

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 5:15 pm

Elko City Park - Elko, NV

1. Welcome and introductions / determination of quorum
 - Board Members: Gary Reese (via phone), Gerald Miller, Larry Hyslop, Andi Porreca, William Kutosky (via phone), Pam Harrington, Katie Moss
 - Public: Doug Clarke, Leslie Creel
 - Gerry Miller the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - i. Gail stated that Sam Sanders should attend the Raven symposium in August and discuss his proposal to that group.
 - ii. Andi to get NNSG logo to Vogue Cleaners so new hats can be made.
 - iii. Gerry is still collecting Board member ideas on how they'd like to see NNSG moving forward.
3. Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes and June 8, 2021 Minutes
 - **Larry made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from both meetings as presented. Gail seconded and the motion passed.**
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i. Katie wrote a \$2,000 check to Nevada Native Plant Society and was sent Gary.
 - ii. **Andi made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Pam seconded and the motion passed.**
5. Update on NNSG Brochure
 - Katie brought an example of the most recent brochure. We need to take pics at the annual meeting movie showing and add to the brochure.
6. Discuss and divide tasks for the General Membership Meeting on July 15th at the Northeastern Nevada Museum for the showing of "Kiss the Earth"
 - Ruby Mountain Hot Dogs will be there at 5:30 ready to provide meals to attendees.
 - Andi will create a checklist of items that Board members can bring to the meeting with them and will send out within the next week. Gerry will also bring a donation bucket with him. Board members were also asked to hang up "Kiss the Ground" flyers around town.
7. Lamoille Summit Trails Partnership – discussion of next steps and what is the ask of the Stewardship Group
 - The County has committed to step up on the funding side of the project. NNSG will continue to support and will coordinate projects as needed.

- Leslie stated that Curtis is drafting an MOU between the County and project partners. NNSG will be responsible for trail maintenance.
 - There will be a trail building workshop that is sponsored by RTP Denver at the end of July. They are looking for 10-15 volunteers to help out at the SnoBowl and SCA campground.
8. Friends of the Rubies Update – every Saturday in July scheduled with Campground talks and Saturdays in August scheduled with Cool Canyon evenings
- There will be informational booth's set up at Road's End and volunteers on July 4th and Labor Day. Speakers are all lined up for discussions.
 - The trail map now has a completed Spanish version and the guides will need to be stocked more regularly.
9. Discussion of purchasing of a boot cleaning station with funds contributed for the Lamoille Canyon Range Two fire rehabilitation
- Item tabled for August Board meeting. The Board would like to have time to review the benefits of becoming a NAISMA member.
10. Mary Winter's Flora of Northern Nevada Book Funding Request Update
- Janel has talked to the printer and all new edit's will need to be approved by Mary's sister. Paul will remind Janel to get Gary Back's dedication to Mary added to the book before it goes to print.
 - Katie wrote a \$2,000 check that will be sent to Gary Reese.
11. Upcoming Opportunities Requesting Contribution/Partner Support
- 2022 National Cowboy Poetry Gathering
 - i. This year the theme is: Collaborative Working Groups in the West. Possible speakers could include the Shoesole Group and SANE. NNSG has budgeted \$1,000 for the panel discussion.
 - ii. Gerry mentioned to the group that since there were not range camp participants this year, that the \$500 dedicate to that got to Andi for writing meeting minutes and agendas for the previous 5 years. Katie made a motion for the Board to contribute \$500 to Andi for secretarial duties. Larry seconded and the motion passed.
12. Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group Update – Elko has a few credit and debit opportunities in the works
- Sam Sanders submitted a raven proposal to the Board. He was not able to present his proposal, so item was not voted on.
13. Updates from Agencies, Partners and Landowners
- Pam Harrington – Trout Unlimited
 - i. There is a statewide Lahontan Cutthroat Trout working group for the South Fork of the Humboldt River. They are still determining stakeholders and the next meetings will be held July 19-21.
 - Larry Hyslop – Friends of the Ruby Mountains
 - i. He was able to attend the summer SRM tour and he was very impressed with what the ranch managers have been able to do with their cheatgrass dominated control plots. These sites are now predominately growing crested wheatgrass.
14. Public Comment
- There was no public comment.

15. Determine the Next Meeting Date and Location

- Gerry will send out a Doodle poll to determine a meeting date in August.

16. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.