

Sunday June 13, 2010. Teleconference via phone line this time. Meeting began soon after 8 am MDT/9 am PDT in the administration office at Heyburn State Park. Wendy Velman, President, presiding. Minutes submitted by Nancy Miller, Secretary.

Call-in Number: 888-469-3014 Participant passcode: 20888

Current Board Members

Calypso, Janet Benoit (acting)	phone participant
Loasa, Kelvin Jones	not present
Pahove, Susan Ziebarth	phone participant
Sah-Wah-Be, Linda Johnson	present
Upper Snake, Sue Braastad	present
White Pine, Helen Yost	present
Wood River, Carol Blackburn	not present
President, Wendy Velman	present
Vice-president	vacant position
Secretary, Nancy Miller	present
Treasurer, Jody Hull	present
Past-president, Janet Benoit	phone participant
Member-at-Large, Mel Nicholls	present
Sage Notes Editor	vacant position

Nancy needs to sign up Mel for Google Groups. This has been done.

Minutes of 12/2009 meeting approved; had been moved and seconded by email but approval hadn't had enough email confirmations.

Minutes of 3/21/2010 meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: Posted on Google Group. Jody Hull went through it. Accepted by the board.

Announcements:

4 Erig grants were awarded - see detail under the Committee reports.

There is no Vice President currently so some officers will need to be more connected to the committees as the Vice President is a member of some committees according to the bylaws.

Wendy Velman will resign presidency as of November as she is expecting a baby at that time.

Wendy mentioned Botany of the Day. Nancy will send out again to the group so presidents can inform their members.

Committee Reports

Native Flora Workshop Committee: Wendy gave a report of the balance after expenses. This has not been reported yet so is not included on this Treasurer's report. Workshop is intended as a way to provide continuing education in the

year between the Rare Plant Conference which is held in Boise in alternate years now. Workshop had a net gain of \$1900.00. 70% will be reserved for ERIG. 30% will go to the Sah-Wah-Be chapter for running the workshop. 98 of 100 of those who registered came. University faculty and staff from neighboring states and many herbaria directors were present. Agency people were late registering but did come. It was an excellent opportunity for these registrants to be together, to interact and to hear what others were doing in research, taxonomic changes, other issues and problems. Pam Brunsfeld has been approached concerning putting on the next one probably after finals week as spring break is not as good a time. Nancy Miller talked of some issues related to holding it in Moscow but White Pine chapter would definitely be the support chapter if the UI Herbarium were to sponsor the workshop.

Erig Committee: 4 Erig grants were awarded. Most were community based and in the \$200 to \$300 range. More information will be in the next Sage Notes.

- Native Plant Riparian Buffer Demonstration Site: Dover, Idaho \$270
- Introducing Elementary School Students to the Native Plants of the Palouse Prairie \$230
- Landscaping with Native Plants in Northern Idaho: An Illustrated Guide \$200
- Study of a Peatland Ecosystem \$300

Michael Mancuso (coordinator), Janet Bala, Jody Hull (chair), Rose Lehman have been on the committee. Janet Bala will be the committee coordinator now, but the Treasurer is listed as the chairperson in the bylaws according to Janet Benoit.

Annual Meeting Committee: Valdon Hancock of Loasa Chapter reported at the annual membership meeting the previous evening that the 2011 Annual Meeting will be at City of Rocks - south of Burley Idaho. This area has National Park Service and State Parks and Recreation components. It will be held the 4th weekend of June, 2011. This Annual Meeting has been a success with 55 attendees Saturday (there were several others who attended Thursday and Friday but weren't at Saturday events. In response to question, dinner doesn't need to be catered - it can be a potluck if attendees are notified so they come prepared. In fact the Friday evening event was quite successful with White Pine chapter providing sausages, buns and condiments and other participants bring potluck.

Calypso will be the host in 2012. We need to rethink the order now that there is one less northern chapter and one additional southern chapter. Order is not specified in bylaws by design. Pahove has not sponsored one in the past since they do so much work for RPC. However now that there is a RPC every other year and a Workshop hosted by another chapter, we need to discuss the exclusion of Pahove from the meeting hosts.

Previous six meetings and their hosts: 2004 (White Pine, Priest Lake), 2005 (Loasa, Challis?), 2006 (Calypso, Farragut SP), 2007 (Wood River, Craters of the Moon), 2008 (Kinnikinnick, Sam Owen Campground), 2009 (Sah-Wah-Be, Buffalo Campground), 2010 (White Pine, Heyburn SP).

We need to look at McCall as a possible chapter again now that Kim Pierson is in New Meadow. Board should look for an opportunity to hold an introductory meeting

to get interest in starting a chapter. They would have some of the same problems as Wood River with seasonal population however there is probably more of a steady population in McCall than in Wood River area. Marilyn Olson, of McCall, is a current Pahove/White Pine chapter member, and several other White Pine members have recently moved to McCall. Island Park might be interested as well in starting a chapter, and the people in the Master Naturalist program may be a possible core group.

Calendar Committee: 2010 Calendar was a success. It was a money making project for some chapters but not for INPS on a whole because of the cost and the pricing structure. More could have been sold with more thought given by the board to publicizing it. No one stepped forward to be chairperson this year so there will not be a 2011 calendar but there will be an effort to get someone to do the 2012 calendar. There will be a photo contest this year to get more photos for the photo gallery which should be redesigned. Sah-Wah-Be will get photo judges for the contest. These should be experienced photographers and preferably not all members of INPS. Some groups share photos for chapter meetings so this is an opportunity to encourage photographers. A Sage Notes color inset might be a possibility for displaying the winners. Contest announcement should be in the next Sage Notes and sent via email. Presidents need to send emails immediately.

Nancy Miller offered to do a Flickr group for Idaho Native Plants, but she would need help with verification of natives.

Bylaws Committee: Committee needs to have someone from every chapter. Laurel Asbell was mentioned as having worked on it before. The Board meeting in December we should review any proposed bylaw changes, we may make suggestions ask for corrections. These are reviewed again at Rare Plant Conference board meeting. February Sage Notes has bylaw changes posted for review asking for corrections, comments. If receive any corrections or comments, then republish newest version in May Sage Notes. Membership has to vote on proposed changes at the Annual Meeting. Proxies may be needed at that time so that attendees can vote for those members not present who wish to vote. Janet talked about history of bylaw changes. She had not been able to obtain an official version at the beginning of her term (several versions were available to work from) so the 2007 version is the official version. One need is for a provision for when a chapter drops out of INPS.

Membership Committee: Any changes to membership categories are by board only (in the bylaws). 25%/75% should be a board decision not membership as well. Decision on this is partly dependent on Sage Notes printing decision.

Conservation Committee: 2009 Rare Plant Conference results need to be published (Lynn and Wendy will do this). There is an information deficit and a probable diminishing support if Rare Plant Conference is not held at least every other year so we don't want to do less frequently. It is the only continuing education opportunity (on native plants) for some professionals in agencies and consulting.

Nominating Committee: Committee needs to be in place by the end of September according to the bylaws. President and Secretary positions need nominees for election in 2011. Current vacancies should be filled to complete the terms of President and Vice President.

Sage Notes Committee: We want to move towards no large-scale printing and delivery via a website. The survey discussed before needs to go out to members notifying them of the proposed change from printing to online color presentation. Susan Ziebarth will do the survey. Sue should send it to the board for review before putting in Sage Notes. The next Sage Notes should have survey in it. Website should have the form also and presidents should let members know and remind them to give their input. Wendy will request that Dylan help with the next issue in August.

The website needs a full repository of Sage Notes. Sarah Walker passed off her collection to the next editor when she ceased being editor. Who were the editors between Sarah and Dylan? Perhaps Steve Rust. Does anyone have the set from Sarah? Nancy Miller has a lot in her collection but not all. Linda will check with Karl Holte to see if he has them. UI Herbarium may have set. Nancy Miller will spearhead getting old ones scanned and on web. We also need to republish some historical articles that are not time-sensitive as well.

Rare Plant Conference Committee: This committee needs a chairperson and people to update statuses and add new plants and all the associated data to the lists as Heritage Program doesn't have the staff to do this any longer. Janet Benoit got an excel list of job descriptions for RPC at one time. Cyndi Coulter did checklists.

New Business:

Native Plant Appreciation Week: Did not get a 2010 proclamation although Wendy requested it and approached legislators. Janet Benoit said that it takes additional contact and reminders especially with legislators' aides to get this task done at the proper time. In 2011, KNPS would like to have a coordinated support letter for 2011. INPS could do the initial request letter. KNPS could do a support letter. Someone needs to contact aides and governor's office to remind them during the proper time period. This has been the president in the past.

Lifetime Achievement Membership: Requests for Dr. Roger Rosentreter and Ann DeBolt will be commented on via email among the board to make sure documentation is ready for presentation at the Rare Plant Conference. Cyndi is writing up the documentation. Wendy said other chapters should also look at possible members who should be acknowledged for their efforts in INPS behalf.

Reminder: It did not come up at this meeting but at past meeting we said we would make a presentation to Paul Shaffer at the next RPC as well.

Jody Hull moved, Linda Johnson seconded the meeting be adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m. We used 2 lines for 2 hours.