



Board Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2021

The meeting was held via Zoom. Board members participated from their homes.

Call to order 4:00 pm

Present: Don Graves, Wendy Graves, Betty Spence, Elroy Limmer, Joan Limmer, Beth Leuck, Emily Pollom, Keller Suberkropp, Jeff Boyd, Ron Groves.

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of December 10, 2020, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Gila Native Plant Society account has a current balance of \$10,629.79. The Silva Creek Garden Account has a current balance of \$ \$47,279.71.

Representative to Native Plant Society of NM Report: Keller reported that the next meeting of the NPSNM Board will be held via Zoom on January 16, 2021.

Silva Creek Botanical Garden Report: Elroy reviewed progress on the plan to roof the amphitheater area.

Old Business:

Third edition of *Trees and Shrubs of New Mexico*

The copies are being shipped in 150 boxes of 10 each, and a 5 x 5 storage compartment has been rented at Bypass Self-Storage to receive them. The shipment is expected soon; Wendy will be notified of the date of arrival, but might have very short notice of the time of day. Don reported that Jim and Jackie Blurton had agreed to help with their pick-up truck and called for more volunteers. Beth and Ed Leuck and Ron Groves volunteered to help with trucks, hand trucks and/or labor. Les Brandt offered via email to provide more space if needed.

Ron said that he would need some of the shipment for filling orders. Noting that the National Park Service store at the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument and the store at Bosque del Apache NWR have been selling the previous edition, he proposed that GNPS continue to offer them a 20% discount on the new edition. The motion was adopted. Ron will contact them to find out how many copies they will need.

Beth or Emily will check with the Southwest Research Station in Portal, AZ, and the Chiracahua Desert Museum in Rodeo, NM, to see if they are interested in carrying the book.

New Business:

Memorial to Richard Felger

Wendy reported that nearly \$450 had been received in contributions to GNPS in honor of Richard Felger. It was agreed that the funds need not be spent on a physical memorial but could be used for a project Richard would have thought worthwhile. One possible suggestion was to provide scholarships to students to attend the next Gila Symposium. Elroy will contact Richard's widow Silke Schneider to get her ideas.

Hosting the GNPS Website

Wendy reported that the domain name gilans.org had been renewed for five years.

Jeff Boyd reported that Tim Eaton had been hosting the GNPS website since 2017 but had only been paid for the first year. GNPS was to pay him annually \$50 for hosting the website and \$40 for the SSL certificate. He has been unable to contact Tim, even though the email and phone number he has seem to be active. Jeff suggested that GNPS might want to switch to the company Fat Cow, whose fees are almost the same. After discussion, it was agreed that Jeff would continue trying to reach Tim Eaton to get an invoice from him for what he is owed and that the proposal to switch hosts would be revisited by the end of January.

GNPS/Audubon Picnic

It was agreed that a joint picnic in early May was probably not feasible. Later in the year GNPS can think about a possible September picnic.

Give Grandly

A motion was adopted that GNPS would participate in Give Grandly in 2021, and Betty would be the representative.

Adjourned: 4:40 pm

Betty Spence, Secretary

Appendix: Motions adopted by the Board by email exchange December 21-23, 2020

Motion 1. GNPS will set the price of the third edition of Carter's *Trees and Shrubs of New Mexico* at \$30. In addition, the remaining copies of the second edition (10 copies) will be donated to local schools and other worthwhile causes.

Motion 2. The GNPS board approves an expenditure of \$35/month to store boxes of *Trees and Shrubs of New Mexico*.

Motion 3. The Silva Creek Botanical Garden is requesting the commitment of approximately \$1500 (\$33/hr for approximately 40 hours) for consultation/work from Asher Gelbart regarding rainwater flow and settling at the Silva Creek Botanical Garden.

Motion 4. The SCBG Steering Committee officially proposes the following policy to the GNPS Board:

"Any changes to the Silva Creek Botanical Garden (SCBG), even small changes such as choice and placement of specific plants, must be approved by the SCBG Steering Committee. We invest authority for rapid choices of plants and placement to be made by our garden manager (a committee member) under circumstances where the committee cannot meet for some time. All significant, structural, or costly additions or changes to the garden must be approved by the SCBG Steering Committee. Once the proposed additions or changes have been approved by the SCBG Steering Committee, final approval must be granted by the Gila Native Plant Society (GNPS) Board. If the Board does not agree with the proposed changes or additions, the board should explain its reasoning and the proposal should be returned to the Steering Committee for further consideration. Changes and additions to the garden will eventually attain approval of both the SCBG Steering Committee and the GNPS Board before implementation or installation. Changes include but are not limited to signage, structures, any non-monetary gifts and any monetary gifts that are not under our direction."