

Announcements: Kelvin Jones of Loasa chapter gave a brief introduction for the meeting to let everyone know the evening's activities. LaMar Orton owner of Plantasia Cactus and Loasa member announced that he would be giving away some plants throughout the evening in a drawing. The first two were won by Carol Blackburn and Monaquita Love. Nancy Miller announced that the Board of Directors meeting would be held at the conference room near the Visitor Center at 8 a.m. Sunday morning. Susan Ziebarth (Pahove), Dave Godfrey (Upper Snake), Derek Antonelli (Calypso), Nancy Miller (White Pine), Alan Crockett (Sawabi), Jody Hull (Pahove), Linda Johnson (Sawabi), Kelvin Jones (Loasa), Ardys Holte (Sawabi), Carol Blackburn (Wood River), and Mel Nicholls (Member-at-large) are expected. Members should bring the printed agenda they were supplied if they have it.

Nancy talked first about what normally transpires at annual meeting relative to elections. President and Secretary were to be elected this year, Treasurer and Vice President next year. We have as yet no candidates for President and VP positions which are both vacant. Wendy Velman resigned as she was expecting a baby and also moving. Janet Bala resigned for personal reasons. Nancy said she would propose we make a huge effort to get candidates and put a ballot in the next Sage Notes (August 1 deadline) for return by members. She described the process the officers and presidents had gone through so far to try to convince others to run. Members were asked to suggest candidates. The group discussed some of the duties of the two offices. A nominating committee needs to be put in place to get nominees for the 2012 election.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the Ranch House, Castle Rocks State Park just after 6 p.m. It was announced that the previous annual meeting minutes had been posted on the state board webpage shortly after the last meeting in June 2010. It was moved by Alan Crockett and seconded by Steve Love to accept the minutes as posted. Motion passed.

Jody Hull gave the **treasurer's report** for 2011 to-date.

Total income \$3,976.50 from due, workshops, ads, donations, etc.
Total expenses \$5,269.03 primarily ERIG, Sage Notes, PO expenses, Webpage hosting service, Sales Tax
Net: (\$1,202.53)

Checking as of 5/11/11 \$7,386.99
6 month CD 2/22/11 \$2,915.96
Total: \$10,302.95

Treasurer's report was filed for audit. It should be noted that due to the loss of RPC income, we are in deficit spending mode. Jody discussed the problem of membership renewals trickling in all year. Dues come due at the end of the year for the following year. April 1 is the past due date. She also said that she has received notification from a number of members who do not wish to receive the printed copy of Sage Notes (our biggest expense) and instead have chosen to just receive the electronic version. She will test out a process of notification with the next issue and report back. Some membership forms need to be revised to capture this print/electronic option. Alan Crockett said he wanted to make a presentation to the Board regarding payment of dues and the exchange of information between chapter treasurer and state treasurer.

Sage Notes has a new editor, Jane Rohling, and she has produced two issues under a totally new format. These have been well received. The group discussed briefly the submission of articles and making

photos available for use by the editor. The committee would like to know ahead of time if members intend to submit articles. Photos may be uploaded to Flickr site or to other 'cloud' photo organization applications.

Nancy and Jody talked about the **ERIG** (Education, Research, Inventory Grant) program. Three proposals have been received and reviewed requesting a total of \$1400.89. The Board will determine how much can be allotted. Jody reported that she had received \$150.00 in ERIG donations as a result of Sage Notes article, and Nancy reported that Janet had received over \$200 primarily from Sawabi members. Presidents should consider ways to raise funds for such projects.

Photo Contest. Linda Johnson handed out a sheet about the Photo Contest and explained about the rules and regulations, entry form, etc. on the state website. Presidents need to remind their chapter members of the July 31 deadline for entries. Photos will be used in a 2012 calendar.

Susan talked about the **Rare Plant Conference** to be held tentatively October 19, 2011. More information (time, location, etc) will be provided to the Board to pass on to the membership. NatureServe will be tried out as the new reporting system. Beth Corbin is the coordinator of the conference which will be shortened format to one day instead of the full two-day event held previously. Last conferences' results will be reported soon. Michael Mancuso spoke and stressed the importance of the information gathered at the conference in the conservation of rare plants. Consensus among participants on ranking, threats, and other information is used by the BLM, Fish and Wildlife Service and Forest Service in determining protection status of rare plants.

Derek Antonelli talked about the **2012 Annual Meeting** plans. Calypso plans to hold the meeting at Sam Owen Campground – near Sandpoint, Idaho. The focus or theme will be North Idaho habitat restoration and protection, concentrating on work that has been done in the Pack River Delta and proposed work at the Clark Fork Delta; Scotchman Peak protection will also be part of the program. Keynote speaker will be Kathy Cousins who has worked on the planning and implementation of these restorations. More information will be presented to the Board at Sunday meeting.

Sawabi member, Ardys Holte, talked about the chapter name change from **Sah-Wah-Be to Sawabi** and the reasons for the change. Nancy didn't think it had to be approved but will check the bylaws. She noted that it will require numerous changes to the website, brochures, letterheads, etc. The state website pages do have a number of changes which need to be made in addition. Karie Pappani of Pahove chapter has added many announcements; Nancy Miller has maintained Sage Notes and ERIG pages. Paul Shafer continues to do some changes which require more expertise.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15. Marilyn Olson, Alan Crockett, Cyndi Coulter, and Chris McCoy received the remaining plants in the drawing. Also Miles Teigte from Hailey received the *Salvia dorrii*.

Let's Go Dutch Caterers from Declo Idaho provided the banquet dinner of barbecue pork, potatoes, corn, green salad, rolls and peach cobbler.

Valdon Hancock introduced the speaker. **Steven Love** gave a fascinating presentation on Idaho native buckwheat varieties (*Eriogonum*) and the results he has achieved in selecting and growing them for the horticultural trade. He passed around photos of each plant discussed. Most of the 25 or so perennial

buckwheat which he has cultivated will bloom in the second year and continue to grow and bloom more the third year. He discussed work by James Reveal who has authored a paper 'Eriogonum as a rock garden plant'. The website is www.plantsystematics.org/reveal/pbio/eriog/eriogarden.html.