displayed at the Gila Symposium, Feb 23 and 24. Elroy arranged to have a table setup at the Symposium. Betty will display the quilt. Otherwise, the quilt will be on display at the Seedboat Gallery until the end of March. Raffle tickets will be sold at the table. Jane, Elroy and Joan will be helping at the table during the two days.

Presentations: Hanna Blood will be presenting in March. Betty needs a presentation title from Ken Sexton for April's presentation.

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

Field Trips: Hanna Blood has agreed to be the new field trip coordinator. The board would like to invite her to future board meetings. Betty needs dates for the field trips planned in April, May and June.

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

Book Sales: Ron has purchased 10 copies of the new enlarged Eat Mesquite book. No new sales were completed. NM State still owes GNPS for the cost of one book.

Plant Sale: The plant pre-sale is scheduled for March 10th, 10am – 1pm at the ABC room in the Global Resource Center. Keller has been working on the list of plants. He reports that Mountain States has changed their process – every week they send a revised list of available plants. Only two of the wildflowers from last year are currently on their list. Jeff has added the plant list from Keller to the plant sale web page, but has not added the 'add to cart' button. The page will be turned 'live' on March 3rd. The board decided to run an ad in the Daily Press if there is time before the pre-sale. The ad would look like last year's ad, which cost \$86. The press release will still go out

to the Daily Press. Betty will have posters printed (similar to last year's), but needs help distributing. Elroy will take the posters from her.

Keller needs to contact Silver City to reserve the parking lot across from Gough Park for the plant pickup, the Friday, April 20th, before Earth Day.

Web Site: The board decided Elroy's plant pictures should be on a new page, and listed under the Education. Elroy told Jeff the new field trip pictures were not showing on the field trip page. Jane mentioned that text on the home page was hard to read.

Silva Creek Garden: A work day will be scheduled in the near future. The last one was well attended. Denise will install a plaque on the base of the 'tree of life' sculpture. Curtis has donated a Grey oak which has been planted in the garden. Elroy is still looking for an Emery oak to plant.

State Conference 2018: A meeting was scheduled for Monday, Feb 26th, 10am, at the Herbarium for a 'final' conference schedule work session.

Registration prices were decided by the board as follows:

Members: before Aug 1st \$100; during August, \$115; in Sept, \$125

Non-members: before Aug 1st \$130; during August, \$145; in Sept \$160

Registration fees can be paid on the web site with credit card, GilaNPS will be reimbursed by the state NPS, or by check to Gila Native Plant Society, PO Box 457, Silver City, NM 88062.

The schedule was discussed and revised. Ken Sexton made the revisions on Google Calendar.

Sara Digby: Sara presented several proposals to the board. One was to offer 'scholarships' to college students and interns around the state to attend the State Conference. The 'Pecos' scholarship would be awarded to two students – this would pay for the complete conference including the banquet. The students would have to deliver a 15 minute presentation. The 'Cordillera' scholarship would be awarded to up to 8 students, that would pay for the conference except for the banquet and other meals. These students would have to create a poster for the conference. Sara will run the scholarship program and decide on the winners.

Sara will lead a workshop on Friday afternoon, titled 'Medicines from High Mtns to Low Deserts'

Sara offered to help with creating the program, a flyer, a poster, and do promotions.

She will join a sub-committee consisting of Betty and Jane to work on these items.

She also proposed that the local brewery (Little Toad Creek) create a beer that is named after a native plant. She will do the work with the brewery, Ron will make the initial contact.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

J. Boyd, sec